



Bray Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 15th AUGUST 2016 IN BRAYWOOD 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, M Pierce
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
	1 - The Press
	6 - Members of the public
	S Cook – The Clerk

163/2016. CHAIRMAN’S REQUEST

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

164/2016. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Apology for absence was received from Cllr Burbage. The following declarations of interest and dispensations were declared.

Personal:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Cllr Wilson	9.2	This item will be coming to RBWM council for decision
Cllr Dudley	9.2	This item will be coming to RBWM council for decision
Cllr Airey	9.2	This item will be coming to RBWM council for decision
Cllr Walters	9.2	This item will be coming to RBWM council for decision

Pecuniary:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Cllr Glover	7.8	Grant for Fifield Fun Day

165/2016. 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 July 2016. There was one unsatisfactory item for Springfield Park carried forward from June and which was replaced the week of 8th August. There were no unsatisfactory items for Aysgarth Park or Jubilee Field.

166/2016. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Bou-Shreih; Vote unanimous

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

167/2016 DCP decision regarding 13, The Terrace, Bray

With the agreement of the Council, the Chairman brought the item on the DCP decision regarding 13, The Terrace forward to allow for a member of the public to address the meeting.

Cllr Kiely explained the background to the retrospective application for windows for the above address. BPC had recommended refusal at the planning sub-committee meeting on 16th May due to inappropriate development in a conservation area, this was backed up by the planning officer but was approved at DCP on 3rd August.

A member of the public representing a number of residents living in the Terrace, expressed their dismay that despite the recommendations of BPC and the planning department this was approved at DCP. She explained that local residents felt that the original notification was not adequately displayed; that if it had been adequately displayed more letters of objection would have been sent to the planning department at RBWM. As BPC had recommended refusal along with the planning officer local residents felt reassured that planning permission would be refused and so did not think they would need to speak at the DCP. Local residents believe that DCP did not take into consideration the 2009 local plan update, and that this approval now sets a precedent in the conservation area. In one day 80 people have signed a petition asking what they can do next to change the outcome of the DCP decision.

Councillors discussed the matter and expressed a number of concerns.

Cllr Elvin concluded there is nothing officially that can be done to overturn the decision, but suggests that local residents discuss this with Cllr Burbage who although not at the meeting had advised the Chairman that he would be happy to discuss the matter further. Cllr Elvin further summed up that the Parish Council is disturbed by this on a more fundamental basis as it undermines the Conservation areas and suggested that a letter be sent to RBWM stating this and asking that the recent decisions are not used as precedent. Cllr Pierce asked if the letter could include a request that conservation requisition requirements be sent out with the Council Tax demand. Cllr Kiely asked that the letter includes a request that the recent decision to approve is not used as a precedent.

Cllr Graham proposed that a letter is written to RBWM, seconded by Cllr Janikoun vote 12 for, 0 against, 2 abstained.

5 members of the public left the meeting.

168/2016. Clerks report

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

169/2016. PARISH FINANCE

Finance Working Group (FOWG)

A meeting took place on 4th August 2016. Please refer to the notes from the meeting at appendix b.

Approval of increase of Burial Fees 2016

Proposal to approve an increase in the charges for Burial Fees of 5%
Proposed Cllr Graham; Seconded Cllr Kneen; Vote unanimous

Approval of Parking Fees

Cllrs discussed the use of the Green by commercial users; it should not be taken for granted by commercial users that they would automatically be granted use by BPC, all requests for use of the Green to be included as agenda items. The cost would always be the full cost plus VAT and in the event of a charitable event the council would consider donating a cheque to the charity.

Cllr Kneen suggested that local companies are advised of costs, Cllr Janikoun suggested that a minimum period of time is required before permission can be granted.

It was proposed that a draft agreement is put together for ratification by the Council.

Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Kneen; vote unanimous

Spending Decision Report

Details of the following expenditure can be found on the Spending Decision Report see appendix c

Purchase of new Projector

Proposal for the Clerk to incur expenditure of up to £600 on the purchase of a replacement projector

The proposed purchase was discussed; Cllr Graham suggested that a wireless projector is purchased which can project large files. Cllr Yates wished to ensure that due to the urgent nature of the purchase, that the purchase is made even if the costs exceeds that approved, with any additional costs approved at the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Janikoun; Vote unanimous

Bray Allotments

Proposal for the Clerk to incur expenditure of up to £100 on the laying of scalping's at the entrance to the allotments

Proposed Elvin; Seconded Cllr Pierce; Vote; For 13, Against, Abstained 1

Gays Lane, to improve pathway from Trenchard Road onto Gays Lane Field

Proposal for the Clerk to incur expenditure of up to £1,650 on the clearing of the pathway and the laying of scalping's

Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Airey; Vote unanimous

Cllr Glover left the meeting due to an interest in the application for Fifield Fun Day

Grant Application Fifield Fun Day

Application for a grant for £1,000 towards the costs of hire of marquees and toilets for the Fifield Fun Day

Proposal; Cllr Kneen proposed that the Parish Council donates the same sum as in 2015 of £500. Seconded Cllr Walters; Vote unanimous

Cllr Glover returned to the meeting

Grant Application Holyport Memorial FC

Application for a grant for £3,000 towards the costs for football goals and storage container
Cllr Janikoun proposed that £1500 is awarded; Seconded Cllr Yates; Vote unanimous

Cllr Janikoun asked that the FOWG discuss the grant application process and that copies of quotes are included to back up the grant request.

