



Bray Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BRAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY 25th JUNE 2018 IN BRAYWOOD MEMORIAL HALL, FIFIELD ROAD, FIFIELD, BERKS.

PRESENT:

Alexander Ward:	Cllr J Glover
Dedworth Ward:	Cllr N Pellew
Bray Ward:	Cllrs C Graham (Chairman), S Kiely, B Millin, M Pierce
Holyport Ward:	Cllrs F Hattey, L Kneen, L Walters,
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward:	Cllrs N Marsh, C Yates
	1 - The Press
	9 - Members of the public
	The Clerk - Mrs S Cook

057/2018 Chairman's request

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

058/2018 Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance

The Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Graham and the Clerk.

059/2018 Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Bou Sreih, S Dudley and K Elvin. Cllr Wilson advised he would be late to the meeting.

The following declarations of interest were made;

Personal

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Cllr C Yates	62/2018	Member of Maidenhead Gold Club

060/2018 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 provided a summary report on the Play Areas reports for June 2018 advising that there were two high risk items, these were items that had been vandalised by travellers and which the Clerk has requested be repaired. There were no items in the accident book.

061/2018 Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 were approved.

062/2018 Public Question Time

Merv Foulds addressed Councillors about plans for a new Maidenhead Golf Course if the Borough Local Plan is approved. The proposals are to be placed before golf club members on 26th June for approval and if members approve the plans the golf club will proceed with plans for a new club on the Biffa Land. The Golf Club Committee fully understands the issues regarding drainage and traffic in the area and is keen to work with not only RBWM but the Parish Council and local residents.

063/2018 Clerks Report

Included on the report (please refer to Appendix a) was an item referring to recent illegal incursions by travellers onto Parish owned land about which the Clerk gave a presentation regarding the law and procedures covering eviction. Following this item 65.3 was brought forward so that improving security on Parish owned land could be discussed. It was agreed that instead of one rising bollard being placed at each of the entrances to Jubilee Field and Bray Green, that two rising bollards would be installed and that the Clerk would ask Maidenhead Sports Club if they would share the cost of installing the bollards at Jubilee Field. It was further agreed that the security of Holyport Green would be the main topic for discussion at the LMWG meeting on 20th July.
Proposed Cllr Graham, seconded Cllr Millin, vote; unanimous.

064/2018 Appointment of members to Committees and working groups

Councillors discussed the proposed membership of the various committees and working groups from the report provided by the Clerk. The proposal to accept was made by Cllr Pierce; Seconded by Cllr Kneen; Vote; unanimous

Review of Terms of Reference

The proposal to accept the recommendations of the various committees regarding the adoption of the Terms of Reference for Committees was discussed. The proposal to accept was made by Cllr Marsh; Seconded by Cllr Kneen; Vote; unanimous

065/2018 Parish Finance

Finance Committee (FOWG)

A meeting of the committee took place on 15th June 2018 please refer to Appendix b)

List of payments made by Direct Debit, Standing Orders or BACS

The proposal to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding approval of the list of direct debit, standing orders & BACS payments was discussed, the proposal to accept was made by Cllr Graham; Seconded by Cllr Yates; Vote; unanimous

Spending Decision Report

Details of the following expenditure can be found on the Spending Decision Report, please refer to Appendix c).

Request for the Clerk to advertise the Grass Cutting Contract and General Contractor quotes

The report sent out by the Clerk was discussed and the proposed adverts reviewed. Cllr Yates proposed that the Clerk be allowed to spend up to £500 to advertise the contracts; Seconded by Cllr Glover; Vote; unanimous

Request for the Clerk to engage a Solicitor to write up the Grass Cutting Contract

The report sent out by the Clerk was discussed. Cllr Yates proposed that the Clerk incur expenditure up to £300 to engage a solicitor to write up the contract. Seconded by Cllr Marsh; Vote; 8 For, 3 Against, 0 Abstained.

