

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7:03pm Monday 15th April 2024 at the Braywood Memorial Hall

Present:

Bray Ward:	Cllr S Cross (Acting Chairman), Cllr K Elvin, Cllr J Filipczak-Korczak, Cllr M Pierce
Fisheries Ward:	Cllr J Phillips
Holyport Ward:	Cllr L Kneen, Cllr R Tavinor, Cllr L Walters
Dedworth Ward:	Cllr J Glover, Cllr N Pellew
Oakley Green and Fifield Ward:	Vacant seat
Members of the public:	Mr James Camplin
Clerk:	Ms. E Cope

Cllr Elvin advised those present that he had invited Cllr Cross to Chair the meeting as he was expecting to be unavailable.

167/2023 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.

168/2023 Apologies for absence, declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham and Cllr Wilson.

169/2023 Health and Safety

The Clerk advised that no accidents had been reported.

169.001 To receive the ARD Playground reports March and April 2024

A copy of the March report was shared prior to the meeting. The Clerk noted that ARD Playgrounds are yet to provide a copy of the April report.

170/2023 Minutes from previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

171/2023 Public Question Time

The meeting was adjourned for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow Mr James Camplin to speak.

Council approved for Mr Camplin to send his written comments to the Parish Office by email for a response.

172/2023 Co-Option

The Clerk advised no new applications for co-option but noted an expression of interest from a Bray resident for the Oakley Green and Fifield vacant seat. Information has been provided by the Clerk.

Councillors were reminded that Holyport also has two vacant seats.

173/2023 Clerks Briefing

The Clerk provided a report.

173.001 Councillors to consider continuation of the current subscription - RSN Rural Market Town Group

Councillors approved to continue the current subscription for FY2024/25 at a cost of £118. + vat

Proposed: Cllr Cross

Seconded: Cllr Elvin

Vote: 4 For

2 Against

3 Abstain

The proposal was settled by the casting vote of approval by the Chairman.

174/2023 To receive a report from the RBWM Flood Liaison Meeting, Tuesday 23rd January 2024

A copy of the agenda and minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Kneen advised that several reports had been submitted to Thames Water regarding sewerage leaking from the manhole cover by the Jolly Gardner Pub, Moneyrow Green.

Residents continue to report flooding concerns to RBWM, which include Wraysbury and other areas outside the Parish.

It was agreed that the Clerk would be copied on all information submitted by Cllr Kneen to RBWM regarding flooding concerns.

175/2023 To receive a report from the Traffic & Highways Committee Meeting, Monday 26th February 2024

Cllr Cross provided a report of the meeting.

The parking survey for Hibbert road has received nearly 30 responses to date. Clerks' Assistant to collate and provide a report.

Councillors thanked volunteer groups involved with the community speed watch for their ongoing hard work.

Cllr Korczak requested a report from the community speed watch group, noting the action from Main Council 15th January 2024. The Clerk advised for this request to be returned to the Traffic & Highways Committee.

[175.001 To review the Annual Status Report – Air Quality Monitoring 2023](#)

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Dr Ashley Mills, University of Kent notes continuing to see concerning readings at the old sites, with several of the new sites also showing relatively high readings.

Councillors approved to continue monitoring air quality which is considered poor. Cllr Cross advised of her attendance at the meeting on Thursday, RBWM People Overview and Scrutiny Panel which includes item 4. Air pollution – Revocation of AQMAs and Annual Status Assessment.

Action: Clerk to invite Dr Ashley Mills to report comparisons with World Health Organization figures. A report to Council at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to write press release using data from 2023, Cllrs Cross and Pellew to approve content prior to release.

176/2023 Update from the Newsletter Working Group Meeting, Wednesday 7th March 2024

Councillors reported receiving positive feedback from residents.

Councillors thanked Clerks' Assistant Dawn Hampshire for her hard work to present the newsletter in a timely manner, noting the high standard of presentation and content.

177/2023 To receive a report from the Land Management Committee Meeting, Wednesday 13th March 2024

A copy of the minutes were circulated prior to the meeting, Councillors were asked to comment. As there were no comments the meeting continued.

178/2023 To receive a report from the HR Committee Meeting, Wednesday 10th April 2024

Cllr Glover provided a report of the meeting, noting that NJC unions are currently negotiating for the Local Government Pay Claim 2024/25.

