

# 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 Monday 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) at the Shepherd and Dog Public House.

Dates scheduled for 2015 are 19<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December. 2016: 18<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December.

The Public are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings. There is the opportunity at the open session for residents to speak on issues within the Parish.

#### **Diary Note:**

**Remembrance Service – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45 a.m. at the War Memorial** All residents and visitors are invited to attend the service later in the year at the War Memorial. This will be presided by the Vicar of Great Burstead and Ramsden Crays Parish and will be a short service in memory of those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

At this service a wreath will be laid and the Parish Council would appreciate if there is a volunteer amongst the community for this (provided parental/guardian permission is given preferably for someone under the age of 18).



A collection will be held for donations to "The British Legion".

# Projects: Volunteers for a Village Hall Working Party – Association. Volunteers for a Working Party to clear the paths within the Parish. Thoughts for a football pitch in the park area.

Thoughts for additional bulbs planted within the Parish – i.e. daffodils and locations.

During the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> November an event will be held at The Shepherd and Dog with proceeds going towards "Help the Heroes".

### Your Input:

If residents have ideas for any projects within the Parish or would like to give their views on those suggested or be involved in Working Parties, please feel free to approach any member of the Council (contact details below), or the Parish Clerk before the 19<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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 or the Clerk or any Parish 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 2014-15

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

### **Other Useful Contacts:**

Cllr. Terri Sargent can be contacted on <u>terriken@aol.com</u> or 01268 288766 Cllr. Allen can be contacted on <u>stuart.allen@members.basildon.gov.uk</u> or 07415 440873 Cllr. Malcolm Buckley – ECC – <u>cllr.malcolm.buckley@Essex.gov.uk</u> or 01268 472586 Cllr. Nigel Le Gresley – ECC – <u>cllr.nigel.legresley@essex.gov.uk</u> or 07831 897738

**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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Please reply and return to the Parish Clerk or Chairman with any suggestions for improvements/projects within the Parish and/or volunteer to lay the wreath on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45 a.m. before 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.