



Bray Parish Council

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2008

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The number of Councillors per ward is representative of head of population on the electoral role for each area.

Police Surgery Dates

Below is the next schedule of dates for the surgeries held in the shared area outside the Parish Office at Holyport Memorial Hall between the times of 6.00pm to 8.00pm as follows:

29th July 2008
19th August 2008
23rd September 2008
28th October 2008
13th November 2008
10th December 2008

If you have a problem or local issue to discuss with the police, please pop along. Alternatively you can contact the non-emergency number 08458 505 505.

On the 17th April we held the 113th Annual Electors Meeting at which our guest speaker was David Burbage, who is not only one of our Borough Councillors for Bray Ward but also the Leader of the Royal Borough. He spoke on the subject of the re-development of Maidenhead and answered questions from the floor. It was very pleasing for all of us that this meeting was so well attended. This newsletter focuses on many of the topics presented in my report and I will briefly cover here those subjects not addressed elsewhere. During the year we said goodbye to Mike Singh from Holyport and Bobbie Howes from Bray and welcomed new Councillors Neil Basterfield and Chris Langridge for Holyport and Ash Sharma for Bray. We now have our full compliment of 15 Councillors who take part in various Working Groups bringing in many cases, their own specific knowledge to the Parish and most important of all, investing heavily of their time. We have strived this year to strengthen our procedures and to continue to make ourselves more professional.

The Parish has purchased its own SID (Speed Indication Device) which is being positioned in rotation, on the speeding hotspots throughout the Parish. During the forthcoming year we will evaluate the effectiveness of this device and change positions and roads as required, to maximise the benefit.

On the subject of the Police, the Oldfield and Bray Neighbourhood Action Group was commenced with a public meeting last November. This is not a Parish Council initiative but myself, Cllr Chris Graham and Cllr Helen Howard are members of the Action Group and during the year we will be focusing on the three priorities set by the public meeting, that of anti social behaviour, speeding and burglary.

Providing facilities for the youth has driven much of our activity this year. We have provided Youth Shelters for open areas in Gays Lane and Aysgarth Park and will again be sponsoring the Borough Mobile Youth Facility in the car park of the Holyport War Memorial Hall to be held on 11-15 August along with a further two weeks when the mobile facility visits Dedworth and Alexander in August. I am delighted that the Borough has been able to double its grant to us this year for these activities.

Holyport is blessed with a superb Green and at the end of last year we were approached by South East Water to replace a water main which ran under the Green. An ongoing reinstatement programme is being carried out to cope with the resulting subsidence and large areas of mud, and should be completed in time for a number of summer events held on the Green.

That is definitely enough from me but please remember that if you want us to do something for the Parish you must talk to us.

*David Coppinger
Chairman*

You are Welcome to Visit.....

We welcome members of the public to our Council Meetings and Parish Planning Meetings. All meetings are held at Braywood Memorial Hall, Fifield commencing at 7:30pm. Forthcoming dates for Bray Parish Council meetings are as follows:

Monday	7th July	Planning
Monday	4th August	Planning
Monday	11th August	Main Council
Monday	1st September	Planning
Monday	15th September	Main Council
Monday	6th October	Planning

Visit our Website at: www.brayparishvillages.com

Police Neighbourhood Action Groups (known as NAGS)

Bray Parish is now covered by two NAGs, made up of Representatives of the Local Community, Councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and are now fully up and running.

The Alexander, Dedworth and Oakley Green Wards in our Parish come under the Clewer, Oakley Green and Dedworth Neighbourhood Policing area and our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is Gillian Hayes. After the recent Public Meeting, it was decided that the focus of activities for this year from April would be an Increase in Youth Provision, Speeding and Anti-social Behaviour.

The Bray, Holyport and Fifield Wards of our Parish (including Moneyrow Green, Hawthorn Hill and parts of Paley Street and Touchen End) are covered by the Oldfield and Bray Neighbourhood Policing area and our PCSO is Amy Shah. After the recent Public Meeting, it was decided that the focus for this year from April would be Anti-social Behaviour, Speeding and Burglaries.

If you wish to learn more about Neighbourhood Policing activities, please go to www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Not willing to talk to the Police?

CRIMESTOPPERS are completely independent. Call anonymously with information about crime and you could receive a reward.

CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111



Oakley Green And Fifield Community Plan

A lot has happened since the Spring Parish Newsletter. Two Open Events were held on February 25th and March 1st in Braywood Memorial Hall. A broad cross section of over 80 Residents attended and over 20 Volunteers signed up to help. From the almost 250 ideas put forward and the enthusiasm shown, it is clear that the local Community of Oakley Green and Fifield is ready to build a Plan for their future.

