



# Bray Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 IN BRAYWOOD MEMORIAL HALL, FIFIELD ROAD, FIFIELD, BERKS.**

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### **PRESENT:**

Alexander Ward:	No Councillor present
Dedworth Ward:	No Councillor present
Bray Ward:	Cllr K Elvin (Chairman) Cllrs C Graham, M Pierce
Holyport Ward:	Cllrs B Bou-Sreih, P Janikoun, L Kneen,
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward:	Cllrs N Marsh, C Yates 4 - Members of the public 1- The Press The Clerk - Mrs S Cook

### **068/2017. Chairman's Request**

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

### **069/2017. Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dudley, Wilson, Burbage, Kiely, Walters and Glover. There were no declarations of interest received or dispensations issued.

### **070/2017. Health and Safety**

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

### **071/2017. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A local Fifield resident raised her concerns with the Parish Council about reported news that Courtney Buses would be ceasing a number of bus services at the end of April. She asked the Parish Council to ensure that RBWM keep and improve in particular bus service 16a, which is a vital service to those families on low incomes, mentioning that there is no alternative public transport service to either Maidenhead or Windsor. She mentioned that there is no service that supports commuter use to Maidenhead, the lengthy wait if using the service to access local hospitals and the lack of evening service. She asked why additional monies had not been made available to the current provider and reiterated that the local community was potentially faced with no public transport service at all. Cllrs discussed the matter and agreed the importance of the bus link and that the local community needed a sensible and timely service. It was agreed that a suitable form of words would be found for inclusion as an agenda item at the planning meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **072/2017. Parish Finance**

#### Spring 2017 Newsletter

The proposal for the Clerk to incur expenditure of up to £1,350 for printing and delivery of the Spring 2017 Newsletter was approved subject to proof reading of the draft newsletter. Proposed Cllr Kneen, Seconded Cllr Marsh; Vote unanimous.

### **073/2017. General Matters**

#### BPNP Meeting with RBWM

Cllr Elvin reported about the recent meeting with RBWM attended by himself, Steve Adams, Cllr Graham, Cllr Kneen and the Clerk, where a discussion concerning the progress of the BPNP had been held with Jenifer Jackson, Robert Paddison, Cllr Wilson and Cllr Bateson. It had been agreed with RBWM that they would advertise the BPNP consultation and discuss arrangements for the inspection.

#### Co-opting of Councillor - Update

Cllr Elvin advised that following the advertisement for a Councillor, three members of the public had put themselves forward for co-option to the Parish Council. A number of Councillors had offered to be on the panel to meet the candidates. Cllr Yates proposed that due to his experience that Cllr Graham chair the panel and that three additional councillors from each of the wards take part. It was further agreed that the Clerk would ask each of the ward councillors who had offered to be involved to agree between themselves who the ward representative should be and to work with Cllr Graham to set up meeting times and dates.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

#### Request for funding a comprehensive response to BLP Regulation 19 consultation

In view of the likely impact of the RBWM Borough Local Plan on Bray Parish, following the regulation 18 consultation, and the anticipated limited time scale for the next consultation. It is proposed that BPC should allocate up to £10,000 to be used to facilitate a timely and comprehensive response to this document. At this stage it is anticipated that the monies will be needed for expert advice and/or publicity however, as the process moves on, this emphasis may change. The monies would be under the stewardship of the Bray councillor's involved in preparing the parish's response to the Borough Local Plan.

The above proposal was thoroughly discussed by Councillors before the proposal to adopt was made by Cllr Kneen; seconded by Cllr Graham. The following councillors voted for the motion; Cllr Kneen, Cllr Graham, Cllr Elvin, Cllr Pierce, Cllr Bou Shreih, Cllr March and Cllr Yates. Cllr Janikoun voted against the motion.

#### **074/2017. Date of the Annual Electors Meeting**

The Annual Electors Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.