



Bray Parish Council

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 24th MAY 2012 IN BRAYWOOD MEMORIAL HALL, BRAY, BERKS.

PRESENT:

Alexander Ward:	Cllr H Howard
Bray Village Ward:	Cllrs C Graham (Chairman), S Adams, D Mellor Cllr M Pierce,
Dedworth Ward:	(Vacancy)
Holyport Ward:	Cllrs A Monks, L Walters, P Janikoun, N Basterfield
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward:	Cllrs J Foulger, C Yates Mrs J Eden-Bagley – The Clerk Mrs C Carter – Administration Assistant 50 attending members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Elvin, Cllr Kneen, Mrs Woodley, former Bray Parish Clerk, and Cllr Burbage RBWM. Please refer to the Attendance List as at Appendix A.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN 2011

The Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2011 were signed as a true record.

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Graham welcomed everyone to the 117th Annual Electors Meeting and outlined the items on the agenda for the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

Cllr Graham introduced the Right Honourable Theresa May, Member of Parliament for Maidenhead, Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities who gave a keynote address on the following topics:

- Neighbourhood Planning
- Local broadband connectivity issues
- Local Schools
- Proposed new super hospital

Cllr Graham thanked Mrs May for taking the time to attend the meeting and giving an extremely interesting address and invited questions from the floor. A number of questions were raised about broadband issues, advertising banners on lampposts and the proposal for a new super hospital on the junction of the M4. At the end of the session Cllr Graham thanked Mrs May on behalf of the Parish Council and the audience for her attendance.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST YEAR

Cllr Graham gave the Chairman's Report as at Appendix B.

LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT

Cllr Howard gave a report on the activities of the Land Management Working Group as at Appendix C.

PRESENTATION OF PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AWARDS FOR 2011/12

Cllr Foulger gave a power point presentation to show the properties nominated for this year's Parish Environmental Planning Award and confirmed the recipients of the award as follows:

- Keith Travell and Anne Baraniecki for the work on Jasmine Cottage, Bettoney Vere, Ferry Road, Bray, SL6 2BA.
- Mr & Mrs Drewett for the work on Ann Duels House, Holyport Street, Holyport, SL6 2JR.
- Mark Bird Building Contractors Limited who had carried out the work on Anne Duels House.

Cllr Foulger presented two of the recipients with award certificates.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS INVITED FROM RESIDENTS

Cllr Graham asked for questions from the floor.

Member of the public - raised concerns about the caravan/camping club at the former Queens Head Pub site. Cllr Graham confirmed the borough's enforcement team have looked into this and there is no issue as they are operating within the legal frame work for a caravan/camping club.

Member of the public - raised concerns about the traveller site on the Windsor Rd. Cllr Graham referred to the 3 year temporary permission which has been granted with a number of conditions. The parish council will liaise with the borough to ensure the conditions are met.

Member of the public - reported the wall associated with the Real Tennis Club recently collapsed and the owner(s) has been told to make repairs. As this is in a conservation area the question was asked as to how will this be controlled. Cllr Coppinger responded he is aware of the situation and the work will fall under building control.

Member of the public - referred to the amount of signage on the A308 in the vicinity of the petrol garage and Brayfield Farm which is unsightly and distracting to drivers. Cllr Graham responded the borough's enforcement team monitor this on a regular basis and take action to ensure that businesses use the legally appropriate amount of signage.

Several members of the public – reported problems with traffic in a number of areas and it was pointed out that parked vehicles at the end of Fifield Rd regularly block the view onto the A308. Cllr Coppinger responded that he is aware and understands the whole area has traffic problems. This is a very difficult issue which the borough will continue to look into.

As that concluded the questions from the floor Cllr Graham thanked everyone in attendance and invited the audience to join the Parish Councillors for light refreshments.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.