Since then, the number of Volunteers has grown and they have all met together three times. Six Work Groups have been formed in the following areas - Children & Youths, Communications, Community Safety, Environment, Roads & Transport, and Social & Recreation. These Work Groups are meeting regularly and have been:-

- ⇒ reviewing in more detail the Ideas and Issues that were collected at the two Open Events
- ⇒ establishing their boundaries so there is no overlap of effort between Groups
- ⇒ identifying their Key Stakeholders and local Service Providers
- ⇒ identifying data requirements and best sources to contact to find out more
- ⇒ thinking about potential solutions to issues raised
- ⇒ starting to formulate a Vision for the local area over the next 10 years

There is a long way to go and much hard work to be done before the development of a Draft Plan which will be presented to the whole Community for their buy-in, support and sign off before implementation - probably this time next year. Work Groups are also looking for "Quick Wins" which can be implemented in a short time frame.

Everyone is being kept informed about activities and progress made through regular Newsletters, the local Press and other media - so there should be no surprises. It is not too late to become involved. If you wish to make a contribution and/or put issues or ideas forward, please contact:

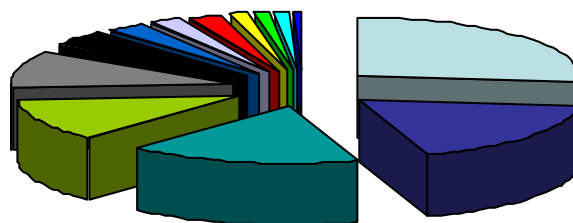
Cllr. Grenville Annetts on Telephone: 01628 784441 or email grenville.annetts@btinternet.com

Where the money goes

We receive money from three sources, the Precept (allocation from the Council tax), grants and Section 106 funds which can be allocated when a development takes place.



This coming year we have increased the Precept by 3% to £118,688 which is represented by our budgeted expenditure as shown on the pie chart below.



- Staffing Costs (26.51%)
- General Land Maintenance (18.50%)
- Grass Cutting (17%)
- Parish Office Administration (11.50%)
- S137 Expenditure (10.26%)
- Car Parks (4.38%)
- Street Lighting (2.81%)
- Traffic Management (2.31%)
- Play Areas (2.37%)
- Bus Shelters (1.35%)
- Allotments (1.14%)
- Cemetery & Churchyard (1.11%)
- Tennis Courts (0.66%)

Some of this money is used to make specific grants which we made over the last year to the following organisations:

Braywood Memorial Hall, Berkshire Blind Society, Bray Elderly Club, Bray for Britain in Bloom, British Legion, Holyport Football Club and the MS Therapy Centre.

Parish Planning Awards 2008

To raise awareness of the importance of careful planning and planning details, the Parish Council allocates Annual Planning Awards for, what is in its opinion the best “new build” over the last year having regard to:

- * Visual appeal for the project.
- * Suitability for the location and surroundings.
- * Benefit to the environment in general or the Parish in particular.

This Year the Parish Council were pleased to present three Awards and presentations were made by Councillor Chris Graham, Planning Committee Chairman, at the Parish Annual Electors’ Meeting. Congratulations to:



Mr & Mrs S Rinder at Stroud Farm, Stroud Farm Road, Holyport for the conversion of their barn.



Mr & Mrs M Chamberlain of Eastlea, Fifield Road, Fifield for the conversion of their bungalow.



Mr M Herridge of 53 Windsor Road, Maidenhead for the conversion of his bungalow.

From April 2007 to April 2008, the Parish Council received a total of 212 planning applications which the Borough Council asked us to comment on prior to their decision. Here are the statistics relating to those applications:

Planning in our Parish

Number of Applications in Bray Ward	84
Number of Applications in Holyport Ward	75
Number of Applications in Fifield, Oakley Green, Dedworth & Alexander Wards	53
Number of Applications granted by RBWM in the Parish over the last year	149
Number of which the Parish Council recommended approval	123
Number of Applications which were refused by RBWM or withdrawn	75
Number of which the Parish Council recommended for refusal	54

A big THANK YOU to all who responded to our Communications Questionnaire issued with the last Parish Newsletter. We have yet to analyse the results in detail and decide on our Communication Strategy. Meanwhile, here are a few early statistics for information:

Frequency of Newsletter	
3 Months	58
4 Months	16
6 Months	24
Yearly	5

Communication Method	Best Way to Communicate					No Response	BPC Current Performance					No Response
	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5	
Parish Newsletters	1	5	5	14	76	6	2	2	9	29	41	13
Local Newspapers	8	9	23	26	22	17	7	19	22	12	4	40
Parish Website	10	9	18	20	15	32	3	9	13	8	5	69
Parish Noticeboards	14	19	22	23	6	25	11	7	16	9	12	45
Public Meetings	8	19	19	14	20	26	12	10	19	11	5	29
Face to Face	12	14	16	9	27	28	17	11	8	2	4	60
Telephone	33	15	6	6	11	35	16	2	2	3	4	59
Email	9	4	13	19	23	35	25	3	6	1	6	66



Youth Week - Come along and join the fun!

