



Minutes of the Land Management committee meeting held at the Jubilee Room, Braywood Memorial Hall on 7th October 2022 at 12:34pm

Present:

Cllr K Elvin, Cllr L Kneen (Via Teams), Cllr D Wilson (Chairman), Mr M Greenough (Maidenhead & Bray Cricket Club), Ms. E Cope (Clerk) and Ms. D Hampshire (Clerks' Assistant).

LM 022/2022 To note apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham and Cllr Walters.

LM 023/2022 To approve the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 15th June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th June 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

LM 024/2022 Review of the task list

The Clerk provided an update of the task list. It was agreed for the Parish office to review and where possible remove some of the older, completed tasks.

The Clerks' Assistant has been researching options for funding the replacement pathway at Bray allotments, so far receiving a negative response to requests from charity organisations such as the Heritage Lottery Fund and Entrust (Land Community Fund). Further research to be completed, with a report at the next meeting.

Cllr Wilson suggested contacting Berkshire College of Agriculture to discuss possible options for offering the work as a project for students. Parish office to action.

LM 025/2022 To receive the Play areas reports for July, August and September

The play area reports were circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

The Clerk reported a recent meeting with RJC Landscapes to discuss ARD recommended low/medium level repairs. RJC Landscapes will start with the Jubilee play area at Bray to complete required works, include cleaning of equipment and completing small repairs, with further work at Aysgarth Park and Springfield Park to be discussed over the next few weeks.

LM 026/2022 Councillors to consider the request to add a non-turf cricket pitch to Jubilee Field

Cllr Wilson invited Mr Greenough to provide an overview of the request.

Mr Greenough reported the Cricket Club as having a strong presence within the community, achieving the England and Wales Cricket Board ECB "Clubmark" accreditation in 2004, along with being a "focus" club in 2020, especially in girls' cricket.

The non-turf pitch is particularly beneficial for the junior section which has well subscribed under 11's, under 13's and under 15's teams.

The addition of a non-turf pitch would avoid delays caused by damp weather, particularly during the early season games and provide a more stable surface for players.

Mr Greenough noted funding currently available, enabling the club to provide such a valuable facility.

Cllr Elvin advised that BPC are not in fact owners of Jubilee Field, but long-term leaseholders from RBWM, BPC then sublet the field to the Maidenhead and Bray Cricket Club for a nominal annual fee of £25.00.

The Clerk advised full examination of the lease prior to a decision with Cllrs agreeing to the proposal in principle, requesting further research prior to recommendation to Main Council.

[LM 027/2022 Bray Village tree report](#)

Councillors received a report regarding a recent insurance claim, involving a property at The Terrace, Bray.

[LM 028/2021 Update on Manor Grove ditch](#)

The Clerk updated Cllrs regarding Manor Grove ditch.

Cllr Elvin provided a report of the recent meeting with RBWM Officer Ben Crampin and Environment Agency Advisor Brianna Vally. The aim of the meeting to discuss flooding concerns within Fifield village, along with the blocked culvert at Manor Grove. Cllrs were advised by Ben Crampin that the culvert beneath the Fifield road has silted up, obstructing the flow of water through the channel.

Cllr Elvin confirmed that RBWM have written to all adjacent landowners to request clearance of their respective areas of the ditch.

Cllrs approved for the Clerk to write to residents adjacent to the entrance of Manor Grove to advise of ditch clearance work required along with expected costs.

[LM 029/2022 To receive a report on the allotments](#)

Councillors were advised that the current lease for Bray allotment is due for renewal September 2023. The Deputy Clerk had contacted the landowners' solicitors to discuss, with an update at the next meeting of the LMC.

The Clerks' Assistant thanked Cllr Pierce and Cllr Wilson for their time to complete the annual allotment competition judging, reporting a successful competition. This year's winners were very pleased to receive personalised certificates.

Tenancy renewals are ongoing, with only 4 plots currently available for new tenants.

The Clerks' Assistant reported on a recent meeting with Amy Lovell, Area Activator, GoodGym. It is hoped that an effective team of volunteers can complete various tasks within the allotments and cemetery, which would be beneficial for both parties.

[LM 030/2022 Request to keep bees on Gays Lane allotment](#)

The Parish office has received a request to keep bees. Cllrs discussed and requested further investigation prior to discussion at the next LMC meeting.

[LM 031/2022 Update from the Parish office](#)

The Clerk reported incidences of fly tipping within Aysgarth park. The Parish office wrote to all residents within the boundary of the park requesting removal. In the main this was a successful exercise.

A systems update notice has been received for several BPC owned defibrillators. John Pointer has kindly completed the required electronic update and replaced any expired pads.

The Parish office proposes to offer first-aid and defibrillator training, with John Pointer kindly offering his time for free. The aim is to hold a morning session at the Braywood Memorial Hall prior to Christmas closure.

LM 032/2022 Bray Parish Cemetery

The Clerks' Assistant reported damage to the cellar cover on the outbuilding. Cllrs approved for the Parish office to seek quotes for clearance of rubbish and to permanently secure the area.

The Parish office received reports of drug use within the Chapel porch, RBWM Community Wardens visited the site with the Clerks' Assistant and have agreed to include the area within their regular patrols.

Cllrs approved the purchase of a replacement sign at the entrance to the Cemetery at a cost of £160.00

The Clerk reported meeting with Tara Daka, Neil Curtis and Sons Funeral Directors and Neil Lamb, Lamb and Co to discuss repair of some of the older untended graves within the Cemetery, along with ongoing maintenance of more recent plots.

LM 033/2022 Carter's Steam Fair

Cllr Wilson remarked how lovely it was to see the fair return to Holyport green, noting however that 2022 is the final year in the current ownership. Carter's notified the Parish office of their intention to sell earlier in the year.

LM 034/2022 Councillors to consider the request for a memorial bench

Cllrs discussed the proposed bench, feeling however that the 30 Queens' Jubilee saplings were more appropriate as they form part of the Queens' Green Canopy project.

Cllrs approved planting some of the saplings in the area of Bourne Bridge, with an appropriate plaque.

A plaque to commemorate the Queens' reign would be considered for display on one of the current benches within Holyport.

LM 035/2022 Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 12:30pm

LM 036/2022 Local Government Act 1972 Exclusion of the public

The Chairman will move that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public shall 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

As only two committee members present in the room, Cllrs were unable to consider the quotes presented. The Clerk was requested to re-present at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:40pm.