

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7:00pm Monday 25th September 2023 held at the Braywood Memorial Hall

Present:

Bray Ward:	Cllr S Cross, Cllr K Elvin (Chairman), Cllr J Filipczak-Korczak Cllr C Graham, Cllr M Pierce
Fisheries Ward:	Cllr J Phillips
Holyport Ward:	Cllr L Kneen, Cllr B Tavinor, Cllr L Walters, Cllr D Wilson
Dedworth Ward:	Cllr N Pellew
Oakley Green and Fifield Ward:	Vacant Seat
Members of the public:	5, Martin Hall (OGFRA) and Cllr E Larcombe (Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury Ward)
Clerk:	Ms. E Cope

070/2023 Chairman's request

The Chairman requested that all mobile devices be switched off for the duration of the meeting, reminding all in attendance of the fire safety regulations for the venue of the meeting.

071/2023 Apologies for absence, declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies were received from Cllr Glover.

Cllr Korczak declared an interest in item 081.003 as a Trustee of Bray Village Hall.

071.001 To consider granting a dispensation for Cllr Walters for a further period of 3 -6 months

Cllr Walters was in attendance, so item not discussed.

072/2023 Health and Safety

The Clerk advised no reported accidents.

The ARD Playground report for September was circulated prior to the meeting.

073/2023 Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.

074/2023 Public Question Time

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public, to make representations, ask questions and address the Council about matters of local concern.

Cllr Larcombe, spoke regarding his concerns that RBWM appear to have abandoned flood defenses. With many watercourses untended. Noting that powers from Government are in place, but there is no obligation of duty.

075/2023 Co-Option

The Clerk advised no new applications for co-option.

076/2023 Clerks Briefing

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Plans are in place for Remembrance Sunday, including road closure requests.

Community groups have been contacted regarding requirements for Christmas trees, with advice for only qualified electricians to connect lights on any public display and to ensure equipment is PAT tested, where necessary.

PKF Littlejohn have confirmed conclusion of the external audit FY2022-23, noting one advisory. The Clerk noted that should residents wish to view the accounts, then application is required in writing to the Parish office.

077/2023 Remembrance Sunday

Council approved for wreaths to be laid at the four war memorials within the parish: Bray (Cllr Korczak), Braywood Memorial Hall, Fifield (Cllr Elvin), Holyport (Cllr Tavinor), and Oakley Green (Cllr Pellew or Cllr Glover).

The request from Braywick School to lay a wreath at Bray was approved.

Clerk to contact other local schools, Brownie, and Scout Groups to ascertain interest in wreath laying. Clerk to action.

078/2023 Planning Committee

To discuss the proposed legal challenge against permitted outline planning application **22/01354/OUT** – Outline application for access only to be considered at this stage with all other matters to be reserved for the construction of up to x320 new homes, land for a Special Educational Needs (SEN) school, a multi-functional community building alongside an area of strategic open space including play spaces and orchard planting together with associated landscaping, car parking, footpath/cycle connections and vehicular access on to Dedworth Road, following demolition of existing structures.

Land Bounded By Willow Path And The Limes And Windsor Road And Dedworth Road And Oakley Green Road Oakley Green Windsor

Cllr Kneen reported that crowd funding organised by RBWM Ward Councillors Wisdom Da Costa and Andrew Hill had sadly failed to reach its target, and that RBWM state that further comments will not be considered.

Cllr Cross thanked Cllr Kneen for her hard work behind the scenes on this and many other applications, which residents and BPC consider detrimental to the parish.

BPC currently monitors 13 air quality sites within the parish, it was approved for the results of this study to be shared with Andrew Hill.

Martin Hall, Resident and representative of OGFRA, advised that AL21 North (application 22/00934/OUT) would be called to panel by RBWM and AL21 South (application 22/01354/OUT) has already been approved.

Cllr Elvin noted that the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State had commented on oversupply within the Borough Local Plan (BLP) but allowed the Borough to continue.

Councillors agreed that BPC have previously employed legal advisors but consider in this case it would not be money well spent.

Cllr Graham proposed not to fund a legal advisor for this case Seconded: Cllr Pierce Vote: 9 for 1 abstain.

It was approved for Cllr Pellew to attend and speak on behalf of BPC at The Windsor and Ascot Development Management Committee meeting on Thursday 5th October, with regard to application **23/00582/REM – Land Adjacent The Hatch and South of Maidenhead Road and North of Windsor Road Water Oakley Windsor**.

PROPOSAL: Reserved matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 22/00934/OUT for erection of up to 135 new dwellings, areas of public open space including play spaces and pocket allotments, together with associated landscaping, cap parking, footpath/ cycle connections and vehicular access onto Maidenhead Road.

A report to be included in the next Planning Committee Meeting, Monday 9th October 2023.

079/2023 Newsletter Working Group

Cllr Elvin reported on the meeting held Wednesday 6th September 2023.

It was approved for the Clerk to share the proposed newsletter to all Councillors prior to printing. Clerk to action.

The Council thanked Clerks' Assistant Dawn Hampshire for her work collating articles and information for the newsletter.

080/2023 Traffic and Highways Committee

Cllr Cross gave a report from the meeting held Monday 18th September 2023.

080.001 To receive an update on the community speed watch project

Cllr Cross thanked BPC for their support, with the purchase of an Automatic Speed Watch Camera and residents for stepping up to help with the sessions, noting that Thames Valley Police have approved 21 locations within the parish and 16 volunteers are currently being trained to use the equipment.