Payments List

The Clerk confirmed the total of the payments list of £15,634.30 plus VAT of £650.31, making a grand total of £16,284.61

Decision: Cllr Kneen proposed approval of the payments list, seconded by Cllr Marsh, Vote unanimous

170/2016. REPORTS FROM OTHER WORKING GROUPS

OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP (FOWG)

A meeting took place on 4th August 2016, please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix a.

LAND MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

A meeting took place on 22nd July 2016, please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix d.

IT WORKING GROUP

No Meeting to report.

S106 WORKING GROUP

Cllr Wilson advised that CIL has been adopted by RBWM from September and that once the neighbourhood plan has been approved that further funding will be made available to BPC.

STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

No Meeting to report.

NEWSLETTER WORKING GROUP

No Meeting to report.

171/2016. GENERAL MATTERS

Amendment to Planning Agenda

To allow for a fairer process of public speaking at Planning Sub-Committee meetings and to ensure the public understand the planning process it is proposed that the following statements will be included on all planning meeting agendas and to allow local residents additional time to advise the Parish Office of their wish to speak at meetings, Planning Agendas will be posted to Notice Boards and website on the Monday before the meeting rather than the Tuesday.

It would be helpful if you would kindly advise the Clerk by the close of business on Thursday if you wish to speak at the meeting, so that we can advise on the Friday how long will be available.

If you have any queries regarding the planning process, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 01628 777997.

Decision proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Yates; Vote unanimous

Cllr Kneen also advised that future agendas for planning will be posted to noticeboards and website on the Monday before the meeting not Tuesdays.

Cllr Janikoun mentioned that it would be good if a standard slip is made available to post through doors to advise when application will be heard.

Vote by Bray Parish Councillors that the M4, A308 and A330 'Green Triangle' (now M22) remains as Green Belt

Cllr Walters explained the background to the proposed change of use from green belt for the above area of land on the Borough Plan, advising that the public do not now have chance to object to this and proposing that the Clerk sends a strong letter of objection to this last minute change of use copied to all members of the local authority.

Cllr Graham agreed with all that was said by Cllr Walters and advised that as part of the BPNP consultation local residents have been clear about retaining green belt, he further mentioned that the neighbourhood plan steering group had not been made aware of this change of use for area M22 and that a consultation and opportunity to discuss should be requested. Cllr Janikoun advised that a local resident had asked it to be mentioned at the meeting that the area is a very large area of flood plain and is not therefore suitable for either businesses or housing.

Cllr Elvin mentioned that when the Bray Ward Councillors stood for election they did so with a promise to protect the green belt and suggested that the proposal by local residents to retain the green belt should be supported.

Cllr Wilson explained the site is currently part of the Smart motorway construction project and that it will be in use for that project for a total of 10 years and that a final decision on the project will be made on 3rd September. He further explained that as residential building will take place in Oldfield, the area will be short of industrial sites and the area presents as ideal for industrial use as it will keep heavy goods vehicles out of Maidenhead.

Councillors asked a number of questions, to which Cllr Wilson provided full replies and further comments, were made by Councillors.

The proposal to write a strong letter of objection was proposed by Cllr Walters; Seconded Cllr Kneen; Vote 12 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstained

Report on Aviation Forum meeting 9th August 2016

Cllr Kiely provided a report on the meeting and copies of the papers were provided to the Clerk who will scan and save to Dropbox. Cllr Dudley updated Councillors on recent research and confirmed that legal action will be taken by the local authorities affected if the decision is made to add an additional runway at Heathrow. Councillor Yates had also found the meeting fascinating and asked if there are any other RBWM forums that BPC can support.

Cllr Airey suggested that Councillors Malcolm Beer and John Bowden would be glad to update Bray Parish Councillors who are interested in the aviation forum.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor this Forum.

One member of public left the meeting.

BPNP

Cllr Graham provided an update on the BPNP and advised that work is progressing on three documents in support of the application

172/2016. ALEXANDER, DEDWORTH AND OAKLEY GREEN & FIFIELD

No items to report.

173/2016. BRAY

Update on widening of A308 at Upper Bray Road

Cllr Elvin provided an update on the latest works at the Upper Bray Road junction with A308, the plan has been updated and RBWM are waiting on Virgin Media to move their equipment.

174/2016. HOLYPORT

Lorrywatch, lack of capacity at RBWM to support

Report from Cllr Janikoun, who advised that the details from the April watch were sent to trading standards at RBWM who wrote warning letters to a number of companies, when Cllr Janikoun requested a repeat exercise he was advised that due to insufficient staffing, trading standards did not feel this could be run again before Christmas.

Cllr Dudley asked that BPC write to him so that he can ensure Trading Standards do the work they are supposed to do. Cllr Janikoun advised that there are a number of volunteers who would be prepared to undertake 90% of the work but are not able to access information from DVLA.

175/2016. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

176/2016. RBWM UPDATE

Report by the Borough Ward Councillor on borough activities

Report from Cllr Dudley who advised the priorities are Planning and Heathrow.

177/2016. CORRESPONDANCE AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

Correspondence List

Request from 'The George' to use Holyport Green opposite the 'Brewhouse' to place a Rodeo Bull for their summer event on Sunday 28th August
Decision to allow proposed by Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Glover; Vote unanimous

Cllr Graham asked about the 'camping' on Holyport Green, Cllr Elvin advised that travellers had been there temporarily but had been moved on by the police.

Cllr Kiely asked about the DCP this week, Cllr Airey advised that he will be speaking against the planning application at the Garden Centre and that the report from the planning officer is out.

178/2016. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th September 2016.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.