



## RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL WINTER 2012 – MARCH 2012

Dear Resident,

### **Dates for Forthcoming Meetings:**

The remaining Parish Council meetings for this year are scheduled to be held at 7.30 p.m. in Crays Hill Primary School on:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (8.00 p.m.)      Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May      Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July      Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September      Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November      Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Annual Parish Meeting** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.

### **Dale Farm:**

The Parish Council is determined to carry on its fight to clear all illegal developments within our Parish and continues its discussions with Basildon Council and our MP, to bring the current unacceptable situation at Dale Farm to a conclusion, with all illegal plots cleared and sub division on the legal site stopped.

The unauthorised site has been cleared but we do still have problems with parking on the roadway and on the doubling up on the legal site. This is being pursued by Basildon Borough Council.

The paperwork seeking authority to serve enforcement in relation to the remaining unauthorised use/development on Dale Farm is early March. If authority is granted, service will be completed shortly after.

Timescales for consideration of enforcement action in response to the siting of caravans on the roadway adjacent to the authorised pitches will be dependent on completion of electricity reconnection works but it is hoped the enforcement processes would start around mid March.

Consideration of breaches of planning conditions (over crowding) will run alongside the actions and timescales in 2 above but priority will be given to any enforcement arising from breaches of planning control rather than breaches of planning condition.

In respect of the recovery of costs, a timescale cannot be given until the advice is received back from Counsel on the best route and further discussions have been held with members.

### **Parish Council Election – Polling day - Thursday 3rd May 2012:**

Anyone interested in standing for election will need to complete and submit a Nomination Paper (from Basildon Borough Council) which should be available from in early March and it is intended that they are readily available from the Council's website at [www.basildon.gov.uk](http://www.basildon.gov.uk) Alternatively, copies can be requested from the Electoral Services Office and a copy will then be sent in the post.

Nomination Papers can be delivered by candidates on any day after the publication of the Notice of Election; the deadline for receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer (at The Basildon Centre) will be **noon on Wednesday 4th April 2012.**

### **Projects:**

The Parish Council is working on the following projects within the Parish of Ramsden Crays:

- (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. Many thanks to the resident who has offered the donation of land for this memorial.

- (ii) Planting additional bulbs and plants within the area – these have been planted and during the spring/summer you should see them bloom.
- (iii) The long term project to Improvement the park/recreational facilities for children and families and the “retired” generation of Ramsden Crays.

#### **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:**

Any ideas for celebrations and possible location of a bonfire within the Parish would be appreciated.

#### **What is the Core Strategy and why is it important to submit your views?**

The Core Strategy is the main planning document of the Local Development Framework setting out how the Council envisage the area developing and changing over the **next 20 years**. It is very important that people use this opportunity to have their say so that their views are considered when preparing the final version for submission to the Secretary of State next year for his consideration.

There are three options on which you are asked to comment:-

#### **A. Maximising Urban Potential and Protecting the Green Belt**

This would require 6,500 new dwellings plus 5 hectares of new employment land with no release of Green Belt. This is the preferred option of Basildon Borough Council and identifies 13 Primary Areas for development and change none of which are in our Parish.

#### **B. Accommodating a Growing Population and Strengthening Economic Resilience**

This would require 10,100 new dwellings, of which 3,400 would be in the Green Belt, plus 14 hectares of new employment land.

#### **C. Maximise the Borough’s Growth Potential**

This would require 21,600 new dwellings, of which 14,100 would be in the Green Belt, plus 26 hectares of new employment land.

#### **Where can you see a copy of the Core Strategy and how do you submit your comments?**

##### **1. Read and comment online**

Use the online LDF Consultation Portal accessed via the following URL:

<http://basildon-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

##### **2. Comment by post**

Reference copies of all the documents and comment forms are available at all Public Libraries and at the Basildon Centre or comment forms can be downloaded from [www.basildon.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.basildon.gov.uk/ldf) or posted to you by calling 01268 294155. Parish Councillors also have a limited number of comment forms. Please post your comments to:-

Forward Plans Team, Planning Services, Basildon Borough Council, FREEPOST ANG11276, St. Martins Square, Basildon, SS14 1ZZ.

##### **3. Visit a Public Roadshow**

These are currently being held at various locations. Please check our Notice Board for details of those still remaining.

##### **4. Public Roadshow**

Permanent exhibition at the Basildon Centre.

**NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR YOUR COMMENTS IS – 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2012**

### **Useful Information**

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 attend Ramsden Crays Parish Council Meetings on a regular basis and are answer questions. Please note that any criminal incidents should be reported to the Police on 0300 333 4444.

### **Ward Councillors**

Cllr. Terri Sargent and Cllr. 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.

Cllr. Allen can be contacted on [stuart.allen@members.basildon.gov.uk](mailto:stuart.allen@members.basildon.gov.uk) or 07816965999.

### **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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