



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL WINTER 2014/15 NEWSLETTER

Dear Resident,

This newsletter includes information about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year and Parish Council contact points.

Dates for forthcoming Meetings:

Parish Council Meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month (although please check the notice board or enquire of the Parish Clerk if you are unsure, at 7.00 p.m. (except August)

Dates scheduled for 2015 are: 21st January, 11th February, 18th March, 15th April – 6.30 p.m.
Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 20th May – Annual Meeting of Ramsden Crays Parish Council,
10th June, 8th July, 16th September, 21st October, 18th November, 9th December

The Public are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings although currently the location for the meetings has yet to be confirmed as the Council is in dispute with the school as it is refusing to allow us to hold the meetings at this venue. Please can you respond to either a councillor or the Clerk with your comments on this situation as it is doubtful that future meetings will be held in your Parish.

New Projects:

Outside Gym

The outside new gym equipment within the Parish has now been installed and is available for visitors and residents to use. The cost of this purchase was £9,995.00 and funding towards this was received from Essex County Council of £5,000.00 and the remainder from Ramsden Crays Parish Council.

The zip wire equipment was installed earlier in the year as published in the newspaper.



War Memorial

The War Memorial Wall has now been completed at a cost of £10,320.00 inclusive of VAT. Funding of £7,400.00 was received from Veolia North Thames Trust and the remainder from Ramsden Crays Parish Council.

The War Memorial was purchased at a cost of £5,760.00 inclusive of VAT. £4,800.00 was received as funding from Basildon Borough Council an official ceremony for the War Memorial should be arranged for early in the New Year.

Village Sign

The Village Sign offered without cost from Basildon Borough Council should be installed early in the New Year to replace the previous sign.

Your Input:

If residents have ideas for any projects within the Parish, please feel free to approach any member of the Council (contact details below), or the Parish Clerk.

Highways Issues:

The Parish Council are continually monitoring and advising Highways and Basildon Council of any issues relating to potholes, blocked drains, overgrown hedges, footpaths, or overgrown trees, obstructing street lighting etc.

If you have any complaints regarding highways please notify Highways direct on 01245 437887 the Clerk or any councillor.

Useful Information

Please note that any criminal incidents should be reported to the Police on 0300 333 4444 or anything that is suspicious. 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 Hall, Willowfield 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 2013 - 2014

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.

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www.essexinfo.net/ramsdencrays