

July 2008

**Ramsden
Crays
Parish
Council**

RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

Dear Residents,

Ramsden Crays Parish Council is pleased to update you on various Parish Council matters that have been carried out since the last newsletter in January 2008.

- Two new bus shelters have been installed to replace the older glazed versions and this has primarily been possible using grants to date received of £14,400.00 for this purpose and a third bus shelter has also now been ordered. Bins have been provided for rubbish beside these bus shelters. Hopefully a fourth will follow next year provided grant funding is still obtainable.
- A replacement bench has been installed in the recreation area and during the spring you may have noticed more daffodils that were planted from the precept within the Parish.
- The Parish Council gave donations to the Essex Air Ambulance towards the services it provides and also to Ramsden Crays Parochial Church to assist with the maintenance of the churchyard under Section 137.
- The Parish Council subscribed to the membership of The Campaign to Protect Rural England, the National Association of Local Councils, the Essex Association of Local Councils and the Basildon Association of Town and Parish Councils. The Clerk is a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks.
- The Parish Council considered 25 planning applications during the year 1st April 2007 - 31st March 2008.
- Mobile Police Surgeries were regularly held in the Ramsden Crays Church Hall and surgeries will now be held on every second Saturday in each month between 9.00 - 11.00 a.m.
- Parish Council Elections - this was a contested election for the five seats on the Council and was held on the 1st May 2008. The result being that Tina Borer replaced Roy Reeve and all other Councillors were re-elected. Our thanks to Roy for his valued service during the last four years. Councillor McPherson-Davis was re elected chairman at the subsequent Annual Council Meeting.
- A copy of the Press Release by John Baron M.P. was distributed in January 2008 in which he requested all residents to submit their views

on the proposed provision of more gypsy traveller sites in Basildon District.

Dale Farm - following the Public Inquiry in October 2007 the Secretary of State, in a decision statement in January 2008, agreed with the Inspectors conclusions in his report and **dismissed the appeal and refused planning permission.**

Following this the findings and decision of the Judicial Review held in February were published and as a result Basildon District Council has subsequently lodged the papers for an appeal as well as considering what further action needs to be taken. This will of course result in a further delay before any direct action can be taken. In addition an Examination in Public will be held in October 2008 to test the soundness of the proposed policy for additional pitch requirements for Gypsies and Travellers in the East of England. The proposal currently recommends an additional 81 pitches for the Basildon District. We hope to be invited to attend and state our opposition to these proposals.

A grant has been requested towards a VAS speeding sign, to date the Parish Council does not have confirmation as to whether this application has been successful.

It is likely that there will be a pinch point installed for traffic calming within Gardiners Lane North in the foreseeable future, the scheduled date has yet to be confirmed by E.C.C.

As you are all aware the disruptive road works have continued for a considerable time throughout the village. This includes damage to the areas where we had bulbs planted. We have notified E.D.F. that we expect them to replace all losses and to rectify any damages.

Ideas from residents for projects to be considered within the Parish for the next precept year will be most welcome but should be submitted as soon as possible.

Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008

A summary is attached for your information.

Useful Information:

The Essex County Council Mobile Library Service continues to visit visits Ramsden Crays fortnightly from 11th July : High View Rise 11.50 a.m. - 12.05 a.m. and Crays Hill Primary 13.15 - 14.20

Parish Council Meetings scheduled for 2008 will be held on Wednesday 17th September, Wednesday 15th October, Wednesday 19th November and Wednesday 17th December at the Church Hall all are welcome to attend.

Parish Councillors

Chairman - Councillor David McPherson-Davis - 01268 525762
Vice-Chairman - Councillor Andrew Peake - 01268 525771
Councillor John Dornan - 01268 282175
Councillor - John Lucas - 01268 520965
Councillor - Tina Borer - 01268 285795

Non-Elected Appointments 2007 - 2008

Clerk to Ramsden Crays Parish Council - **Georgina Bassett - 01702 584158**

- bassett19@btinternet.com

Independent Internal Auditor

- Heelis and Lodge Internal Auditor

- Alun Williams, Millbank, London,

SW1P 4HQ

Other Useful Contacts

Basildon District-Crouch Ward Councillors:-Terri Sargent and Stuart Allen hold surgeries on the 1st Saturday of each month at Noak Bridge Village Hall from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m., on the second Saturday of each month at the Church Hall, Crays Hill from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. and on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Steeple View Memorial Hall from 9.00 to 10.00 a.m.

Member of Parliament- John Baron your local M.P. holds regular surgeries in the constituency. Telephone for an appointment on 01268 520765

Keep up to date with our latest information including minutes, etc., visit:-

www.essexinfo.net/ramsdencrays

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2008

Year Ending		Year Ending
31.03.07		31.03.08
£'s		£'s
RECEIPTSS		
4901.82	Precept	6534.00
0.00	Capital Grants	15100.00
350.00	Other Grants	250.00
250.00	Awards	150.00
500.00	Donations received	0.00
0.00	Insurance Claims Received	1824.00
42.21	Interest Received-Bank Accounts	119.44
30.83	Miscellaneous, incl V.A.T.	1082.95
6074.86	TOTAL RECEIPTS	25060.39

PAYMENTS:

4706.74	General Administration, incl. V.A.T.	5878.61
132.00	Hall Hire	180.00
5.00	Hall Heating	5.00
120.00	Hire of Equipment	125.04
300.00	Office Equipment Assistance	309.96
35.00	Christmas Tree/Lights Purchase	25.00
0.00	Verge Planting	150.00
0.00	Maintenance-Village Sign	308.39
0.00	Capital Payments	12945.97
350.00	Section 137 Payments	150.00
16.79	Miscellaneous	14.82
5665.53	TOTAL PAYMENTS	20092.79

SUMMARY

6128.67	Balance as at 1st April 2007	6538.00
6074.86	Add Total Receipts	25060.39
12203.53		31598.39
5665.53	Less Total Payments	20092.79
6538.00	Balance as at 31st March 2008	11505.60

CUMULATIVE FUNDS

171.24	Current Account	887.80
2203.09	Working Account	2496.84
510.72	Sign Account	209.42
3652.95	Projects Account	7911.54

6538.00 **TOTAL**

11505.60

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31st March 2008 and reflects it's Receipts and Payments during the year.