

Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Association Limited
Notes from 25th All Members and Volunteers Meeting
Braywood Memorial Hall – Thursday May 17, 2012 @ 7:30 pm

Attendees (23)

Grenville Annetts (Chair)	Alison Brayshaw	Kate Brooks *	Susan Calvert *
Bill Collier	David Coppinger	Eileen Crotty	David Embery
Doreen Embery	John Foulger	John Francis *	Sarah Grace *
Paula Grevett	Valerie Henchoz	Helen Howard	Robin Howard
Rod Lord	Jenny Mortimer	Philip Mortimer	Michael Seagrief
Louise Shenston	Jenny Thorne	Ann Watkeys	

Apologies (41)

Sandra Annetts	Rod Ball	Baldeep Bambra	Manpreet Bambra
Satvinder Bambra	Ann Broome	George Broome	Caroline Burke
Kate Burke	Anne Burrell	Tony Burrell	Irene Bulbeck
Susan Fielding	Janet Findlay	Barbara Frame	Eileen Gillett
Gordon Gillett	Barbara Goodhew	Amanda Hall (Press)	Philip Harrington
Rita Haynes	John Hill	Pat Hill	Pat Huggett
Peter Huggett	Trudi Knight	Jim Laffin	Val Lord
John Moores	Elizabeth Paczek	Nick Pellew	Norman Sandford
Gary Smith	Brian Steer	Gaynor Steer	Joshua Stevens
Michelle Stevens	Margaret Tull	Norman Tull	Charles Wigginton
Jenny Wigginton			

Missing in Action (11)

Paul Bennett	Colin Billington	Helen Billington	Shirley Chamberlain
Richard Dean	Susan Holliday	Cait Kidd	Frances Knock
Robin Knock	Nicola Stone	Michael Wadley	

1. Introductions

Grenville Chaired and opened the Meeting and welcomed 4 new People (denoted * above) who came along for the first time.

2. Work Group Status and Updates

For the benefit of new Attendees, the **Chairman** reminded the Meeting that the Community Association now has 8 Work Groups (WGs) each made up of a number of Volunteers. These are working on an ongoing basis on local Issues and are primarily concerned with implementing the 23 Actions in the Community Action Plan Published in December 2009. And the main purpose of this Meeting is to give Attendees the opportunity to be updated on progress being made by WGs and to give them Feedback, Ideas and Support.

Here are the Headlines from each of the Work Groups:-

⇒ **Children & Youths** – **Alison Brayshaw** has recently recruited some new Volunteers to the Work Group (great news!) The next Family Ramble will be on Thursday June 7th and another is planned for August. Also will be helping with the hosting of The Parish Tour at the Cricket Club again in August. (2 days of activities for Children – funded by the Parish and organised by the RBWM Councils). The WG is planning another Bingo / Social Evening on October 13th. The Cricket Nets on Sunday Mornings have been promoted and are very successful. Two other potential activities under consideration are a Film Club and First Aid Training.

⇒ **Communication** – **Trudi Knight** (Editor of Newsletter) sent her apologies but asked Grenville to remind everyone that contributions to the free quarterly Newsletter were very welcome. The next Copy Deadline is July 1st and can be submitted via the Website or our Office or the Chairman. **Trudi** will be standing down as Editor at the AGM and so we are looking for someone to take over from the Autumn Edition. Printing costs are funded by Advertising and Grenville thanked Bill Collier for his efforts in selling Advertising Space.

Rod Lord advised that efforts to improve our Broadband Access and Speed are continuing. He has enlisted the support of our MP Theresa May and they were both on BBC Radio Berkshire last week discussing the problem of poor service in rural areas! BT Openreach have been less than forthcoming with clear information, but pressure on them to improve our local Service Level is now increasing.

The RBWM are also running a campaign. Please go online and register your support here:- <http://superfast.thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk/sign-up-and-support/>

Rod Lord is also our Webmaster <http://www.ogafcap.co.uk/index.htm> . He updates the Website every Friday. More input from Residents required please.

⇒ **Community Safety** – **Bill Collier** reported that the next “Have Your Say” Visit by PCSOs will take place on June 14th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the Car Park of The Fifield Inn. Residents are urged to stop by and have a chat about their concerns. If nobody shows up, they may stop the activity. So “Lets use it and not loose it”!

⇒ **Environment** – **Barbara Frame** sent her apologies and **Rod Lord** reported on behalf of the Group. They continue to work with RBWM on upgrading the Footpath Styles and converting them to “Kissing Gates” and expanding the Bridlepath Network.

