



Bray Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2016 IN BRAYWOOD MEMORIAL HALL, FIFIELD ROAD, FIFIELD, BERKS.

PRESENT:

Alexander Ward:	No Councillor present
Dedworth Ward:	No Councillor present
Bray Ward:	Cllr K Elvin (Chairman) Cllrs C Graham, S Kiely,
Holyport Ward:	Cllrs D Wilson, S Dudley, P Janikoun, B Bou-Sreih, L Kneen, L Walters
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward:	Cllrs N Marsh, C Yates 3 Members of the public The Press S Cook – The Clerk

076/2016. CHAIRMAN’S REQUEST

The Chairman requested that all mobile devices were switched off for the duration of the meeting.

077/2016. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D Burbage, Cllr. JA Glover, Cllr. M Pierce, and Cllr. M Airey. The following declarations of interest and dispensations were declared.

Personal:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Cllr Graham	5.6	Bray Enhancement Committee Member
Cllr Marsh	5.10	Member of Braywood Memorial Hall Committee

Pecuniary:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
None		

078/2016. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Chairman gave a reminder to all in attendance of the fire safety regulations for the venue of the meeting.

The Clerk gave a summary report on the Play Areas which is taken from ARD’s inspection report for March 2016.

In March all play areas were satisfactory with no high priority items.

079/2016. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Meeting held on 29th February 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

Cllr Janikoun asked that HRA be changed to Andrew Cormie on the minutes.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2 members of the public had asked to speak to the Councillors raising their concerns regarding the proposed RBWM modifications to the junction of Fifield Road, Fifield Lane and Oakley Green Road and so this item was brought forward on the agenda. Concerns included speed at junction, sightline, U turns and increase in HGV traffic. A request was made for a site meeting with RBWM, parish councillors, ward councillors and local community representatives.

The item was discussed by the councillors with a suggestion that the site meeting takes place at rush hour.

Proposal: The Clerk to facilitate a meeting with RBWM Highways, Parish Councillors, and local resident representatives during the rush hour.

3 members of the public left the meeting.

080/2016. PARISH FINANCE

Finance Working Group (FOWG)

A meeting took place on 31st March 2016. Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix A.

Finance Report Budget vs Actuals (at 29/03/16)

Please refer to the report at Appendix B. Cllr Graham asked for the reserves to be included on all future reports.

Details of the following expenditure can be found on the Spending Decision Report (please refer to Appendix C).

Replacement U shaped Net on GL Jones Tower and Multi Slide Unit – Springfield Park

Proposal to incur expenditure up to £1,265 for the replacement of the U shaped net in Springfield Park

Decision: Proposed Cllr Graham; Seconded Cllr Wilson; All agreed

Replacement Notice Board for Fifield Bus Shelter

Proposal to incur expenditure of up to £1,290 for the replacement of the Notice Board at the Fifield Bus Shelter.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Yates; Voted for 10, Against 0, Abstained 1

Replacement of posts – Bray in Bloom noticeboards

Proposal to incur expenditure up to £470 for the replacement of the wooden uprights on the Bray in Bloom noticeboards.

Cllr Graham declared an interest as a member of Bray in Bloom.

The item was discussed thoroughly.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Kneen; Voted for 9, Against 0, Abstained 2

A308 and Reeve Road Bus Stops

Proposal to incur expenditure of up to £400 for rubbish bins at the bus stops on the A308 at the Holyport Road junction and the Reeve Road Bus Stop.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Wilson; All agreed

Jubilee Field Fencing

Proposal to incur expenditure up to £1,500 for the repair/replacement of fencing on the boundary of Jubilee Field.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Graham; Seconded Cllr Walters; All agreed

Planning Laptop replacement

Proposal to incur expenditure up to £400 for the replacement of the planning laptop along with associated software.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Graham; Seconded Cllr Marsh; All agreed

Grant Applications

Bray War Memorial Hall

Proposal to award a grant of £3000 to Braywood War Memorial Hall for the installation of a new toilet and kitchenette.

