



Bray Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2016 IN BRAYWOOD MEMORIAL HALL, FIFIELD ROAD, FIFIELD, BERKS.

PRESENT:

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| Alexander Ward: | No Councillor present |
| Dedworth Ward: | Cllr M Airey |
| Bray Ward: | Cllrs D Burbage, M Pierce |
| Holyport Ward: | Cllr L Kneen (Chairman) |
| | Cllrs D Wilson, S Dudley, B Bou-Sreih, L Walters |
| Oakley Green & Fifield Ward: | Cllr C Yates |
| | 8 - Members of the public |
| | The Press |
| | S Cook – The Clerk |

189/2016. Chairman's request

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

190/2016. Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs K Elvin, JA Glover, C Graham, S Kiely, N Marsh and P Janikoun. The following declarations of interest and dispensations were declared.

Personal:

| Councillor | Agenda Item | Interest |
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| None | | |

Pecuniary:

| Councillor | Agenda Item | Interest |
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| S Kiely K Elvin C Graham D Burbage M Pierce M Airey D Wilson S Dudley P Janikoun L Kneen B Bou Sreih L Walters | 7.2 | All are entitled to receive Councillor Allowances. A dispensation was granted by the Clerk. |

191/2016. 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 August 2016, that all play areas were satisfactory with no high priority items.

There were no items in the accident book.

192/2016. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th August 2016

The minutes of the Meeting held on 15th August 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Pierce; Seconded Cllr Yates; Vote Unanimous

193/2016. Public Question Time

With the agreement of the Council, the Chairman brought forward the item on Phoenix Gym and Fifield Flooding so that members of the public could address the meeting.

A handout was provided by the speaker, Grenville Annetts who spoke on behalf of OGAFCA, explaining how the topics were linked. OGAFCA would like support from BPC re 1) RBWM publication of Flood Investigation Reports 2) stage 2 water catchment study, 3) RBWM planners and drainage experts not to support the discharge of water into the ditch, 4) for RBWM and Phoenix Gym to work together to move to Braywick Park.

Cllr Dudley replied that RBWM have asked Phoenix Gym if they would like to move to Braywick Park and this offer has been refused. He further advised the meeting that Phoenix Gym has asked RBWM to provide significant funding for them to develop the Fifield site.

Cllr Kneen asked Cllr Burbage to follow up on the legal details that are outstanding that would allow for the sharing of the Flood Investigation report and for Cllr Wilson to provide an update on the planning application in sufficient time before the matter is discussed by RBWM.

Cllr Yates asked how many SUDs reports will be provided before it is accepted by RBWM and Phoenix Gym that the application will not work.

4 members of the public left the meeting.

A member of the public asked to speak to Cllr Dudley re RBWMs legal challenge against a 3rd runway at Heathrow asking whether part of the legal challenge will be a consideration of the biased and flawed airport report. Cllr Dudley advised that with the partnering councils they would be delighted to receive information that will support the legal challenge. Mr Groves raised his concern that local residents do not understand the implication of the 3rd runway and asked what else can be done to get the message out.

1 member of the public left the meeting

194/2016. Report from the Clerk

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

195/2016. Parish Finance

Finance Working Group (FOWG)

A meeting was due to take place on 15th September, but was cancelled as it was not quorate.

Receipt of Certified Annual Return

The Clerk advised the Councillors that the external auditors, Mazars had completed their check of the Annual return and it had been certified with no matters arising.

Approval of Councillor Allowances

The proposal to approve Councillor Allowances at the current rate of £300.00 was discussed. Cllr Kneen asked if the Clerk could find out why Co-opted Councillors are not entitled to receive the allowance.

Proposed Cllr Burbage; Seconded Cllr Bou Sreih; Vote 7 for; 0 Against; 1 Abstained

Spending Decision Report

Details of the following expenditure can be found on the Spending Decision Report, see appendix b)

Royal British Legion

Proposal to donate £500 to the Royal British Legion for memorial wreaths to be laid on behalf of Bray Parish Council in remembrance of the fallen at Bray War Memorial, Braywood War Memorial Hall, Holyport Green War Memorial and Oakley Green and Fifield War Memorial.

