

Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at 7:00pm at Braywood Memorial Hall

Present:

Bray Ward:	Cllr S Cross, Cllr K Elvin (Chairman), Cllr C Graham, Cllr M Pierce
Fisheries Ward:	Cllr J Phillips
Holyport Ward:	Cllr D Wilson
Dedworth Ward:	Cllr N Pellew
Oakley Green & Fifield Ward	No Councillor present
Clerk / RFO:	Ms E Cope
Deputy Clerk:	Mr B Inglis
Thames Valley Police:	PCSO Matthew Wingrove, Sergeant Phil Collings, Rebecca Tobin (Cadet Leader), Mr Billy Alderman and Christina Knight (Cadets)
Members of the public	16

Introduction and Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend.

Presentations by local community groups

1. Mrs Barbara Frame representing OGAFCFA, spoke about the work to improve the local area for residents, along with plans for summer community events.
Barbara was pleased to report the recent addition of two new members to the group and thanked Bray Parish Council for the grants awarded to OGAFCFA which help fund the hanging baskets, printing costs of the quarterly newsletter along with event insurance, and to support the running costs of Fifield Fun Day, 6th August 2023.
2. Mr Andrew Cormie representing Holyport Residents Association, spoke about the history and current work of the community group. Highlighting issues faced within Holyport village, particularly traffic concerns and over-development, also of ongoing work to improve life for residents.
3. Effie Marinos and Gill Hudson representing the Holyport Community Trust, spoke about the committees work to upgrade and improve the hall and outdoor facilities, along with plans for the summer fair, Saturday 3rd June, cinema club and other events.
4. Mike Charleton and Ian Jenkins, Bray Memorial Hall Trustees spoke about Bray village hall. The redecoration and upgrade of the building including the addition of a licenced bar, along with events to mark the centenary of the building during the summer.
5. Thames Valley Police , PCSO Matthew Wingrove spoke about his work within the parish, which includes regularly liaising with the parish office on such issues as anti-social behaviour, abandoned vehicles on the highway and within the parish managed car parks, fly-tipping and reports of homelessness and rough sleeping. Matthew also gave an overview of his work with the police cadets, a group of 13- to 18-year-olds volunteering their time to learn about policing and support their local community.
6. Thames Valley Police Cadets Billy Alderman and Christina Knight, spoke about their work within the community, outlining projects completed, including work with other young

people, vehicle crime prevention work and alongside trading standards, which was well received.

Annual Report presented by the Chairman, Bray Parish Council

Chairman Ken Elvin presented the Annual Report for the year 2022-23, noting that Bray Parish Council continue to lobby RBWM on topics dear to the hearts of the residents, particularly on the many ongoing planning concerns, including but not exclusively AL21 South, West Windsor and AL26 South of Bray Lake, the proposed Holyport studios and Harvest Hill among others.

Associated traffic issues continue to concern the council, which has approved to purchase a Speed Indicator Device, which will be sited at various locations within the parish, collecting data and hopefully deterring speeding motorists.

Councillor Elvin reported that a number of Community Speed Watch groups are forming and with the help of Thames Valley Police, these groups will soon be monitoring local problem areas.

Air-quality monitoring continues with the addition of four new sites, results from 2022 can be found on the parish website or by contacting the parish office.

Councillor Elvin called for volunteers to assist with deliveries of the bi-annual parish newsletter. Covid-19 significantly depleted volunteer numbers, it is the councils aim to make a hard copy available to every resident. Thanks to Good Gym and OGAFCA for their support and coverage of Holyport, the A308 and Oakley Green and Fifield areas respectively.

Staffing in the parish office, now includes Ms. Esther Cope (Clerk/RFO), Mr Brian Inglis (Deputy Clerk) and Ms. Dawn Hampshire (Clerks' Assistant), the day-to-day business of the parish continues with regular grass cutting, playground inspections together with maintenance of various assets, for example Bray Parish Council maintain St Michael's churchyard and the outdoor war memorials, together with the Chapel and Cemetery on Windsor road.

During 2022 the council awarded grants of over £10,457 to various organisations within the parish, a valuable source of income to local community groups and charities.

Councillor Elvin encouraged residents to use the RBWM Report-it online portal, for all potholes, uncut verges, and hedges and the like.

To conclude, after the recent uncontested elections, May 4th, the council have vacant seats within Bray, Holyport and Fifield and Oakley Green. If residents would like to be considered for co-option, then please contact the parish office for more information.

Open Forum

The Chairman then invited those in attendance to ask questions, after which lively discussion took place. Light refreshments were served, allowing all to circulate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm.