



Bray Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 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 S Dudley, B Bou-Sreih, L Kneen, L Walters,
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward:	Cllrs N Marsh, C Yates
	4 - Members of the public
	1 - The Press
	The Clerk - Mrs S Cook

214/2016. Chairman's Request

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

215/2016. Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Burbage and Janikoun. Cllr Wilson had advised he would be late. There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

216/2016. 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 reports for September and October 2016, all areas were satisfactory with no high risk items.

217/2016. Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Kneen; Seconded Cllr Bou Sreih; Vote Unanimous

Matters Arising

Phoenix Gym had submitted another SUDs report to RBWM which has been refused. In response to a query Cllr Dudley advised that RBWM will have to continue reviewing these submissions indefinitely. He further reported that the funding request to RBWM by Phoenix Gym will not be considered until the planning conditions have been satisfied but understands that there is now no urgency for them to move from their existing site.

218/2016 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked to speak to the meeting regarding the B3024, A330 and A308. The Chairman asked if these agenda items should be brought forward which was unanimously agreed. The initial concern raised was about the detrimental effect preventing Lorries from using the A330 is having on the B3024 and the Drift Road. Concerns about the speed of traffic, how the additional and in particular heavy goods traffic is causing the verges to break up and also the speed of traffic using the B3024 and Drift Road be raised and a request that a traffic count takes place to show the increase in traffic made. Cllr Marsh mentioned that local residents had asked for a traffic survey to take place and advised that it looks as though this is now taking place on the Oakley Green Road; she corroborated the concerns raised and made further mention of the number of Lorries that

are reversing at Fifield Road. It was proposed that this was taken up again with RBWM, which was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Yates mentioned an additional issue, advising that traffic is being held up by cyclists; Cllr Kneen reiterated this concern, who asked if cyclists should be requesting permission from RBWM to be able to hold cycling trials and was advised this was the case. Cllr Elvin added his concern about the unlit, unmarked side outside Braywick Cemetery, which he has reported to RBWM Highways. It was unanimously agreed that Smart Motorway will make the problems on A330 and A308 much worse than currently.

A further concern was raised about the length of time taken by RBWM concerning a planning application put in by a member of his family in June, which is still pending consideration. Cllr Kneen mentioned that she had checked the website and that a decision has been made, but the website has not been fully updated.

The meeting was advised that the Water Oakley site may not be developed by the current developer but may be in the process of being sold on, that a further application for planning on the site may be made and that it is likely that the gravel site will be put into use before the houses are built. Pre submission archaeological works have been undertaken on the area opposite Water Oakley and so it is likely that planning applications may soon be submitted.

219/2016. Report from the Clerk

Please refer to the notes at Appendix (a)

220/2016. Parish Finance

Finance Working Group (FOWG)

A meeting took place on 20th October 2016. Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix (b).

Spending Decision Report

Details of the following expenditure can be found on the Spending Decision Report at Appendix (c)

Approval for the Clerk to spend up to £775 for the replacement of hedging whips in St Michaels Churchyard

Proposal to approve the expenditure of up to £775 for the replacement of hedging whips in St Michaels Churchyard. Cllr Marsh asked why we were incurring expenditure for the Churchyard and Cllr Graham advised it is part of the responsibility of the BPC. The cost of watering was discussed.

Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Graham; Vote Unanimous

Approval for the Clerk to spend up to £200 for works to the Millennium Sun Dial

Proposal to approve the expenditure of up to £200 for works to the base of the Millennium Sun Dial

Proposed Cllr Kneen; Seconded Cllr Graham; Vote Unanimous

Approval for the Clerk to spend up to £1,350 for printing and delivery of the Autumn 2016 Newsletter

Proposal to approve the wording and funds of up to £1,350 for printing and delivery of the Autumn newsletter. A request was made to change the reference to the proposed decision on expansion at Heathrow and this was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Airey; Seconded Cllr Kneen; Vote Unanimous

Approval for the Clerk to spend up to £360 for the printing of Business Cards for Parish staff and Councillors

The proposal to approve the printing of Business Cards for Parish staff and Councillors was discussed. Some Councillors would prefer to have identity cards and these Councillors should advise Cllr Kneen of their preference for business cards or an ID card to be produced by RBWM. The proposal was amended so that those who want business cards can

have them and those who want identity cards to let Cllr Kneen know who will arrange with Cllr Dudley.

Proposed Cllr Graham; Seconded Cllr Walters; Vote Unanimous

Approval for the Clerk to spend up to £260 for the planting of 4 trees on Bray Green

The proposal to approve the expenditure of up to £260 for the planting of replacement trees on Bray Green was discussed, along with the need for watering which will be kept under review.