Rod Lord continues to work with RBWM Streetcare on Ditches and Drainage in our Area. Initially 9 local “Wet Spots” were identified. The recent heavy rain severely tested the local Drainage and some improvements have been seen. (near Cricket Club, near Braywood Lodge, near Braywood Lyn and further on). Still awaiting RBWM action to improve the Ditch on Fifield Road (opposite Longlea Nursing Home). Discussions with the newly appointed RBWM Flood Drainage Engineer have started. Litter Pickers are still active (thank you) and if you wish to help out – please contact **Rita Haynes**.

⇒ **Local Business** – **Robin Howard** reported that a relaunch of the Group under the banner of a Local Business Partnership took place in the Fifield Inn on April 30th. They had a Guest Speaker (James Brayshaw – Director of Ordnance Survey) and it was well attended. Key challenges identified for further work are Broadband Service and increasing local Business Activity. We have over 100 Companies in our area and will work towards building a local Business Directory.

⇒ **Local Planning** – **Robin Howard** reminded the Meeting that the new Work Group had been established earlier in the year – primarily because of the recent Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP) initiative. We have Representatives on all 4 of their Topic Groups. The Work Group has also been monitoring significant Developments in the area, which may increase before the new BPNP and RBWM Local Plan are adopted next year.

⇒ **Roads & Transport** – **Louise Shenston** reported that the proposed second extension to the Footway on the Western side of Fifield Road had been part completed since our last Meeting. It is hoped to continue further along as far as Coningsby Lane. It was suggested that the next Footway to extend was near Braywood Lynn and Louise said it was “on the list”.

The Campaign to reduce the Speed Limit on Forest Green Road from West of Ledger Lane in Fifield up to the Ascot Road (A330) is well underway. Our petition had 425 Signatures – thanks to everyone who signed. With Borough Councillor Coppinger's support, we have now been invited to address the RBWM Full Cabinet on July 26, 2012. It is a Public Meeting in Maidenhead Town Hall – so make a date to come along and support to show them we want action!

The Chairman then welcomed and invited **Susan Calvert** (Headteacher of Braywood C of E First School) and **Kate Brooks** (School Traffic Group Leader) to speak about Safety, Parking and Traffic Congestion in and around the School.

Susan outlined the efforts the School's Staff, Children and Parents had made over the past couple of years. This became increasingly important when the School Roll increased. These have included staggering arrival and departure times with Breakfast and After School Clubs and the introduction of a Kiss and Drop Service. RBWM have introduced additional signage on the Road and Warning lights. Work is still in progress and will include a new All Pedestrian Entrance to separate People from Cars and Staggered Parking Lines to provide Gaps so Vehicles have more room and opportunities to pass. They would also like to reduce the Speed Limit to 30 MPH and increase Lighting.

Kate said she was working with the Traffic Group which is made up of Staff and Parents, to help improve the situation. This included working on the Travel Plan and trying to influence behaviours so everyone operated more safely when then were in the Vicinity of the School and increase the number who share cars and walk or cycle to School.

There was a very lively discussion on the subject which impacts many local Residents. The Meeting had many ideas on the issues and suggested potential opportunities for improvement which **Susan** and **Kate** noted.

Susan provided 450 copies (thank you) of the latest version of the School Travel Plan for our OGAFCA Deliverers to distribute to all local Residents, so we all better understand the issues and the actions taking place. Our Roads and Transport WG will study the Plan and provide comments and suggestions in due course.

⇒ ***Social and Recreational***

Susan Calvert said the School would like to establish some introductory Computing Classes after School in June or July and local Residents were very welcome. Grenville said a desire for such Classes was identified in the OGAFCA Survey and thanked her for offering to arrange them. (See details on Flier)

The School is also having a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration on Friday June 1st at 2:45 pm and local Residents are invited to go along. (See details in Flier)

Grenville then went on to describe the Activities being arranged by the OGAFCA Social & Recreational Work Group. Since the last meeting, we organised a very successful Race Night. Valerie Henchoz and Bill Collier were particularly lucky!

Events planned for 2012 are:-

- Queen's Diamond Jubilee Street Party in Fifield - Monday June 4th. Great Fun for all the Family to celebrate this important Event. See separate Flier for more details.
- Family Ramble – Thursday June 7th
- Family Ramble – August (date to be confirmed)
- 4th Annual Food, Wine and Ales Fair in early September (date to be confirmed)
- 2nd Bingo/Social Evening – Saturday October 13th
- 2nd Christmas Fair – Saturday November 27th

If you have any more ideas for activities, please tell us and be prepared to help organise!

3. Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP)

Robin Howard gave a brief update on the status of the Initiative. The data from the BPNP Survey and the RBWM Local Plan Survey have been analysed and Options are being developed by the 4 Topic Groups viz:-

- Countryside and Greenbelt - **Barbara Frame** (Rod Ball / William Emmett are Leaders)
- Economy - **Robin Howard** (Leader)
- Housing and Built Environment - **Helen Howard** (Nick Pellew is Leader)
- Transport and Infrastructure - **Louise Shenston** (Derek Mellor from Bray is Leader)

The Community Association remains committed to supporting this very important Initiative. We have Representatives of our Committee on all of the Topic Groups (denoted in blue). We may organise further additional “Drop In” Days (like we did in February), to ensure that local Residents remain engaged and informed.

See the Website at <http://brayplan.com/> for the latest information on the Initiative.

4. Fifield Fun Day – 2012

- ⇒ **Helen Howard** gave an update on the organisation of this very important Annual Event on behalf of the Organising Committee. (The Community Association is not the Organiser but a strong Supporter nevertheless).
- ⇒ The date is confirmed as Saturday August 11 and the location is as last year - in Deep Meadows, using the Fifield Road Entrance (Thanks to Patricia and David Buck again).
- ⇒ The Organising Committee are already up and running and are looking for Volunteers to help set up on August 10th and 11th, to look after some Stalls on the day and take down the Stalls and clear up afterwards.
- ⇒ Nominated Charities this year are the Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice Service and the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. And in future, local Organisations can apply to the Organising Committee for Funds/Grants but will be expected to have contributed to the running of the Event.

5. Any Other Business

- ⇒ *Recent Road Re-Surfacing*. **Michael Seagrif** asked if anyone knew when the Job would be completed and how frustrated local Residents were with the time it is taking and the poor quality of the work. After much discussion it was agreed that the Roads and Transport Work Group should follow up with RBWM Highways.
- ⇒ *Bray Parish Council Annual Electors Meeting* – **Helen Howard** advised that the Meeting is next week on Thursday May 24 at 7.30 pm in Braywood Memorial Hall. The Guest Speaker this year is the Rt. Hon. Theresa May.
- ⇒ *Association Membership* – most were up for Renewal on March 31st this year. Thank you to those who have supported us and Renewed or Joined for the first time. Costs are a bargain at just £3 per Household or Business for 1 year and £5 for two years.

6. Future Meetings

- ⇒ The next Meeting will be The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Community Association will be held on Thursday September 20, 2012 at 7:30 pm in Braywood Memorial Hall.
- ⇒ **Robin Howard** (Secretary) explained that one of the 4 Directors is required to stand down every year on a Rotation basis and this year is the turn of himself. The other Directors are Grenville Annetts (Chair), Helen Howard (Treasurer) and Louise Shenston (Vice Chair). Meeting Notices and Nomination Papers will be circulated to Members in July and August.
- ⇒ The Meeting closed and Attendees took Refreshments at 9:05 pm

7. Actions

What	Who	When by
Write up and distribute Notes of the Meeting	Grenville	May 21
Attend Bray Parish Council Annual Electors Meeting at 7:30 pm in Braywood Memorial Hall	Anyone/Everyone	May 24
Investigate situation of Poor Road resurfacing Work	Roads + Transport WG	ASAP
Volunteer to help with Fun Day – see Helen Howard or Louise Shenston	Anyone/Everyone	ASAP
Go along to “Have Your Say” informal Meeting with Police at The Fifield Inn from 3:00 to 4:00 pm	Anyone/Everyone	Jun 14
Submit Articles for Summer Newsletter to Trudi Knight	Anyone/Everyone	July 01
Identify a new Editor to take over from Trudi after the AGM	Anyone who is interested please come forward	July 01
Review Braywood School Travel Plan	Everyone and Roads + Transport WG	Next Meeting
AGM of Community Association	Anyone/Everyone	Sept 20
Provide Website Updates to Rod	Anyone/Everyone	Every Friday
Try and Engage Youths and Children in our Community	Anyone/Everyone	Ongoing
Identify Quick Wins in their respective work areas	All 8 Work Groups	Ongoing