Request to purchase the BT box outside the Olde Red Lion to house a defibrillator

The proposal for the Clerk to spend up to £1.00 so the Parish Council may purchase the red BT box outside the Olde Red Lion on the Oakley Green Road to house a defibrillator was discussed. Proposed Cllr Yates; Seconded by Cllr Glover; Vote; unanimous

Request for the Clerk to purchase a defibrillator to be placed on the outside of Braywood War Memorial Hall

The proposal for the Clerk to spend up to £2,000.00 having now received funds from a local company so a defibrillator may be placed at Braywood War Memorial Hall was approved. Proposed Cllr Kneen; Seconded by Cllr Walters; Vote; unanimous

Payments List

Approval to pay accounts of £16,952.27 plus VAT of £220.95 making a total of £17,173.22 on the payments list
Proposed; Cllr Glover, Seconded; Cllr Yates, Vote; unanimous

066/2018 General Matters

Update on Parish Stakeholder Group Meeting held 14th June 2018

Cllr Graham gave some background to the purpose behind the stakeholder group advising it had been set up to give Parish Councils the opportunity to have some involvement in the planning documents being developed by RBWM post the Borough Local Plan. He mentioned his expectation of seeing documents regarding affordable housing and traveller site plans but that to date there have been no discussions of any value regarding these. He does however find the group to have some worth.

Report on the Parish Conference

Cllr Graham gave a report about the recent Parish Conference, which was also attended by Cllr Wilson and the Clerk. He mentioned that the meeting had seen a significant change in that it was jointly chaired by both Mandy Brar, DALC Chairman and Cllr Bateson and is now recognised by RBWM as a joint body. Cllr Simon Dudley had been invited to address the meeting and gave his view that it is not good for Parish Councils to be politicised and this view is to be incorporated into the Parish Charter. Cllr Graham was pleased to have the opportunity to meet Ashley Smith, Deputy Head of Planning, who he felt spoke with common sense about planning issues. Finally Cllr Graham encouraged all Councillors to attend the next Parish Conference, which will be on 30th October.

Changes to Thames Valley Hospice Flood Mitigation measures 18/01313/VAR

Cllr Marsh opened the topic saying what a sterling job had been done by Andrew Cormie of Holyport Residents Association in summing up the issues regarding the changes to the Thames Hospice flood mitigation measures. Cllr Kneen agreed and suggested that permission be obtained from Mr Cormie for the Parish Council to use his paper in the response from the Parish Council. Cllr Graham proposed that the Parish Council delegated the response to Cllrs Kneen and Marsh, which was seconded by Cllr Yates. Vote 10 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

067/2018 Bray

Request from RBWM for a trial removal of the barrier at the eastern end of The Causeway

The proposal for the temporary removal of the barrier at the eastern end of The Causeway to see if it improves access for disabled residents to Hibbert Road was discussed. Cllr Graham gave some background to the installation of the barrier, advising that the Parish Council had requested it as a measure to ensure cyclists dismounted as a safety measure for the dog walkers and other pedestrians who used the pathway. There was also concern that if the barrier were removed it could possibly make it easier for travellers to access Jubilee Field. Cllr Graham proposed that the Parish Council advise RBWM that it does not want to see the barriers removed, but that it would be open to the barriers being moved to improve access to disabled users. Seconded by Cllr Kiely; Vote; unanimous.

068/2018 Holyport

Speeding in Holyport

Cllr Kneen expressed her disappointment that the recent speed survey on Holyport Street had not been undertaken in the area requested and was in ongoing discussion with Highways about this. Cllr Hattey advised that a number of speed checks had now taken place along Holyport Street, covering nearly all times of the day. She had been encouraged by the results, which showed speeding was not as excessive as initially thought, but was disappointed that local residents who had offered to be involved had not been available to take part.