Proposed Cllr Walters; Seconded Cllr Airey; Vote Unanimous

Approval for the Clerk to spend up to £500 for a replacement bin in Aysgarth Park

Proposal to approve the expenditure of up to £500 to replace the bin in Aysgarth Park, which is broken

Proposed Cllr Kneen; Seconded Cllr Airey; Vote Unanimous

Grant Application – FC Holyport

The proposal to approve a grant request from FC Holyport for £1,960 for the purchase of a storage container, wheel dollies and set of Samba goals was discussed. Cllr Marsh was surprised that the club has not applied to the FA for grass roots football, but it is believed this has now closed. It was agreed that the Council would approve payment of £1,000.

Proposed Cllr Elvin; Seconded Cllr Walters; Vote Unanimous

Grant Application – Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice

The proposal to approve a grant request from Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice for £200.00 towards running expenses was discussed. Cllr Pierce wanted to know if anyone from the area uses the hospice and the Clerk is to request this information before a grant can be approved.

Payments List

The Clerk confirmed the total of the payments list of £21,829.07 plus VAT of £487.91 making a grand total of £22,316.98.

Decision: Cllr Elvin proposed approval of the payments list; Seconded Cllr Airey; Vote Unanimous

221/2016. Reports from Other Working Groups

Finance And Operations Working Group (FOWG)

A meeting took place on 20th October. Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix (a).

Cllr Pierce asked about how many plots have been given up at Gays Lane, final numbers are not yet available so the Clerk will update the Council at the next meeting.

Land Management Working Group

A meeting took place on 23rd September. Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix (d).

Cllr Walter asked about the Set Stones on Holyport Green. Cllr Kneen provided an update regarding the state of the stones by Holyport Pond and asked Cllr Walters to take this up with Street Care.

IT Working Group

A meeting took place on 22nd September. Please refer to the notes from the meeting at Appendix (e).

S106/CIL Working Group

No Meeting to report.

Strategy Working Group

Cllr Elvin mentioned that it would be advisable to have a Strategic Working Group to plan for future projects and use of S106/CIL monies, that Cllr Elvin would approach ward

members to form the initial group where the Terms of Reference would be set out and that any recommendations would come to Main Council for approval.

One member of the public left the meeting.

Newsletter Working Group

No Meeting to report.

222/2016. General Matters

BPNP

Cllr Graham advised the meeting that the approved plan needed to be accompanied by a number of documents; all have now been completed apart from the statement of consultation, which is likely to take around three weeks. Cllr Airey thanked them for their perseverance.

Update on A308 at Upper Bray Road

Cllr Elvin reported to the meeting that an order to Virgin Media to move their equipment so that work can take place was issued by RBWM three months ago, however Virgin Media have not provided a date to do so. Cllr Elvin has asked RBWM if there is anything BPC can do to help but has not yet received a reply.

M4 Junction 3 to 12 Smart Motorway Scheme

- Cllr Janikoun had sent his apologies to the meeting; the only item to report was the compulsory purchase of Aysgarth Park, which was included on the Clerks report.
- Email received from local resident asking for an extension of the 'bund' on the North side of the M4 from J6 to J8/9, is to be followed up with the Highways Agency by the Parish Council.
- Suggested road modifications A330 / Willow Drive. Cllr Walters updated the meeting advising the solution approved by BPC appeared at the time to be the best option, but following review RBWM will have better control under the delegated powers than the planning application, which has now been withdrawn. Cllr Elvin asked that this is made known to local residents who feel that they will be worse off and are now pursuing this with the Highways Agency. Cllr Walters will ensure that residents in Willow Drive are updated. The meeting was advised that part of Mill Lane is also facing compulsory purchase; a copy of the order will be given to Cllr Graham.

Report of Parish Conference

Cllr Elvin reported on the meeting, thanking Cllr Yates for his presentation on Braywood War Memorial, and advising that the Council will need to understand the ramifications of CIL funding. Cllr Airey will arrange for Jennifer Jackson to provide CIL training. Cllr Elvin went on to mention about the problems of communication with RBWM Officers, which he has asked to be a topic at the next Parish Conference. Cllr Yates asked about the purpose of the meetings, Cllr Graham advised that it is a platform for RBWM to explain to Parish Councillors changes that are occurring and vice versa.

Cllr Wilson joined the meeting.

Report of Legoland Consultation meeting

Cllr Marsh updated Councillors on the discussions held with Legoland regarding their plans to use land in Bray Parish for onsite chalet style accommodation and for additional indoor rides, so that they could extend the season at Legoland. Many of the concerns raised were to do with traffic and Legoland believe the way forward is to extend the season through an increase in indoor rides and by additional hotel spaces. There will be no change to the entrance of the park. Cllr Yates asked why there is a restriction on some of the parking; it was explained that this is a general planning restriction for parking on Greenbelt. The Council will await further details and were pleased to be consulted.