The mobile Youth Scheme is visiting the Holyport Memorial Hall for the week commencing 11th August 12noon to 4pm each weekday. Bray Parish Council has also provided funding for two staff members for 10 days at the Multi- Use play area at Broom Farm Estate, Alexander from Monday 11th August. Activities to include: Mobile Skate Park, Football, Basketball, Cricket, Lacrosse, Sumo Suits, Inflatable Castle.

What is Section 106??

When a development takes place, whether it be a single house or a large development, the Royal Borough is entitled to make a levy on the developer to compensate for any increased demand upon the infrastructure. This can be for schools, libraries open spaces etc. Parish Councils are able to apply for this funding to help pay for community facilities. A prime example of how S.106 is benefiting our community will shortly be seen at AYSGARTH PARK. We have just heard that the Parish Council has been successful in securing some S.106 money to pay for a tree planting scheme costing around £13,000 along the bund between Aysgarth Park and the M4 motorway this autumn. This will help reduce noise and pollution to residents in Holyport.

Bray Pipeline Project

Work is in full swing on Southeast Water's £17 million Pipeline between the Water Treatment Works at Bray and the water reservoirs in Swinley Forest near Bracknell.

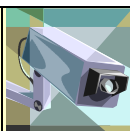
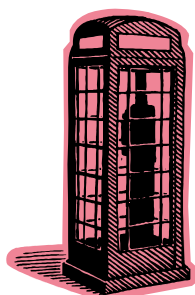
Bray Parish Council worked very closely last Autumn with Southeast Water during the Planning Application process for the 17 KM long and 1.2 Metre diameter Pipeline . A lot of care was taken to include steps to ensure that damage to the Environment and disruption to the Local Community was minimised. Ecology surveys were carried out and the Pipeline route and programme has taken account of locations and seasonal activities of our local wildlife.

Approximately 4 KM of the Pipeline will be buried within our Parish and the project involves 5 Road Crossings. Pipe laying is well advanced at the time of writing. The A308 Windsor Road crossing will utilise tunnelling techniques so the Road can remain open and not impact busy road traffic.

Fifield Road and Coningsby Lane will be closed for up to one week in the Summer holidays in August. Forest Green Road and Drift Road will utilise one way traffic working for up to 5 days each starting in June. The whole Programme is due to be completed by the end of 2008.

Do We Want to Lose our Phone Boxes?

BT has just announced its intention to remove a number of phone boxes in the Borough. Two kiosks are under threat in the Parish – the Fifield village phone box, Fifield Road and the Stroud Farm Road phone box opposite the shops in Holyport. Comments are invited from members of the public and should be sent as soon as possible to Sharon Pope, Planning Support Services Manager at The Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 1RF or by email sharon.pope@rbwm.gov.uk



CCTV in Bray Village Car Park



The Borough Council has agreed to include Bray village car park in its list of sites to be monitored on its 24 hour CCTV system which is being set up to deter crime and anti-social behaviour in Borough "hot spots". It is hoped this will be implemented before the end of the year.



Britain in Bloom

Bray Village (Conservation Area) has once again entered the Britain in Bloom competition, competing in the Thames and Chiltern Region. The event is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Bray village has had a successful run in the annual Bloom event, winning the best small village category for over ten consecutive years, so Bray Enhancement Committee realises it has a large task again to maintain this winning streak.

Bray's entry receives a grant from RBWM and Bray Parish Council, but the Committee can only continue to provide floral displays and other improvements in the village through the kind financial support of local companies and individuals.

As usual, there will be a village garden competition, where gardens visible from the road will be judged and awarded prizes. Judging takes place in early July.

This Newsletter is published by Bray Parish Council and distributed voluntarily by our local residents.

All queries and suggestions should be passed to:

***The Clerk, Cherry Woodley at The Parish Office,
Moneyrow Green (to rear of Holyport Memorial Hall)
Holyport, Berkshire SL6 2NA.***

Telephone: 01628 777997.

email: clerk@brayparishcouncil.gov.uk