

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7:00pm Monday 23rd September 2024 at the Braywood Memorial Hall

Present:

Bray Ward:	Cllr S Cross, Cllr J Filipczak-Korczak, Cllr M Pierce
Fisheries Ward:	Cllr J Phillips
Holyport Ward:	Cllr L Kneen, Cllr R Tavinor, Cllr L Walters, Cllr D Wilson (Vice-Chairman)
Dedworth Ward:	Cllr J Glover, Cllr Pellew
Oakley Green and Fifield Ward:	Vacant seat
Locum Clerk:	Mr S Hedges
Members of the public:	A Member of the Public and a member of staff were also present

For Information: Cllr Wilson chaired the meeting.

067/2024 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.

068/2024 Apologies for absence, declarations of interest and dispensations

Apologies were received from Cllr Elvin.

069/2024 Health and Safety

No items were reported.

070/2024 Minutes from previous meetings

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Resolved: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 12th August 2024 be approved as presented.

071/2024 Public Question Time

The meeting was adjourned to allow those also in attendance to address the Council before recommencing.

A Member of Public addressed the meeting highlighting outstanding issues as well as offering to provide an update to Members on planning matters.

For Information: It was noted that the outstanding issues were being followed up. The Chairman advised that the offer of the update could be accommodated following the conclusion of the meeting.

072/2024 Bray and the Fisheries

An update was provided regarding the Bray Village Fete, it was noted that it was a very successful event and all concerned were already looking ahead to the next year's event.

073/2024 Fifield, Oakley Green and Dedworth

It was noted that the intended Fifield Fun Day update was deferred due to the recent bereavement of an individual associated with the event.

The meeting was informed that an update regarding the site identified as AL21 in the Borough Local Plan would be provided at the Planning Committee. It was noted that concerns still existed.

074/2024 Holyport

Members highlighted various planning matters including that the appeal decision was awaited, Holyport Lodge and various enforcement issues that remain outstanding.

075/2024 Payments List

Details of various payments had been detailed on the agenda.

Resolved: That the payments be approved as presented.

076/2024 Planning Appeal Statement of Case

The meeting was informed that the Council's Statement of Case as a Rule 6 participant of the appeal (application reference 22/03374/OUT) had been compiled, circulated and submitted within the specified timescale. It was noted that the submission was in accordance with Members' expectations.

Resolved: That the Statement of Case be approved and its submission acknowledged.

077/2024 Addition of Signatory to Bank Account

Members considered the addition of the Vice-Chairman to the bank mandate.

Resolved: That Cllr Wilson be added as a signatory to the Council's banking arrangements.

078/2024 Motion in accordance with Standing Order 8

Minutes amendment.

The Locum Clerk informed the meeting that whilst the motion had been submitted both as advised and in accordance with Standing Order 8(a), it was suggested that it was unable to be implemented as intended due to the Standing Order in question being a reversing mechanism and not an amending vehicle and that Minutes, once approved, stand as the official record and therefore cannot be amended. It was further suggested that the motion sought to amend a narrative and not a resolution.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the motion and whilst the technicality was acknowledged, there was a desire expressed to enter the motion's content into the record of this meeting. It was noted that as the approved Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024 could not be amended, a motion using wording from the original submitted for this item to provide a retrospect of the narrative within Minute Reference 012.008 would be informational only.

Proposal: That the following be recorded for information only –

“The Chair denied Mr. Camplin’s request to speak in order to address the inaccuracies he perceived. Despite repeated instructions from the Chair to remain silent, Mr Camplin continued to speak out. The vote count began, but midway through, the Clerk left the room. As a result, the Chair closed the meeting, stating it could not proceed without the Clerk.”

Vote: For – 7, Against – 0, Carried.

079/2024 RBWM Update

Borough Councillors Cross and Walters provided an update on Borough Council matters including:

- The Borough continues to face financial difficulties which is due to be looked at during the next Full Council meeting
- The Golf course development decision has been postponed
- The Merchant Navy flag raising took place at the Battle of Britain service
- The Ferndale bus stop has been fixed

For Information: *With the conclusion of Part I of the agenda, a short adjournment took place before continuing.*

080/2024 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Exclusion of the public

Resolved: That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, the public shall be excluded from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.