



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER – 2013 NEWSLETTER

Dear Resident,

Dates for Remaining Forthcoming Meetings in 2013:

Wednesday 18th September **Wednesday 16th October**
Wednesday 20th November **Wednesday 11th December**

The Public are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings held at Ramsden Crays Primary School at 7.30 p.m., where you 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.

Networking/Representation:

Members of the Council regularly attend liaison meetings with Basildon Borough Council, the Association of Basildon Local Councils and other agencies and representatives from parish councils to share knowledge and experience. Occasionally the Council is asked to comment on documents received from the District and County Councils and other agencies and to take the opportunity to respond on issues relevant to Ramsden Crays.

Useful Information

Please note that any criminal incidents should be reported to the Police on 0300 333 4444.

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 Norman Flint	01268 523100
Councillor Sally Aungier	01268 289769

Non-Elected Appointments 2012 – 2013

Clerk to Ramsden Crays Parish Council - Georgina Bassett – 01702 584158 – ramsdencrayspc@live.co.uk

Independent Internal Auditor - Heelis and Lodge

Other Useful Contacts:

Cllr. Terri Sargent can be contacted on terriken@aol.com or 01268 288766

Cllr. Allen can be contacted on stuart.allen@members.basildon.gov.uk or 07816965999.

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 agendas, minutes, etc., visit:-
www.essexinfo.net/ramsdencrays

Mobile Library:

The Parish Council has managed to retain this mobile library and it will continue to visit fortnightly – commencing Friday 19th July at High View Rise, Crays Hill at 11.35 a.m. departing at 11.50 a.m.

Your Input:

The Parish Council would like to hear from you for future projects within the Parish. If you have any ideas on these or any more, please contact either the Clerk or Councillors.

New Projects:

The Parish Council have applied for funding to purchase and install a new Zip Wire for the Playground.

A War Memorial has been built and sited between Approach Road and Corner Road this has been funded by the Parish Council, Basildon Borough Council and Wickford Rotary Club. The old War Memorial Plaque from The Village Hall has been incorporated in the new memorial. We are waiting for planters to be put in on either side of the memorial and new fencing and planting ready for a dedication ceremony the date of which will be notified to residents.

Church Hall:

The Parish Council objected to the application by the Church to replace the Hall with two 3 bedroom detached houses. Planning permission has now been granted by Basildon Borough Council. According to actual records the land was donated to the Parish in 1927 and the total cost for the construction of the Hall was funded by residents. The records also state that should the Hall no longer be required then the proceeds of sale received by the Trustees, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners, should be held exclusively for any charitable institutions in the Parish of Ramsden Crays or for the benefit of the poor inhabitants of that Parish. It is therefore our opinion that any proceeds should be used to provide suitable facilities in the Parish of Ramsden Crays.

In spite of numerous requests we have received no confirmation of our interpretation of the records from the Church. If the situation does not improve then the Parish will soon have lost both its Church and Community Hall.

Urgent:

We are unable to fund any expensive legal advice but is there a solicitor who you know who could assist? The Parish Clerk is available to receive any assistance in this matter.

Dale Farm

The Travellers still parked illegally on the access track leading to the site, who have been there for nearly two years, have been refused their Judicial Review request. Their subsequent application for an oral hearing in the High Court, due to be heard on the 22nd July, has been deferred whilst their legal application is being discussed.

Environment Agency Report:

The Environmental Agency has recently published its report that under the terms of the Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations (2009), environmental damage to land that results in significant risk of adverse effects on human health. The EA's investigation concluded "that there is no environmental damage to the land within the meaning of the regulations".

Free fire safety checks:

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is providing free home fire safety visits to fit smoke alarms in homes. The alarms are fitted by trained technicians who will also carry out a full home fire safety inspection. There is no cost for the visit and the public are left safer in their homes and secure in the knowledge that they are as safe as possible from the risks posed by fire. Contact Sub Officer Andre Turner, Fire Safety, for further assistance, on 01376 376226 or andre.turner@essex-fire.gov.uk

