



Bray Parish Council

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

PRESENT:

Alexander Ward: Cllr JA Glover
 Dedworth Ward: Cllr M Airey
 Bray Ward: Cllr K Elvin (Chairman)
 Cllrs C Graham, S Kiely, D Burbage, M Pierce
 Holyport Ward: Cllrs S Dudley, P Janikoun, B Bou-Sreih, L Kneen, L Walters
 Oakley Green & Fifield Ward: Cllrs N Marsh, C Yates
 The Press
 3 Members of the public
 S Cook – The Clerk

340/2016. CHAIRMAN’S REQUEST

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

341/2016. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wilson who would be late to the meeting. The following declarations of interest and dispensations were declared.

Personal:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Cllr Kiely	11.3	Councillor Kiely is a member of the Bray Village Hall Committee

Pecuniary:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
None		

342/2016. HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

A report was received by the Clerk and recorded in the accident book on 11th July advising that a child had been scratched on the face by a bramble whilst riding his bike on Aysgarth Park. The Clerk has asked the Contractors to cut the brambles back and this will take place on 12th July.

The Clerk gave a summary report on the Play Areas which is taken from ARD’s inspection report for June 2016. There was one unsatisfactory item for Springfield Park for which a quote has been requested. There were no unsatisfactory items for Aysgarth Park or Jubilee Field.

343/2016. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June 2016 were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed: Cllr Pierce, Seconded: Cllr Marsh, Unanimously approved

Public Question Time

A member of the public addressed the public asking for support from Bray Parish Council in the form of a letter to be written to RBWM regarding the increasing problem of noise pollution coming

from the M4 motorway. Of concern to the resident was the effect on house prices with neighbours unable to sell homes and stress due to noise levels. Cllr Walters explained that porous asphalt is due to be laid on the M4 in due course, which will reduce noise. Cllr Burbage agreed that there was more noise from the motorway but explained that the motorway is the responsibility of the Highways Agency and suggested that the Parish Council write to them copying in RBWM and the local MP. Cllr Janikoun mentioned that he hoped that sound barriers will be used when the Smart Motorway works commence and Councillors agreed this was desirable. The Clerk will write to the Highways Agency, copying in RBWM and Theresa May.

The Chairman of BPNP, Steve Adams attended the meeting and it was unanimously agreed to bring the topic of the Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan forward so that he could address the meeting.

Mr. Adams updated the Council on events since he last addressed the Council. A thorough review has been completed and a number of changes advised by the external advisor, these amendments have been made and the plan is now ready to go forward for formal examination. Cllr Graham explained that apart from the plan there are a number of other supporting documents that require construction before the plan can go forward.

Cllr Marsh made the point that the Parish has been badly let down by Anne Skippers taking on additional work at the expense of completing the work for Bray Parish Council, causing further delay and expense. Cllr Burbage gave his thanks for all the hard work undertaken by the various BPNP committee members over the past five years and this was reiterated by Cllr Airey, who asked for confirmation that it met the basic conditions. Mr. Adams confirmed that it reflects advice given, is structured within the terms of the Localism Act and that it would be well received by a Local Examiner.

8:05 One member of the public left the meeting

Proposal to approve the final draft document of the Bray Neighbourhood Plan and for it to be moved to the next step in the process

Decision: Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Kneen; Vote unanimous

344/2016. Report from the Clerk

The Clerk provided a report to the Council, please refer to appendix a.

8:15 One member of the public left the meeting

Cllr Pierce asked about the complaint to RBWM on planning and the Clerk replied that her complaint has been received and an answer can be expected in due course.

Cllr Walters asked about the Holyport flooding issue and the Clerk advised she had met with Thames Water and will also be updating Tony Robinson at RBWM.

Parish Finance

Finance Working Group

A meeting took place on 30th June 2016, (please refer to the report at Appendix b)

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

Annual Subscriptions

Proposal to pay annual subscriptions and memberships up to £1,935

Decision: Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Bou Sreih; Vote unanimous

Trees on Holyport Green

Proposal to incur expenditure up to £4,000 for works to trees on Holyport Green

Decision: Proposed Cllr Kneen; Seconded Cllr Yates; Voted unanimous

Benches on Holyport Green

Proposal to incur expenditure up to £1,650 for works to benches on Holyport Green

Decision: Proposed Cllr Kneen; Seconded Cllr Graham; Voted unanimous

Replacement Notice Boards

Proposal to incur expenditure up to £2,100 to reposition the Notice board by Bray Cemetery and to purchase an additional notice board for Holyport

Cllr Yates mentioned his disappointment that a site for a notice board has not been found in Oakley Green, this will be put on the LMWG list.

Decision to reposition the Notice Board and purchase an additional board: Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Kneen; Voted for 13, Against 0, Abstained 1

Grant Applications

St Michaels Church – Restoration of Lych Gate to Braywood Churchyard

Application for a grant of £3,400 as contribution towards the cost of restoring the Lych Gate at Braywood

Concerns were raised whether the works would be completed properly to the standards of other Lych Gates in the area and a number of suggestions were made including discussion with the conservation officer. It was agreed that works need to be undergone urgently due to the poor condition of the Lych Gate.

Cllr Kneen proposed that the application is refused in its current draft and that Cllrs Yates and Airey meet with the Conservation Officer to discuss what is required. Seconded Cllr Janikoun; Vote unanimous

Payments List

The Clerk confirmed the total of the payments list of £12,430.21 plus VAT of £558.56, making a grand total of £12,988.77.

Decision: Cllr Elvin proposed approval of the payments list, seconded by Cllr Pierce, Voted For 13, against 0, Abstain 1

345/2016 Reports from other Working Groups

Operations Working Group (FOWG)

A meeting took place on 30th June 2016, please refer to the report at Appendix a.

