



# Bray Parish Council

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## THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 IN BRAY VILLAGE HALL, BRAY, BERKS.

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### PRESENT:

Alexander Ward:	Cllr J Glover
Dedworth Ward:	No Councillor present
Bray Ward:	Cllrs K Elvin (Chairman), S Kiely, B Millin, M Pierce,
Holyport Ward:	Cllrs S Dudley, F Hattey, L Kneen,
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward:	Cllrs N Marsh, C Yates
	38 - 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 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Electors Meeting and outlined the items on the agenda.

### To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were signed as a true record.

### Presentation by Nick Cooper and Steve Pate on the progress of the M4 Smart Motorway project

Unfortunately Mr Cooper was delayed by traffic and so the start of the presentation was provided by Mr Pate. Mr Pate gave some background to the reason for the upgrade, explaining that other such projects in the country had seen improved traffic flow and are meeting safety objectives. Mr Pate explained that the 50mph restrictions are to help keep traffic flowing but also to protect workers and that the main concern is to keep the M4 open and working for as much of the project as possible. He explained that any closures are planned for night time, but that there would be weekend closure along parts of the motorway when old bridges are blown up. The intention is that new bridges are put in place online, meaning that they are built alongside the old bridges, and the only closures will occur when the new bridges are connected to the existing road network. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session, with residents commenting on the loss of habitat, which it was confirmed will be replaced. Concerns regarding access for wildlife, to which it was replied that ecologists work in front of the work teams to ensure animals such as badgers are not put in danger and confirmation in response to a query that the project is currently on time.

### Presentation by Geoff Hayes on the history of the Bray Fire Engine, the Millennium Sun Dial, The Real Tennis Club and New Lodge

Mr Hayes gave an informative and interesting presentation on a number of areas in the Parish, including a more detailed history of the Bray Fire Engine.

### Presentation of Awards

Cllr Elvin thanked the many residents who volunteer within the community, including the Holyport Literatti. He went on to mention that the Parish Council wanted to recognise the public service within the parish community and that when this was discussed by the Council, all agreed that the project to refurbish the Holyport Telephone box into a Book Swap had been a brilliant idea, bringing youngsters into the community ethos of doing something not just for themselves but something that would benefit others and commended the community spirit shown by those involved. He went on to speak about how the idea had come about and the work that had been needed to bring the project to life.

Cllr Elvin then presented Mrs Pickering, representing her daughter Tate and Mrs Kirsty Clark with a certificate and a small gift each.

### Annual Report presented by Ken Elvin – Chairman Bray Parish Council

Cllr Elvin addressed the meeting covering issues such as the incursion of parish land by travellers on 5 or 6 occasions during 2018 and ongoing work by the Parish Council to discourage further incursions, the setting up of the Traffic and Highways working group chaired by Cllr Yates to formalize concerns about issues along A308, A330, HGVs on B3024 and speed limits and the work by members of the Council on consultation regarding Traveller Sites, Housing Design Standards and Heathrow Third Runway. He spoke about finance and projects that had been completed during the year along with highlights from the 2019/20 budget and projects that are planned for

the next few months. Cllr Elvin thanked all those who have worked with the Council over the past year for the efforts and dedications. For the full report, please see appendix a)

**Open Forum**

Cllr Elvin asked residents if they had any further questions for the Council and concerns about the increasing amount of traffic travelling through Bray Village was raised.

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

The meeting closed at 9:25pm

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