



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER WINTER 2008

Dear Residents,

Ramsden Crays Parish Council is pleased to update you on the various Parish Council matters since the last newsletter in July 2008.

- Three bus shelters have now been installed in the parish and this has been made possible with the assistance of grants towards these shelters and a fourth bus shelter will be installed in the New Year.
- The Parish Council considered 17 planning applications from 1st April to the end of November 2008.
- The Police Surgeries have been on every second Saturday in each month between 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. and they have confirmed that this will continue in the New Year.
- Our thanks to John Dornan for his service and commitment within the Parish over the past few years.
- The Precept has been considered for 2009/10 and it has been decided to increase it by 5% to an amount of £7,540.38. This means a band “D” property will increase from £13.95 to £14.67 per annum. A detailed summary is attached.
- The Parish Council has requested a grant for a VAS sign in Ramsden Crays and is considering projects for a new slide and roundabout for the play area and hanging flower baskets.
- **URGENT** -The Parish Council requires a qualified, certified electrician to volunteer to ensure the Council fully complies with legislation for lighting with the use of low voltage lights for the Christmas tree in a public place.
- The development on the pinch point in Gardiners Lane is almost complete.
- In the New Year there will be details on the Freedom of Information Act under the model publication scheme. This will be available on the website.
- **VACANCY**- for a Parish Councillor. Please contact the Clerk if you would like further information. All applications to be submitted by 31st December, 2008.

Useful Information

Parish Council Meetings scheduled for 2009 will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, all are welcome to attend:

21st January 25th February 18th March
15th April (Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. and Parish Council Meeting at 8.00 p.m.)
20th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting) 17th June 15th July 16th September
21st October 18th November 16th December

Parish Councillors

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

Non-Elected Appointments 2008 – 2009

Clerk to Ramsden Crays Parish Council – Georgina Bassett – 01702 584158 – bassett19@btinternet.com
Independent Internal Auditor – Heelis and Lodge
External Auditor – Alun Williams, 1st Floor, Millbank Tower, 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.

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