Land Management Working Group

A meeting took place on 20th May 2016 please refer to the report at Appendix d.

Cllr Elvin mentioned that a meeting had taken place with HMFC and concerns that Gays Lane field is not being used were put to rest as upwards of 65 children are playing football there with matches every Saturday as well as week night training.

IT Working Group

No meeting to report

S106 Working Group

No meeting to report

Strategy Working Group

No meeting to report

Newsletter Working Group

No meeting to report

346/2016 General Matters

Boundary Review

Cllr Airey provided an update. The next stage of extended process will be taking place during the next 6 to 12 months, with an update due in January 2017.

Courtney Coaches number 6 discontinuation of Service

Cllr Elvin provided a report about the axing of the service. There was no consultation process with local residents etc and this was taken up with RBWM who admitted no consultation had taken place and that the route had been stopped as it was not making money or being used as much as hoped.

Co-ordination of requests through the Parish Clerk

Requests for information from RBWM should be made through the Parish Clerk who will co-ordinate the requests and disseminate replies to the Councillors.

347/2016 Alexander, Dedworth and Oakley Green & Fifield

Closure to the public of Windsor Forest, threat to SSSI and Special Area of Conservation

Cllr Yates provided a report regarding the closure to the public for dog walking and following the building of pens by the Royal Estate. Cllr Yates believes the Parish Council should support the local residents by writing to the Exchequer.

8:50 Councillor Wilson joined the meeting

The matter was discussed further and Councillor Yates will forward the details to the Chair who will make a decision regarding writing to the Exchequer and copying in other interested parties.

Update on Manor Grove

Cllrs Marsh and Cllr Glovers provided an update, so far RBWM has not responded with a date for works to jet underneath the entrance to Manor Way. The Councillors are due to meet with the Clerk and contractor regarding the cutting back of the hedges. Councillor Dudley has offered to provide support.

348/2016 Bray

Update on widening of A308 at Upper Bray Road

Cllr Elvin provided a report, this will be taking place but the plans appear to be different to those Bray Parish Council were expecting to see and so this will be pursued by Cllrs Elvin and Janikoun

Traffic Measurements around Bray Village

Cllr Graham provided a report advising traffic has increased by 10% over the last 10 years

Parish Council Representation on Bray Parish Charities

The current term of office for both Margaret Pierce and Diane Hayes terminates this year and both members seek re-nomination from Bray Parish Council.

Decision: Proposed Cllr Kneen; Seconded Cllr Walters; Voted for 14, Against 0, Abstained 1

Parish Council Representation on Bray Village Hall Committee of Management

The new secretary of the Committee of Management for Bray Village Hall is reviewing the constitution which provides for one representative to be appointed by Bray Parish Council. He would be delighted if the Parish Council would appoint a suitable representative to take up the appointment or to advise if the right to appoint a representative is unlikely to be used so that the constitution may be amended. This was discussed by the Councillors and it was agreed that the Parish Council should support this.

Councillor Graham proposed that Bray Parish Council keep a representative on the committee and that this should be Cllr Kiely as she is already on the committee. Seconded Cllr Kneen; Vote Unanimous.

349/2016 Holyport

The use of the A330 through Holyport as a route to Legoland

The Clerk has received a request from a local resident asking that the Parish Council documents that the proposed Legoland Route through Holyport is forever unacceptable to Holyport Residents.

The matter was discussed and Cllr Airey suggested that the Clerk reaffirms the situation that already exists.

350/2016 Chairman's Business

Councillor Graham asked about the arrangements for the AEM, Cllr Elvin replied that the intention is to focus on planning.

351/2016 RBWM Update

Report by the Borough Ward Councillor on borough activities

Report from Cllr Dudley who advised that; on Thursday 14th July RBWM are launching a joint venture agreement for the redevelopment of Maidenhead Town Centre, which will include affordable housing and entertainment

352/2016 Correspondence and Councillors Forum

The Clerk advised that the cost of hiring Braywood Was Memorial for meetings will increase from September 2016 from £35.00 to £37.00 per meeting.

Cllr Glover provided an update regarding the anonymous letter that was received regarding Kimbers Lane which is being discussed at the next meeting of OGAFCA.

Cllr Kneen thanked Cllr Burbage for his apologies further to his behaviour at the previous planning meeting; they were accepted and consider the matter closed.

Cllr Janikoun raised a query regarding the planning agenda and the Clerks request that members of the public wishing to address the meeting contact the Clerk the Thursday before the meeting to register their interest in addressing the Council.

Cllr Yates raised a query regarding ongoing issue of flooding in Fifield and the lack of response from RBWM to Rod Lords letter of 29th January requesting a copy of the RBWM drainage study and asked RBWM Councillors to take note and shed light on why the report has not been published. Cllr Burbage agreed that the Council should publish and will find out why it has not been published.

Cllr Wilson asked about the replacement of lighting on Holyport Green, the Clerk advised that she has asked RBWM to take this on but to date has received no reply.

Cllr Pierce asked if Cllr Kiely would tell the Council about her experience at the Remembrance event at the Somme. Cllr Kiely told of the truly saddening and moving experience it had been and will load some of her photographs to Dropbox. Cllr Wilson mentioned that Geoff Hayes laid the wreath at the memorial service at All Saints on Sunday. Cllr Janikoun also mentioned that Geoff Hayes has asked the War Graves commission to clean the grave of a holder of the Victoria Cross in Touchen End cemetery.

353/2016 Date of Next Main Council Meeting

The next General meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 15th August 2016

The meeting closed at 9:30pm