Councillors were advised that the Deputy Clerk is currently off sick, due to an ongoing eye issue, date of return to be confirmed. Cllr Glover advised that a temp may need to be employed to cover the Deputy Clerks' 20hrs per week, which currently falls to the Clerk.

179/2023 To consider D-Day 80th commemorations, Thursday 6th June 2024

Councillors approved to offer a Royal British Legion Tommy statue to each of the 3 village halls within the Parish.

Approval for the Clerk to spend a maximum of £150. per statue. Should halls not wish to accept the offer, but be hosting D-Day commemorative events, then they may request a donation.

Proposed: Cllr Cross

Seconded: Cllr Glover

Vote: 7 For

1 Abstain

Action: Clerk to contact Trustees of Bray village hall, Braywood Memorial hall and Holyport memorial hall with the offer.

Cllr Kneen asked to be excused and left the meeting at 8:30pm.

180/2023 Bray and the Fisheries

Bray Ward Councillors provided a report of events in the Ward.

Cllr Korczak reported that the village hall has a series of events planned, including a Spring market and pre-loved sale on the 27th April 2024.

There is a meeting of the hall Trustees on the 7th May, all residents are invited to attend.

Cllr Cross reported that a small portion of funds raised by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event had funded the replacement Cedar tree planted at St Michael's church. A donation of £73.48 has been received.

181/2023 Fifield, Oakley Green and Dedworth

Fifield, Oakley Green, and Dedworth Ward Councillors provided a report of events in the Ward.

Cllr Pellew reported on his meeting with G&W Groundworks to discuss proposals to increase parking within the Bray Parish Cemetery. The Clerk to present 3 quotes to the Land Management Committee for consideration.

Cllr Pellew reported on his meeting with the Clerk and Tim Middleton, Rural EV Charging to discuss options for the addition of EV charging points within the Parish car parks. Information to be shared with the Land Management Committee at the next meeting.

The Clerk noted that once a firm proposal had been submitted, the information would be shared with the village halls for their consideration.

Cllr Glover advised that paintings displayed within Braywood Memorial Hall are by a local artist and are for sale.

The hall continues to be busy with many events planned. See <https://braywoodmemorialhall.org.uk/events> for more information.

The community orchard has recently been planted by a team of volunteers, a new hedgerow is being considered along with the addition of solar panels for the roof and EV charging points for visitors to the hall.

182/2023 Holyport

Holyport Ward Councillors provided a report of events in the Ward.

Cllr Tavinor raised concerns regarding the number of HGVs using the Ascot Road to access Legoland. Cllr Cross acknowledged the negative effect on both residents and the road surface, Long Lane. Cllr Cross advised a discussion with Legoland Divisional Director Helen Bull Cllr who confirmed permission had been granted by RBWM.

The Council have been advised by residents of hazardous waste burning within Moor Farm, Ascot Road. Residents have unsuccessfully reported to Environmental Health and RBWM.

Action: Clerk to seek to escalate with both Environmental Health and RBWM.

183/2023 Chairman's Business

Deferred to the next meeting.

184/2023 RBWM Update

Councillors received a report from RBWM Ward Councillors Cllr Cross and Cllr Walters.

Councillor surgeries hosted by Cllr Cross have been well attended by residents.

RBWM continue to release public consultations, which have recently included: School Transport, Road Safety and Nature Recovery amongst many others. Action: Clerk to request no. responses received from residents.

Concerns regarding the finances of RBWM continue, with reserves dwindling.

Councillors consider likely to receive from RBWM a notice of Local Government Section 114 (bankruptcy). Cllr Cross noted a statement is due to be provided by the Borough imminently.

Cllr Korczak advised that as of January RBWM had introduced a new, two-tier pre-application advice service for householder planning applications.

The Council thanked Cllr Cross for speaking at the Maidenhead Development Management Committee meeting, Wednesday 20th March 2024. Representing BPC for item 186. 22/03374/OUT Land North and South of Gays Lane Maidenhead.

185/2023 BALC/DALC Update

A copy of the BALC March and April newsletter was circulated prior to the meeting.

There being no representative of BALC in attendance the meeting continued.

186/2023 Correspondence and General Matters

Deferred to the next meeting.

The Chairman asked Mr Camplin to leave the meeting to allow Part II to commence.

Mr Camplin left the room.

187/2023 Date of the next meeting Monday 20th May 2024