



RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Resident,

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 2016 are 22nd February, 21st March – 6.30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting followed by 7.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 18th April, 16th May Annual Meeting, 20th June, 11th July, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November and 12th 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 Sunday Service will be held in November, 2016 at the War Memorial.

Projects:

Volunteers for a Village Hall Working Party – Association.

Consideration for picnic benches in the Parish and additional Notice Board by Crays Hill Primary School.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and Police volunteers.

Local Plan 2016:

Copies of the Borough Diary have now been delivered to all residents which include brief details of the Local Plan and primarily proposed housing projections for the next 20 years.

Residents will be able to visit Public Exhibitions to see more details.

As far as Crays Hill is concerned the major proposals are:-

- (i) Three minor green belt boundary amendments to London Road and between Oak Avenue and Crays Hill Road is 45 homes.
- (ii) 50 Houses within the four Plotland Infield Area.
- (iii) Increasing Dale Farm Traveller Site to 52 Plots.

In addition other nearby major housing proposals in Noak Bridge/South Green /Wickford will, in our opinion, have a significant effect on traffic using the A129/Gardiners Lane North/Hardings Elms Road/Pipps Hill Road and Wash Road.

The Parish Council will be holding an Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 3rd March where issues on the Local Plan will be raised with Basildon. Please send any questions to the Clerk by 26th February so that the Planning Department can be asked prior to this meeting for answers.

It is essential that Residents respond to Basildon Council in writing expressing their views. The more comments the better.

Parish Council Elections:

Residents are encouraged to become a Parish Councillor. Elections will take place in May. Further information is available from 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 on 0345 743 0430 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:

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Cllr. Allen can be contacted on stuart.allen@members.basildon.gov.uk or 07415 440873
Cllr. Malcolm Buckley – ECC – cldr.malcolm.buckley@Essex.gov.uk or 01268 472586
Cllr. Nigel Le Gresley – ECC – cldr.nigel.legresley@essex.gov.uk 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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