



Bray Parish Council

THE MINUTES OF *THE ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING* HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 2008 IN THE BRAY VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, BRAY, BERKS

PRESENT: Cllr D Coppinger (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs M Pierce, Mrs C Aspey, Mrs H Howard,
Cllrs J Foulger, N Basterfield, G Annetts, C Graham, C Langridge
Borough Cllr David Burbage
32 attending members of the public
The Clerk – Mrs C Woodley

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs P Janikoun, D Moores, A Monks and L Walters. Also from Mr and Mrs G Hayes and Mr J Hopkins. An attendance list was signed as at Appendix A.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN 2007

The Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2007 were signed as a true record.

WELCOME AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST YEAR

Cllr Coppinger welcomed all and gave his report as at Appendix B.

PRESENTATION OF PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AWARDS FOR 2007/2008

Cllr C Graham presented awards in respect of three recent new builds in the Parish:

To Mr and Mrs S Rinder for the barn conversion at Stroud Farm, Holyport.

To Mr and Mrs M D Chamberlain for the conversion of a bungalow to a house at Eastlea, Fifield Road, Fifield.

To Mr M J Herridge for the conversion of a bungalow to a house at 53 Windsor Road, Bray.

Cllr Graham then went on to report on Parish Planning over the last year citing the following number of applications dealt with by Bray Parish Council:

Number of Applications considered over the last year	212
Number of Applications in Bray ward	84
Number of Applications in Holyport ward	75
Number of Applications in Fifield, Oakley Green, Dedworth etc.	53
Number of Applications granted by RBWM in the Parish over the last year	129
Number which the Parish Council recommended for approval	123
Number of Applications in the Parish which were refused by RBWM or withdrawn	75
Number which the Parish Council recommended for refusal	54

Cllr Graham ended his presentation by making reference to the website of www.brayparishvillages.com for regular information on Planning applications reviewed by the Parish Council.

TO RECEIVE BRAY CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Mr M Coppcutt, the Honorary Treasurer of Bray Parish Charities gave a report highlighting organizations that had benefitted from Charity funds over the last year, to include £800 for books and outings for local schools and gave details as at Appendix C, of the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2007 and a history of the Charities.

TRIBUTE AND PRESENTATION TO ROBERT HOWES

Cllr Coppinger called for Cllr Mrs Pierce to give a short resume of Mr Robert Howes and his contribution to Bray Parish. Mr Howes retired from the Parish Council earlier this year, and was presented with a glass decanter in recognition of his services.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR DAVID BURBAGE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD

Borough Cllr David Burbage gave an interesting and informative talk on the plans for the regeneration Maidenhead Town Centre around the Queen Street Triangle and made reference to the Partnership for Rejuvenation of Maidenhead which can be contacted at PROM@rbwm.gov.uk.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ARE INVITED FROM RESIDENTS

To Cllr Burbage - Why is the Southern Relief road now off the Borough's agenda?

There is more traffic congestion build up at Maidenhead Bridge so a Southern Relief road would not alleviate this. Bray would also be an unsuitable route.

To Cllr Burbage from Cllr J Foulger. Would you agree with the style of architecture of the new Sainsbury's development in Maidenhead?

There has been a mixed reception to this building but it is part of the Borough Council's manifesto to make greater use of an architect's panel in order to avoid Maidenhead becoming another Slough.

To Cllr Burbage from Cllr C Langridge. Is there yet a timetable for the introduction of the Cross Rail Project for Maidenhead?

Nothing as yet but it is expected not to be too long in the future. There is a question whether it will terminate in Reading rather than Maidenhead but there is guaranteed funding for Cross Rail.

Cllr Coppinger thanked all in attendance for joining the Parish Council for the evening and cordially invited them to join him in a glass of wine and refreshments.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.