Proposed Cllr Yates; Seconded Cllr Bou Sreih; Vote 7 for; 0 Against; 1 Abstained

Proposal to purchase replacement bins for Gays Lane Field and Springfield Park
Permission for the Clerk to expend up to £1,400 to purchase replacement bins for both Springfield Park and Gays Lane.
Proposed Cllr Pierce; Seconded Cllr Bous Sreih; Vote unanimous

Payments List

The Clerk confirmed the total of the payments list of £10,680.40 plus VAT of £605.00, making a grand total of £11,285.40
Decision: Cllr Pierce proposed approval of the payments list, seconded by Cllr Bou Sreih; Vote unanimous.

196/2016. Reports from other Working Groups

Operations Working Group (FOWG)

A meeting was due to take place, but was cancelled as it was not quorate.

Land Management Working Group

The next working group meeting will be on 23rd September

IT Working Group

The next working group meeting will be on 22nd September

S106 Working Group

Cllr Wilson asked if the name of the working group could be changed to reflect CIL and the Clerk will amend on future agendas.

Strategy Working Group

No Meeting to report.

Newsletter Working Group

A meeting took place on 2nd September; please refer to the notes from the meeting at appendix c). Cllr Pierce advised how much the support of BPC is appreciated by the committee of Bray in Bloom.

197/2016. General Matters

BPNP

Cllr Graham was unable to report to the meeting.

M4 Junction 3 to 12 Smart Motorway Scheme

Cllr Janikoun was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report for Councillors along with a copy of the reply from the Highways Agency to the Clerks recent letter concerning the impact of noise from the M4, please refer to appendix d). Cllr Walters addressed the meeting advising that he had received confirmation from Highways Agency that works traffic will not go through Holyport but that traffic issues will still be experienced. Cllrs Walters and Dudley are determined to provide amelioration for local residents wherever possible. Cllr Burbage referred to Cllrs Janikoun update and his suggestions and asked if this should be pursued by BPC. Cllr Yates felt that Cllr Janikoun should be thanked for his report as it was very helpful and that he should be asked to Chair a Working Group. Cllr Yates asked if the following could be flagged for the next meeting; which is the speed limit on Oakley Green Road.

198/2016. Alexander, Dedworth and Oakley Green & Fifield

Manor Grove Update

Cllrs Glover and Marsh along with the Clerk are due to meet Daniel Akam from Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust on 23rd September to discuss possible options for the site.

199/2016. Bray

Update on widening of A308 at Upper Bray Road

As Cllr Elvin was unable to report to the Council, this item is moved to the next meeting.

200/2016. Holyport

Cllr Kneen advised that the leak has now been sorted out and Steve Taylor is taking care of repairs. Cllr Walters thanked Cllr Kneen for all the hard work put into sorting the benches on the Green. Cllr Kneen advised that work is now underway on the first stage of sorting the trees out, with dead branches being removed.

201/2016. Chairman's Business

Nothing to report

202/2016. RBWM Update

Report by Borough Ward Councillor on borough activities

Cllr Dudley advised that the timetable for the local plan will be presented to the panel later this month. Cllr Walters advised that Councillors wanting information about planning should read 'Safe under us', which can be found on line.

2 members of the public left the meeting

203/2016. Correspondence and Councillors Forum

Correspondence List

Request received from Marilyn Coppinger to use Holyport Green to hold a Carol Service on 16th December for an hour from around 6:00

Decision to allow proposed by Cllr Kneen; Seconded Cllr Yates; Vote unanimous

Request received from OGAFCA to erect a Christmas Tree on the public space in Fifield Village

Decision to allow proposed by Cllr Yates; Seconded Cllr Burbage; Vote unanimous

Request received from RBWM to use the Bray High Street car Park as a recycling point for Christmas Trees

Decision to allow proposed by Cllr Pierce; Seconded Cllr Burbage; Vote unanimous

Cllr Yates advised that the Royal Estate will now be using the Pheasant Pens as Deer enclosures and will no longer stop dog walkers using the area.

The Clerk had been advised of the concerns of a local resident with regards to a number of accidents recently, one of which had been caused by speeding, to which the resident had requested that consideration be given to reducing the speed along the Drift Road. The resident was also concerned that traffic sightlines are being impaired by the height of vegetation causing blind spots particularly at the following junctions; Hawthorn Hill and A330, Drift Road at Birdhill roundabout and Fifield Road and A308 Maidenhead Road.

204/2016. Date of next Council Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 31st October 2016.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.