



Open meeting 17th March 2022 Braywood Cricket Club

The meeting was chaired by Barbara Frame, Chairperson, with Committee members Alison Brayshaw, Bill Collier, and Treasurer Paula Grevett and was attended by eighteen residents. Barbara Frame welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the agenda.

ROADS

We are still waiting for the promised speed reduction on Oakley Green Road. The Roads & Transport group met with David Coppinger and Tim Golabek from Highways to try to resolve this issue. TG very reluctant to implement this reduction but did agree to put speed measuring tapes out on the road to gather more information and will investigate the feasibility of a temporary change to 30mph.

The condition of our roads all around the Parish is appalling with potholes, worn out road markings and collapsing gutters. Residents are urged to use the 'Report It' function on the RBWM website on a regular basis to complain.

CONINGSBY LANE

During the closure of Fifield Road, Coningsby Lane was signed as an alternative route. As a consequence the verges have been trashed and the whole lane has been left in a shocking muddy mess. Residents have complained to the Borough to ask for repairs to be undertaken. There is also great concern that inappropriate businesses have been allowed planning permission and they are adding to the problems on this narrow lane with increased traffic movements and large heavy vehicles.

OGAFCA are planning to get Coningsby Lane recognised as a "Quiet Lane" which gives priority to horses, cyclists and walkers providing a safe recreation area for local people. Val Lord is leading a sub-committee looking into this.

AIR QUALITY

Bray Parish Council are very concerned about the poor air quality in this area and have commissioned a study. The results of the last 6months have now been published and are very worrying with our part of the Parish very high and the junction of Oakley Green Road and Dedworth Road three times over the WHO recommended limit. This, in an area where the Borough plan to build over 450 homes. Bray Parish will continue to monitor and will question whether further development should be planned in areas where the air is already so contaminated.

FLOODING & DRAINAGE

Rod Lord gave a very thorough update on individual cases and issues of land ownership where ditches flood. Without a complete and seamless plan for the area the flooding issues will never be resolved. A full and complete explanation can be found on the OGAFCFA website.

PLANNING

Martin Hall from OGFRA gave a very informative update on the current situation with developments in our area. Now that the BLP has been formally adopted it would appear that the scheme for AL21 with 450 homes will go ahead plus 39 homes on the Squires site.

The A308 corridor on either side that traverses our part of the Borough is under siege from planning applications and stands to be heavily developed within the next few years. AL26 offers 126 properties adjacent to the Thames Valley Hospice, Bray Studios is continuing to develop and the Oakley Mushroom Farm at the end of the Oakley Green Road is also making preliminary plans to develop 39 houses. For a detailed account please see the OGAFCA website under 'planning'.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

The money has now been raised to renovate this telephone box to house the defibrillator that has been sitting in the Parish Office for the last 2 years! The current stumbling block is waiting for BT and SSE to sort out the electric cable. It needs to be temporarily disconnected while the box is removed for repair and then reconnected to run the defibrillator. We have been waiting 8 months for this to take place. There may be some hope on the horizon so watch this space.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** On Easter Monday 18th April. Open to local children with a limit of 50 entries. There will be a small charge to cover costs and all children will win an egg at the end.
- **Jubilee Street Party** – Sunday 5th June in the Fifield Road outside the Fifield Inn. Please bring your own table, chairs, food and drink although the Fifield Inn will be open all day serving food and drink if you would rather. No need to book just come along and have a great time.
- At the same time, we will have our **Scarecrow Festival** introducing some fun to our streets. This year, of course, will be a Royal theme. Please contact Trish Pottinger for details.
- **Fifield Fun Day** – Sunday 7th August, Deep Meadows, Fifield. The usual family fun day with train rides, dog show, fairground attractions, childrens' entertainment and lots more. Charities this year are: Holyport Childrens' Playground and the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Volunteers needed for set up, take down, running stalls and selling raffle tickets.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Alison reminded us all that the deadline for magazine contributions is at the end of this month. Anyone is very welcome to submit an article and/or an advertisement. See website for further details.

Patricia Cuss raised concern about a planning application in Coningsby Lane for a variation to the current permission for five barns. The site has been purchased by Lidgate Butchers who talk about housing cows on the site. There is grave concern that they may be planning to use the site as an abattoir. The application number is 22/00570/variation.

Further information on all subjects is available on the website: www.ogafcap.co.uk

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 5TH MAY 7.30PM