Information and contact details for the sessions will be included in the parish newsletter, due for publication at the end of September.

080.002 Holyport roundabout A308/Holyport road, meeting with RBWM Officer, Tim Golabeck 18th September 2023

Cllrs Cross and Cllr Elvin attended the meeting, advising RBWM that residents are strongly against the proposed traffic lights. RBWM Officers agreed to present a proposal to upgrade the current roundabout to Cabinet, with a request to improve visibility.

080.003 To update council on the request to reduce the speed limit on the A308

Cllr Cross detailed ongoing work between BPC and Holyport Residents Association (HRA) to secure a lower speed limit on the A308 between Monkey Island Lane to the east and the M4 bridge, Holyport to the west, with hopes that an extension of the 30-mph limit to the Braywick roundabout would be deemed sensible.

RBWM considered the request at the Oversight and Scrutiny Panel Meeting, with 8 to 1 vote in favour. The next step is for the proposal to be considered at the Cabinet meeting, Tuesday 27th September. Cllr Cross and Mr Andrew Cormie (HRA) are to speak in favour of the reduction at the meeting.

Action: Cllr Cross to provide a report at the next Traffic and Highways meeting.

Cllr Elvin advised that RBWM have historically received money to complete a study of the Braywick roundabout, however, to date no solution has been presented, also that approved plans for a roundabout at Bray Studios are yet to be actioned.

081/2023 Land Management Committee

Cllr Graham reported from the meeting held Wednesday 20th September 2023, noting that over 30 projects have been completed during the council year. The Maintenance and upgrade of the Bray Parish Chapel is progressing well, including refurbishment of the chapel office and cloakroom, clearance of guttering and replacement windows and door to the office. Requirements for parking and use of the main chapel are also being considered by the committee, with thanks to Cllr Pellew for his initial investigation and report.

Work to clear areas within Holyport ditch, the Bourne and clearance of Bray slipway are ongoing, along with upgrades to the play areas.

A quote to complete a tree survey will be presented to council at the next meeting.

081.001 To consider a suitable donation to the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Sunday

A donation of £500. was approved

Proposed: Cllr Graham Seconded: Cllr Wilson Vote: All

081.002 To consider approval of the proposed Tennis Hire Policy

Proposed: Cllr Graham Seconded: Cllr Kneen Vote: All

081.003 To consider and approve purchase of community Christmas trees

Cllr Korczak requested that Bray village receive a Christmas tree, feeling the addition of a tree would promote community spirit and support the planned Christmas Fair on the 9th December. The village hall have a suitable area for display and an electrical connection.

Councillors approved for the purchase of 4 trees, which would be donated to Bray village, Holyport village, Fifield village and Braywood Memorial Hall.

Proposed: Cllr Graham Seconded: Cllr Kneen Vote: 9 for 1 abstain

081.004 To consider donating non period fire hoses and fire bucket to Hampshire Police and Fire Heritage Trust

Proposed: Cllr Graham Seconded: Cllr Elvin Vote: All

082/2023 BALC and DALC update

Cllr Wilson advised that attendance to the recent BALC AGM was poor resulting in the meeting being non-quorate. Cllr Wilson encouraged Councillors to attend training courses offered by BALC. Clerk to share information.

Councillors requested more training within east Berkshire and via Teams, Cllr Wilson confirmed he would pass this request on.

Cllr Elvin advised that progress with DALC was slow and hoped to provide an update at the next meeting.

083/2023 Bray and the Fisheries

Cllr Phillips advised that planning permission for Zaman House had yet again been delayed.

Cllr Pierce requested that the Land Management Committee consider the requirement for weed treatment within St Michael's church. Clerk to include in the next agenda

083.001 To consider the request from Maidenhead & Bray Cricket Club to allow overflow parking on Bray green, 3rd November 2023

Approved to delegate to the Clerk.

084/2023 Holyport

Cllr Walters provided an update on plans to create two houses adjacent to the Lodge, Holyport Green.

Cllr Kneen advised that two further trees, Pamela Row, and a Conifer adjacent to the Cricketers have died and need removing. Action: Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Cross confirmed that Holyport Litteratti, meet the first Sunday of every month at Londis, Stroud Farm to complete a litter pick, the next meeting being Sunday 1st October at 11:00am, residents and Councillors are welcome to join.

085/2023 Fifield, Oakley Green and Dedworth

Cllr Pellew provided an update on the residents' issues with parking, particularly with the recent development of the Squires site, Maidenhead Road, Windsor.

Cllr Elvin noted that contractors now appear to be parking along the old Maidenhead Road, noting concerns about a distinct lack of consideration for residents parking within new developments.

086/2023 Chairman's Business

Cllr Elvin confirmed that he would Chair the next Planning Committee meeting, 9th October.

087/2023 RBWM Update

Cllr Cross reported on her meeting with RBWM Flood Risk Manager, Ben Crampin. Visits to 3 sites of concern, Fifield, Holyport and Les Lion Polo. The meeting included residents to allow discussion of areas of concern. Once the information has been collated a plan of action will be formed to enable resolution.

087.001 Cllr Cross to report on her attendance of the RBWM webinar, Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

The meeting held 20th September identified that biodiversity is in decline.

A report of the meeting will be published in due course.

088/2023 Correspondence and General Matters

The Clerk advised of correspondence received, noting that Citizens Advice East Berkshire are holding their AGM on the 28th September. Any Councillors interested in attending can contact the Clerk for more information.

089/2023 Date of next meeting Monday 13th November 2023 at 7:00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50pm.