



## RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER 2011

July 2011

Dear Resident,

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

The remaining Parish Council meetings for this year will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. in Crays Hill Primary School.

### **Crays Hill community team established**

The Crays Hill community policing team, made up of Sgt Danielle Bailey, Pc Wyn Sharp, Pc Emma Silk, PCSO Adam Coombes, PCSO Clare Boreham and PCSO Caroline Guest, regularly patrol your community to keep it safe.

The team are working to support all of the communities affected by the proposed enforcement activity by Basildon Borough Council on illegal traveller pitches, and to engage with local people to identify their needs and concerns.

The existence of this dedicated community policing team compliments the officers who work within the Billericay and Wickford policing area, leaving them to police their areas and deal with any crime concerns that their residents have that are separate from the issues surrounding Dale Farm.

Officers from the Crays Hill community policing team also accompanied representatives from Basildon Borough Council at Dale Farm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, while 28 day enforcement notices were served to residents on the illegal part of the site. Essex Police officers were there to prevent any breach of the peace. However, residents should be advised that the issuing of the notices does not mean any enforcement action is imminent.

Sgt Danielle Bailey said: "We are here to help you, the residents of Crays Hill, and deal with any concerns you have. We patrol the area daily, and we want to speak to as many residents as possible to give them crime prevention advice and to see what issues they are concerned with.

"You can call us on the beat mobile phone, stop us in the street or visit us at the mobile police station or beat surgeries that are held regularly, as we are keen to engage with all residents, so please get in touch."

Officers from the team will deploy the mobile police station in Approach Road, Crays Hill between 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

The mobile police station will also be visiting Dale Farm between 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

A beat surgery for Crays Hill will also be held at The Shepherd and Dog, London Road, Crays Hill between 10.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. on the following dates: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Officers will also be attending the Ramsden Crays Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm held in the hall at Crays Hill Primary School on the following dates: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are a resident of Crays Hill and you want to contact the Crays Hill community policing team, please email [crayshill@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:crayshill@essex.pnn.police.uk) or call the ward mobile on 07595 013668.

### **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

### **Essex County Council:**

Repairs have been made to the roads in Crays Hill, thanks go to Essex County Council for its work on this.

### **Projects:**

The Parish Council is looking for ideas for projects to spend public monies in the next financial year. It might be that you are interested in equipment in the recreational area, to include more seating within the Parish, additional waste or dog bins, or have many other ideas. This is your Parish, please let the Parish Council know what you would like to improve your area for you. Please send all suggestions to the Clerk.

The stone memorial currently in the building of the Church Hall is being looked at for relocation within the Parish. We are looking for any named serving parish residents who lost their lives in the course of their duties in World War II as we are considering erecting a memorial to honour their service. Please can you contact either the Chairman or the Clerk.

### **Licence to Plant:**

It is the Parish Council's intention to plant throughout the village during the next year. If you are able to donate bulbs towards this project, please contact either the Clerk or the Chairman of the Parish Council.

### **Digital Switchover:**

Reminder to residents of the forthcoming digital switchover in July. Assistance can be provided by contacting Rural Community Council of Essex, telephone 01376574341.

### **Updates:**

Traffic calming: The Council is liaising with the Police and Essex County Council on traffic calming with the Parish and is awaiting a date for a meeting for further progress on this issue.

The Mobile Library Service continues its fortnightly service and arrives at Crays Hill High View Rise at 12.00 p.m. and leaves at 12.15 p.m. and Crays Hill Primary at 13.30 and departs at 14.25 p.m.

The Public are very welcome to attend the meetings and have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the Open Session at the commencement of the meeting and then again at the end during Open Session on general items.

Please feel free to approach any member of the Council (contact details below), or the Clerk, if you have any issues that you wish to raise with the Parish Council.

### **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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