



## RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL AUTUMN 2011

October, 2011

Dear Resident,

### **New Location – Dates for Forthcoming Meetings:**

The remaining Parish Council meetings for this year are scheduled to be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (Noak Bridge Community Hall), Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. in Crays Hill Primary School.

### **Useful Information in relation to 28 days Notice**

The contact number for residents to get in touch at Basildon Borough Council are:  
Normal Office Hours (Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.) – 01268 294509.  
Out of Office Hours – 01268 465151

### **Projects:**

The Parish Council is reviewing the precept – budget for Ramsden Crays for the year 2012/2013.

It would like to increase the precept by 30% which should equate to little more than £19.19 per annum or 37 pence per month on 2011/12 Band D – currently at £14.76 per annum. The Parish Council appreciates the economic situation, however it is keen to improve the Parish facilities and area for the residents and to assist with this will require additional fundings to be able to apply for match funding.

Future projects that we would like to develop within the Parish of Ramsden Crays are:

- (i) Funding for the fixed War Memorial in memory of those who have lost their lives in the course of their duties in World War I and II. A resident has kindly offered the donation of land for this memorial.
- (ii) Planting additional bulbs and plants within the area.
- (iii) Long term project to Improvement the park/recreational facilities for children and families and the “retired” generation of Ramsden Crays.

For these projects to have the opportunity to develop further unlike future year’s when the Parish Council has either kept the precept the same, or there has been a slight increase, it would be necessary to increase it in a higher proportion. The Parish Council would very much appreciate your comments either on this suggestion and/or the types of projects that you as the resident would like to see within the area.

Please send all suggestions to either the Clerk or the Councillors of Ramsden Crays.

### **Useful Information**

The Police Surgeries are regularly held within close proximity if not at Ramsden Crays and further details are available either on the Police website or the Parish Council website. The Police are also attending Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meetings on a regular basis and are able to answer questions. Please note that any criminal incidents should be reported to the Police on 0300 333 4444.

Recent reports from Essex Police indicate an increase in burglaries within the Parish and they advise that residents should ensure that their properties are secure at all times and that they report any suspicious incidents to them immediately.

Ward Councillors, Terri Sargent and Stuart Allen hold regular surgeries at Noak Bridge Village Hall at "Coppice Lane" on the first Saturday of the month between 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. and Steepleview Community Centre at "Osier Drive" on the third Saturday of the month between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. any resident from the Crouch Ward is invited to attend. A PCSO is nearly always present.

### **Parish Councillors**

Chairman - Councillor Andrew Peake	01268 525771
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Tina Borer	01268 285795
Councillor David McPherson-Davis	01268 525762
Councillor John Lucas	01268 520965
Councillor Roy Reeve	01268 289740

### **Non-Elected Appointments 2011 – 2012**

Clerk to Ramsden Crays Parish Council - Georgina Bassett – 01702 584158 – [bassett19@btinternet.com](mailto:bassett19@btinternet.com)

Independent Internal Auditor - Heelis and Lodge.

External Auditor – Audit Commission, 2nd Floor, Aspinall House, Aspinall Close, Middlebrook, Bolton. BL6 6QQ

### **Other Useful Contacts**

**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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