



Bray Parish Council

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018 IN HOLYPORT MEMORIAL HALL, MONEYROW GREEN, HOLYPORT, BERKS.

PRESENT:

Alexander Ward:	No Councillor present
Dedworth Ward:	No Councillor present
Bray Ward:	Cllrs K Elvin (Chairman), C Graham, S Kiely, B Millin, M Pierce,
Holyport Ward:	Cllrs B Bou Sreih, F Hattey, L Kneen, L Walters,
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward:	Cllrs N Marsh, C Yates 49 - Members of the public The Clerk - Mrs S Cook The Assistant Clerk – Mrs J Bailey

Introduction and welcome by Cllr Ken Elvin

Cllr Elvin welcomed everyone to the 122nd Annual Electors Meeting and outlined the items on the agenda.

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th April 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2017 were signed as a true record.

Presentation by Patrick Griffin (RRAG) on the concerns of the RBWM Residents Action Group and the Borough Local Plan, followed by a questions and answers session

In his presentation to residents a number of concerns regarding the Borough Local Plan were raised, these included the lack of communication during the development of the Borough Local Plan, whether RBWM did need to meet the required housing targets due to constraints such as Green Belt and flood plain, concerns that Affordable housing is not affordable within the Borough and the very real problems regarding existing infrastructure. This was followed by a Q&A session.

Presentation by Cllr Ken Elvin and Cllr Chris Graham on the Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan followed by a questions and answers session

Background to the Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan was provided with Cllr Graham explaining the process of the plan to submission to RBWM in November 2016. He continued the story explaining what had happened since; that the plan was submitted for examination at the end of September 2017; that the report had been received from the Inspector in Mid October 2017 but that the Inspector had mauled the plan and effectively took out a number of important requirements for local residents including the 'Green Gap' on the A308. The final chapter is that Bray Parish Council and the Steering Group are looking to discuss the modifications suggested by the Inspector with RBWM with a view to better reflect the wishes of the residents, following this, the plan will be finalized and if approved by BPC, RBWM will begin the process of holding a referendum. Bray Parish Council and the Steering Group currently believe that the modified plan does not reflect the views and expectations of the residents. A Q&A session followed the presentation.

Presentation by Cllr Louvaine Kneen on Planning, how it is handled by BPC & the role Parish Councillors play

Cllr Kneen explained the process of planning, the information provided to the Parish Office by RBWM, the work that Parish Councillors undertake towards making recommendations on planning applications and the impact that Green Belt, Conservation Area and Listed building policies have on the recommendations that can be made. She explained that recommendations can only be made in line with the National Planning Policy Framework and that if a recommendation for refusal is made that current Borough Policies are used for explanation. Cllr Kneen explained what residents can do; encouraging residents to discuss any concerns they may have with the applicant, but if they are not addressed residents can

lodge concerns on the RBWM Planning Portal, as well as discussing concerns with the planning officer, presenting Parish Councillor; Borough Councillors as well as presenting their concerns to the Council at the relevant parish planning committee meeting. A Q&A session followed.

Presentation of Awards

Cllr Elvin thanked the many residents who volunteer within the community, including those who deliver newsletters and serve on various committees. He went on to mention that the Parish Council wanted to recognise the public service of an individual within the parish community and that when this was discussed by the Council, all agreed that there was one individual who during the year had provided the sort of public service applauded by the Parish Council and that person was Martin Cox, who amongst his other work had brought to the attention of the Parish Council the lack of Publically Accessible Defibrillators within the Parish.

Cllr Elvin then presented Mr Cox with a certificate and a small gift.

Annual Report presented by Ken Elvin – Chairman Bray Parish Council

Cllr Elvin addressed the meeting covering in his address the concerns of the parish council over the reduction of Parish Greenbelt, the effect of additional traffic, communication with RBWM, parish finances, ongoing projects, planning and the impact in the wider area of M4 Smart Motorway and the Heathrow 3rd Runway proposal. For the full report, please see appendix a)

Open Forum

Cllr Elvin asked residents if they had any further questions for the Council and a request was made by a representative of Holyport FC who explained the club is growing from 200 members to 250 and that they are struggling to find sufficient pitches on which to play. The lack of pitches was discussed and Cllr Elvin suggested that a meeting hosted by the Parish Council with Holyport Memorial FC should take place to see if some reciprocal arrangements would be possible.

Following the open forum Councillor Elvin thanked everyone for attending and invited residents to join Councillors for light refreshments.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm