

Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Association Limited
Notes from 33rd General Meeting
Braywood Memorial Hall – Thursday February 12, 2015 @ 7:30 pm

Attendees (25)

Grenville Annetts (Chair)	Sandra Annetts	Alison Brayshaw	Bill Collier
William Emmett	Barbara Frame	John Foulger	Paula Grevett
Rita Haynes	Cllr Helen Howard	Robin Howard	Rod Lord
David Luff	Elizabeth Mead	Philip Mortimer	Cllr Nick Pellew
Pat Roderick	Tina Saw *	Michael Seagrief	Sue Sharphouse *
Louise Shenston	Ann Taylor	Jenny Thorne	Ann Watkeys

Apologies (5)

Cllr. David Coppinger	David Embery	Doreen Embery	Cllr Chris Graham
Sarah Grace			

1. Introductions

Grenville Annetts Chaired and opened the Meeting and welcomed 2 new Attendees (denoted * above) who came along for the first time. The *Chairman* reminded everyone that this was a *General Meeting* and one of the two or three held each year in Addition to the *AGM of the Association* in September. It is less formal and an opportunity for anyone/everyone to come along and find out about the activities of the 8 Work Groups made up of Volunteers, give feedback and volunteer to help!

2. Update on Activities

⇒ *Local Planning Issues*

RBWM Local Plan - Chairman

The emphasis of recent RBWM effort has been concentrated on preparing an Infrastructure Plan so that RBWM could continue to receive S106 Payments (now CIL - Community Infrastructure Levy) from developers. Cabinet should approve the content for a Public Consultation soon, but this cannot be published until after the Elections in May. We will continue to let everyone know what is happening.

Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP) – Cllr Nick Pellew

This Plan will sit alongside the RBWM Local Plan and all the other Parish Neighbourhood Plans in the Royal Borough. A first draft is almost complete but a decision has yet to be made whether to go to a local Public Consultation before or after the RBWM Local Plan is published.

The Fifield Survey was delivered to 235 Households in Fifield and achieved a 74% response rate. The results revealed that there was not a “clear majority” in favour of the Scheme that was discussed. So proposed Housing and the Play Area Scheme will not be included as a part of the BPNP but information about the Survey and results will.

The BPNP will make provision in the Plan that any future proposals for Housing Development could still come forward and be allowed, provided they could show a Community Benefit and if they are supported by a “significant majority” of local Residents. Residents will be invited to make their views known about the Draft Plan during a Public Consultation exercise.

Gypsy Site off Forest Green Road – William Emmett

William Emmett thanked the Community for their support before, during and after The Public Inquiry which took place over 3 days from April 1 to 3, 2014. The Applicants relied heavily on the fact that RBWM did not have enough Gypsy Sites in the Borough and the 8 Families were suffering as a result.

The decision of the Planning Inspector was delayed until after the case had been reviewed by Central Government – the Department for Communities and Local Government. Both bodies came out Against the Appeal and published the Notice at the end of October 2014.

The fact that the Site is land locked and the Plans were in effect undeliverable without permission to use the Access Track did not matter. It all came down to harm in the Green Belt. Since then, The Gypsies have sold the land to an adjoining Landowner.

Bray Studios Site in Water Oakley Development - Chairman

Farmglade purchased Bray Studios and the adjacent land in August 2014. They are the Developers who were granted Outline Planning Permission to build 44 Houses next door at Water Oakley last year.

The previous Owner of Bray Studios (Neville Hendricks) already had Planning Permission granted in 2011 for the Renovation of the Main (Listed) House and Conversion (from Offices etc.) back to one large Dwelling + 7 new Houses + a Media Centre + removal of all the outbuildings and concrete yard.

A Consultation Event organised by Farmglade took place in October. Bottom line – they want to restore the Listed Main House (which is an ever deteriorating condition), but convert it into 8 to 10 Flats and build another 16 Houses in the area after taking down all the old Studio Buildings. The Site would be connected up to and accessed by the same Drive as the recently Approved Development for 44 Houses at Water Oakley.

Brayfield Farm Gypsy Site – Chairman

The 4 year Temporary Planning Permission to allow the two Pitches on land opposite the BP Petrol Station on the A308 ran out on January 31, 2014. OGAFCFA reminded RBWM about this in June 2014. RBWM are in contact with the Owners but no new Applications to remain on site have come forth yet.

Other Planning Applications Issues - Chairman

OGAFCA has also written to RBWM since the last Meeting expressing concern about:-

- the loss of the Sun and Stars (to become a House) which was subsequently Approved
- the Application to build 6 Dwellings behind Oakley Green Lodge on Oakley Green Road. Bray Parish Council recommended for Refusal. No decision from RBWM yet.
- The illegal (in Planning terms) Logging Business on Fifield Road. The Tenant appealed against an Enforcement Notice issued by RBWM. Since the Meeting, we have learned that the Tenant has withdrawn his Appeal and intends to leave the Site!

⇒ *Roads & Transport* – **Louise Shenston (Spokesperson for Work Group)**

New Roundabout by Braywood Memorial Hall

This idea was raised during the Residents Survey in 2008/09 but Speed Limits were deemed a priority to be worked on. Cllr David Coppinger has advised that this could be an expensive project and we may have to wait a while until feasibility study starts.

Reduction in Local Bus Service

The Service was reduced in February 2014 without consultation with any of the local bodies. We have had some discussions with RBWM Councillors and Courtney Coaches and expressed

our concern. We have been told it is not commercially viable and it has been suggested that Residents start a Car Service. We will follow up because it does have a very serious impact on some Residents.

Legoland Diversion

The route through Fifield and Oakley will not become a permanent feature after the Trial last year.

⇒ *Drainage* – **Rod Lord (Joint Spokesperson Environment WG)**

We had very wet weather in the early part of the year. This put considerable strain on our Drainage Network. After effort by local Residents and RBWM, things have improved on Oakley Green Road (just past Braywood Lynn) and the Fifield Road (Longlea Nursing Home). But problems still exist by the Cardinal Clinic, Coningsby Lane and Ledger Farm and possibly the Cricket Club (which we thought was fixed). And two new Areas on the Fifield Road – South of Stewart Close and by Wayside Stables were more problematic. These resulted in flooding in Properties so have been prioritised. Meetings have recently been held with Cllrs. Burbage and Coppinger as well as RBWM Engineers and we have a commitment from them to fix these issues quickly. So watch this space!

Rod has said he would like to stand down at the next AGM in September and hopes that someone will come forward and carry on his fantastic work.

⇒ *Communications* -

Newsletter – Alison Brayshaw (Editor)

The next Edition of the Newsletter is due for Publication in late April. The Copy Deadline for Articles and Adverts to the Editor Alison is March 27th please.

We are still looking for the Community to contribute more.

John Folger volunteered to write something about the poor state of repair of the Lytch Gate at Braywood School/Cemetery.

⇒ *Community Safety* – **Bill Collier (Community Safety WG)**

After a lot of badgering, RBWM have finally mover the “HGV Prohibited” Signs nearer to the end of Fifield Road and it is hoped this will reduce the number of large Lorries on Fifield Road and through the Village.

⇒ *Fifield Fun Day* – **Louise Shenston (FFD Organising Committee)**

The date this year is confirmed as Saturday August 1st and the location is the same as last year – Deep Meadows in Fifield. The Organising Committee is up and running and looking for Volunteers to come forward to help set up before, dismantle after and run Stalls on the day. Please contact Louise. More details on our Website.

⇒ *Street Party – Should we have one?* – **Grenville Annetts (Sports & Recreational WG)**

The Meeting was asked if there would be support for a Street Party to mark the 70th Anniversary of VE Day Celebrations (and possibly the Royal Birth) over the weekend of May 9/10. There was general support so the Chairman agreed to look into the possibility.

3. Any Other Business

⇒ *Memorial Hall AGM* – David Embery asked the Chairman to remind everyone that it will be held on March 25th at 8:00 pm. All welcome.

⇒ *Electoral Boundary Review* – There was a question from Anne Taylor about the current Boundary Review and E-Petition whereby The Fisheries Ward would come out of Maidenhead and into Bray Parish and the Alexander Ward would come out of Bray Parish and go into Windsor. Cllr Helen Howard advised that Residents of the Fisheries had requested to come into Bray Parish and she had suggested that Alexander become part of Windsor. Cllr Airey had followed up and organised an e-Petition with RBWM. Responses so far show there is some support for The Fisheries proposal and very little for the Alexander proposal. Closing date for the E-Petition is February 25th.

⇒ *Articles for the Newsletter*

- Cllr. Howard volunteered to write about the local Clubs and Activities in our area in order to better inform local Residents.
- John Foulger volunteered to write about the poor state of repair of the Lytch Gate by Braywood School

⇒ *War Memorial Names – online Project* – Paula Grevett told the Meeting about an online project which aims to provide an online Biography for all named on local War Memorials across Bray Parish.

⇒ *OGAFCA Volunteers* - There are a number of Vacancies at the moment

- Children & Youths Work Group Spokesperson
- Drainage Spokesperson
- Communications Work Group Spokesperson
- Webmaster
- Directors x 2 of OGAFCA (Initially Co-opted then Voted in at AGM)

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⇒ *Next General Meetings to which everyone is invited*

- General Meeting – 7:30 pm on Thursday May 14, 2015 at Braywood Memorial Hall
- AGM – 7:30 pm on Thursday September 17, 2015 at Braywood Memorial Hall

4. Closure and Refreshments

⇒ There being no additional topics to be discussed, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9:00.

⇒ Refreshments were provided by Louise and Sandra.

5. Actions Summary

What	Who	When by
Write up and distribute Notes of the Meeting	Grenville Annetts	Feb 16
Volunteer to help with Fun Day on August 1 by contacting Louise Shenston	Anyone/Everyone	ASAP
Sign up for / Renew OGAFCA Membership	All Residents please	ASAP
Work with RBWM and Courtney Coaches to try and reinstate the local Bus Service	Louise Shenston + Cllr. Helen Howard	June
Submit Articles for Summer Newsletter to Editor Alison Brayshaw	Anyone / Everyone	Mar 27

Write about the local Clubs and Activities in our area in order to better inform local Residents	Cllr. Helen Howard	Mar 27
Write Article about the poor state of repair of the Lytch Gate by Braywood School	John Foulger	Mar 27
Attend next General Meeting in Braywood Memorial Hall	All welcome	May 14
Attend AGM in Braywood Memorial Hall	Anyone / Everyone	Sept 17
Provide Website Updates to Rod Lord	Anyone / Everyone	Every Friday