Act of Remembrance 13th November 2016

It was agreed that Cllr Pierce would lay the wreath at Bray war Memorial, Cllr Dudley would lay the wreath at Holyport, Cllr Marsh would lay the wreath in the Braywood Memorial Hall and also at Braywood.

Planning Application 16/03035/Full Hotel at Windsor Racecourse

The planning application for a hotel at Windsor Racecourse was discussed. Of concern to Councillors was the impact of infrastructure. It was proposed that this is discussed at the planning meeting next week and Cllr Airey will present the plans. Proposed Cllr Elvin, seconded Cllr Kneen, vote unanimous.

223/2016. Alexander, Dedworth and Oakley Green & Fifield

Manor Grove Update

Cllrs Glover & Marsh reported on the meeting with Daniel Akam from Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust, which was very helpful. Martin Wolmer was at the launch of Wild Maidenhead and is very happy to get involved with BPC at Manor Grove. A quote has now been received from RJC to clear the area. Cllr Marsh thought it would be useful for a member of the LMWG to make a connection with Wild Maidenhead to look at the diversity in the cemeteries and other areas we have responsibility for.

Speed and lorries on Oakley Green Road B3024

Although this item had been discussed during Public Question Time, Cllr Elvin made reference to a telephone call the Clerk had received from a local resident who was very concerned about the Fifield Road junction, advising that three cars in five years had crashed into his garden. Cllr Elvin had contacted Grenville Annetts of OGAFCA to find out what is happening and was concerned that RBWM had not completed the promised amended plans for the Fifield Road, Oakley Green Road Junction, so he will chase RBWM for a follow up.

224/2016. Bray

Nothing to Report

225/2016. Holyport

Nothing to report

226/2016. Chairman's Business

Cllr Elvin reported on the initial consultation attended at Thames Valley Hospice by Cllr Elvin, Cllr Graham and the Clerk, advising that they have plans to build a 28 bed facility plus a day centre on the A308 between Tithe Barn Drive and Court Place. There will be 166 employees including peripatetic staff. Observations regarding traffic, low profile buildings and access to the lake were made. It is expected that plans will be submitted in the New Year.

Cllr Elvin attended the Fisheries AGM along with Cllr Wilson and other Oakfield Councillors, issues discussed were a footpath on Hibbert Road, the increase in traffic on Upper and Lower Bray Roads along with speed of the traffic. They have reservations about communications and actions with RBWM, Cllrs Dudley and Wilson will be meeting with Barrie Mair.

Following the news that the third runway at Heathrow had been approved, Cllr Elvin invited Councillors to comment. Cllr Dudley advised that there is a manifesto to protect residents from expansion of Heathrow, explaining the case is to be reviewed by RBWM and the other local boroughs who along with Greenpeace are opposed to the expansion, he further advised that there are significant concerns regarding air quality which cannot be met. Cllr Elvin felt that the project cannot be stopped but that BPC must make our concerns felt about the potential problems associated with it and expect to do our best to mitigate the effects. Cllr Elvin asked Cllr Dudley to keep the Council informed.

Cllr Kneen proposed that BPC write to Theresa May MP raising our concerns about the strains that it puts on the infrastructure around Bray, asking for reassurance that flight paths will not impact on residents further, that we want to protect our country and already have issues with pollution locally. Chris Nash at RBWM is to be asked to advise the Clerk on

the content of the letter, which will be reviewed at the next meeting, seconded by Cllr Yates, vote for 11, against 1, abstain 1

227/2016. RBWM Update

Update on RBWM Local Plan

Report from Cllr Wilson, the regulation 18 consultation will take place between 2nd December and 13th January 2017. There will be a range of sites where comments and views may be expressed. The Regulation 19 consultation will take place after public responses have been reviewed. Plans with regards to Heathrow will not be included as this will not impact on housing for some time, however if Heathrow does continue then a five year review will be triggered and potentially other sites will then to be considered.

228/2016. Correspondence and Councillors Forum

Correspondence List

The Clerk mentioned the planned expansion of the Water treatment works at Bray.

Cllr Graham mentioned the proposed 20mph speed limit in Windsor, and asked if it would be possible to upgrade the current 20mph speed limit in Bray to an enforceable 20mph speed limit. Cllr Dudley advised that the police will not enforce but that the Council can put a speed limit in place.

Cllr Graham asked if there had been a change in ownership of Hanover Mead. Cllr Dudley will ask the chief Executive.

229/2016 Local Government Act 1972

Exclusion of the Public

The Parish Council considered passing the following resolution:

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1-7 of part I of Schedule 12A of the Act".

Decision: Proposed Cllr Kneen, Seconded Cllr Wilson, Unanimously agreed.

The Clerk left the meeting.

230/2016 Date of next Main Council Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 12th December 2016.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.