Councillor representative for Holyport War Memorial Hall

The request for the parish councillor to be elected to the Holyport War Memorial Hall Committee was discussed, Cllr Hattey would like to be involved but needed further information regarding the number of meetings. Cllr Yates felt it was important for the Parish Council to be represented on the Committee, in particular during the refurbishment of the hall. Cllr Graham proposed that the Parish Council Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Hattey ensure there is representation at Committee meetings between them and asked the Clerk to obtain a calendar of meeting dates. Seconded; Cllr Walters, Vote; unanimous

Request for use of Holyport Green

Proposal for 'The George' to use Holyport Green for the 'Rodeo Bull' event that will take place during the annual celebration on 26th August
Proposed; Cllr Kneen, Seconded; Cllr Glover, Vote; unanimous

Review of proposed traffic calming measures for Moneyrow Green

Councillors discussed the proposed traffic calming measures proposed for Moneyrow Green, but felt there was insufficient information regarding this proposal and asked for a presentation to be made to the Council at its next meeting, along with the latest traffic survey supporting such measures.
Proposed; Cllr Graham, Seconded; Cllr Pierce, Vote; unanimous

Proposal for the speed limit in Holyport Street to be reduced to 20mph

Councillors discussed the proposal and it was agreed that Cllr Kneen would look into the impact of signage in the area further and report back to Councillors;
Proposed; Cllr Kneen, Seconded; Cllr Hattey, Vote: For 8, Against 2, Abstained 1.

069/2018 Fifield

Concerns of the Parish Council at the lack of information regarding cycling events and the routes involved

Cllrs Marsh and Kneen reported on the incident that made Headline news across the country concerning a horse and its rider being hit by a cyclist. Cllr Kneen had previously raised concern at the lack of notification regarding the routes for the various events that take place across the Parish and Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to Borough Ward Councillors and the event organisers, Human Race to ask why neither Bray Parish Council nor residents were informed about the Triathlon event that took place on Sunday 17th June and to seek confirmation that for all future such events the Parish Council will be consulted on the route that will be taken through the Parish and that it will be clearly advertised to local residents and the Parish Council. The Clerk is to also obtain confirmation regarding the licensing of such events, the conditions imposed and who by. The Clerk will discuss who to contact with Cllr Wilson who is the Chair of the Cycle Forum.
Proposed; Cllr Graham, Seconded; Cllr Walters, Vote; unanimous

070/2018 Chairman's Business

In his absence Cllr Elvin had recommended that RBWM be asked to attend the M4 Smart Motorway meetings being held by Highways England at Holyport War Memorial Hall, Dorney Village Hall and The Nicholson Centre to field questions from residents.

Cllr Graham advised that he would be attending the hearing sessions for the Borough Local Plan representing the Council and reporting on Matter 1, legal compliance and the Duty to Co-Operate.

071/2018 RBWM Update

Cllr Walters advised that the Lodge Farm application would be heard by the Maidenhead Panel in August.

Cllr Walters left the meeting.

072/2018 Action List

The Action List was discussed and the Clerk will update the report.

073/2018 Correspondence and Councillors Forum

An email from a local resident regarding concern that Summerleaze may close their site in Maidenhead and relocate to Monkey Island Lane has been sent to the Clerk. There are two questions that have been asked of RBWM Planning that remain unanswered which are; During what hours and on which days was the licence to operate in this location granted to the company? And 'We question whether this is being adhered to – or if unbeknown to us and without consultation conditions have been changed? Cllr Graham asked for the item to be raised with enforcement.

Cllr Kneen advised that the bench on Holyport Green had been vandalised but is due to be repaired. Cllr Kneen also mentioned the duct tape on the lamp posts on Holyport Green and asked that the Holyport Fair be asked to remove the duct tape and repair any damaged paintwork.

Cllr Hattey mentioned that the allotments at Gays Allotments had been raided of fruit and veg and asked for additional security measures to be considered.

Cllr Millin asked if there was any update regarding the replacement of the Bailey Bridge.

Cllr Graham reminded Councillors about the Open Gardens event in Bray.

074/2018 Date of next Main Council Meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 13th August 2018.

The meeting finished at 9:40 pm