Cllr Marsh expressed an interest as a member of the hall committee, who confirmed that the quote provided was the best of those obtained.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Walters; Seconded Cllr Kneen; Voted for 10, Against 0, Abstained 1

Payments List

Approval to pay accounts on the Payments List.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Graham; Seconded Cllr Wilson; All agreed

081/2016. REPORTS FROM OTHER WORKING GROUPS

OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP (FOWG)

A meeting took place on 31st March 2016.

Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix A.

LAND MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

A meeting took place on 11th March 2016.

Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix D.

IT WORKING GROUP

A meeting took place on 2nd March 2016.

Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix E.

S106 WORKING GROUP

No Meeting to report.

STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

No Meeting to report.

NEWSLETTER WORKING GROUP

No Meeting to report.

082/2016. GENERAL MATTERS

Boundary Review

Cllr Elvin asked if a timescale for this could be made available, which Cllr Wilson agreed to provide.

Clerks Training

The Clerk advised that she will be attending SLCC training on 11th May 2016.

Clerks Absence

The Clerk advised that she will be absent from 18th April until 3rd May 2016 due to a planned operation.

Parish Conference

Cllr Graham provided a report advising that it was a useful and well-presented conference. A hotline number for Parish and Borough Councillors use only will be provided in due course, Jennifer Jackson presented on S106 and planning, there was also a presentation on election expenses following complaints from a number of Parishes about the increase in costs that had been charged compared to previous years.

083/2016. ALEXANDER, DEDWORTH AND OAKLEY GREEN & FIFIELD

Nothing to report.

084/2016. BRAY

Cllr Elvin provided an update on the A308 road scheme for the Upper Bray Road, which is in the process of being updated to incorporate some of BPC comments.

085/2016. HOLYPORT

Cllr Wilson provided an update on the expected consultation dates for the Holyport Conservation review. 2 of the officers involved had left the Borough but following the return from maternity leave of another officer the 6 week consultation period has been moved back with the report to RBWM now due to take place in July.

086/2016. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Rescheduling of AEM

Cllr Kneen provided feedback to the Council on the planning committee meeting with Jenifer Jackson. The Clerk and the planning team will be working side by side to ensure there will be no issues that could impact on the success of the process. Cllr Kneen advised that nothing should be signed until it is clear that the processes work for both parties.

Cllr Elvin explained why we are now unable to hold the AEM on the original planned date and advised that we would be liaising with Jennifer Jackson to find an alternative date.

It was confirmed by Cllr Dudley that Holyport College will still be happy to host the event.

Legoland - Use of A330

2 emails have been received from concerned residents about the use of the A330 as a proposed route for visitors to Legoland. Cllr Rayner confirmed prior to the meeting that there is no foundation to this proposal.

Lorry watch

Cllr Elvin asked Cllr Janikoun about the recent lorry watch on the A330, who advised the meeting that it has been a successful initial review with a number of reports to be filed with Trading Standards, a follow up watch will take place in a few weeks.

087/2016. RBWM UPDATE

Nothing to report.

088/2016. CORRESPONDANCE AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

Correspondence List

There were no comments about items on the correspondence list.

Cllr Janikoun asked what BPC should do to recognise the Queens 90th birthday. Cllr Marsh advised that Fifield will be having a street party. Cllr Elvin asked councillors to share any ideas they may have.

Cllr Kiely advised that she had won tickets to visit Thietval in France to attend a gathering to remember the 100th anniversary battle of the Somme and asked if she could lay a wreath on behalf of BPC – all agreed.

Cllr Graham advised that Bray Hair Studio would like to put up bunting to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday.

Cllr Graham had attended a meeting with Councillor Coppinger and Swan Rescue who are looking to extend their educational programme. There is a suggestion that the Bray triangle could be a suitable site. He also mentioned that Swan Rescue be asked to present at the AEM.

089/2016. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 16th May 2016.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.