

**Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Association Limited**  
**Notes from 27th General Meeting**  
**Braywood Memorial Hall – Thursday February 21, 2013 @ 7:30 pm**

**Attendees (21)**

Grenville Annetts (Chair)	Sandra Annetts	Alison Brayshaw	Bill Collier
Eileen Crotty	Eileen Gillett	Paula Grevett	Rita Haynes
Valerie Henchoz	Helen Howard	David Luff *	Max McNally *
Pat Roderick *	Michael Seagrief	Nicola Stone	Jenny Thorne
Margaret Tull	Norman Tull	Michael Wadley	Ann Watkeys
Andy White *			

**Apologies (48)**

Rod Ball	Baldeep Bambra	Manpreet Bambra	Satvinder Bambra
Kate Brooks	Ann Broome	George Broome	Caroline Burke
Kate Burke	Anne Burrell	Tony Burrell	Irene Bulbeck
Susan Calvert	David Coppinger	David Embery	Doreen Embery
Susan Fielding	Janet Findlay	John Foulger	Barbara Frame
John Francis	Gordon Gillett	Barbara Goodhew	Sarah Grace
Philip Harrington	John Hill	Pat Hill	Robin Howard
Pat Huggett	Peter Huggett	Trudi Knight	Jim Laflin
Rod Lord	Val Lord	Paul Miles (Press)	John Moores
Jenny Mortimer	Philip Mortimer	Elizabeth Paczek	Nick Pellew
Norman Sandford	Gary Smith	Brian Steer	Gaynor Steer
Joshua Stevens	Michelle Stevens	Charles Wigginton	Jenny Wigginton

**Missing in Action (9)**

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

**1. Introductions**

**Grenville** Chaired and opened the Meeting and welcomed 4 new People (denoted \* above) who came along for the first time. For the benefit of new Attendees, the **Chairman** reminded the Meeting that this was a *General Meeting* and one of the two or three held each year in Addition to the *AGM of the Association*. It is 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. Presentation by PCSO Matt Wingrove and Community Warden Rob Noble**

**Bill Collier** – Community Safety Work Group Spokesperson arranged for Matt and Rob to come along. Both introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their Roles. Because Crime and Public Order Offences are low in our area, they are more visible elsewhere in The Borough. They brought along some Burglary Prevention Tips & Materials from their recent Roadshows and handed them out. Burglaries from Sheds are increasingly common in rural areas and they advise marking Property with a Property Marking Kit so it can be returned to rightful Owners if recovered. They reminded everyone that The Police Non Emergency Number is 101. The next local “Have Your Say Meeting” will take place on Monday April 15, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:00 in Bray Village Hall.

**3. Update on Activities**

In alphabetical order for a change – with **Spokespersons** highlighted:-

- ⇒ *Broadband comes to Fifield so where next?* – **The Chairman** (in Rod Lord's absence)  
 BT Openreach have finally upgraded part of our local Service by installing Fibre from the Exchange to the Cabinet at the end of the Fifield Road. A few Residents have already applied for an upgrade and are now enjoying Download Speeds of between 12 Mb and 30+ Mb. Marvellous! Our focus will now will be on improving the Service to 01628 numbers in Oakley Green, Forest Green and Drift Roads.
- ⇒ *Bus Route Number 6 – Upgrade and Timetable changes* - **Michael Seagrief**  
 A new Timetable came into operation on February 18th and copies have been posted at all Bus Stops. Also a new fleet of Buses are now running – with our Number 6 Route Buses being purple in colour.
- ⇒ *Children & Youths Meeting* – **Alison Brayshaw**  
 The Work Group last met on February 18<sup>th</sup> and two new Parents attended. They decided that the Family Rambles should continue and they will support The Parish Tour organised by Bray Parish Council in the Summer. Another Bingo Evening will be organised on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Long term, a local Play Area is still desperately needed. They agreed to set up a Baby Sitting Circle and Directory. Also want to have a Children's Section in our Newsletter in future.
- ⇒ *Flooding recent Events and Plans* – **The Chairman** (in Rod Lord's Absence)  
 The local Drainage Systems have been severely tested in recent weeks. Wet Spot 1 near the Cricket Ground flooded for a short while but nothing like as much as it did before. Wet Spot 2 near the Sped Bump on Fifield Road now has RBWM Capital Funding and should be fixed soon. The Meeting requested that the adjacent Pot Holes are also fixed at the same time. Wet Spot 3 near Braywood Lodge on Oakley Green Road is still a problem but slightly improved after we formed a Working Party to clear some of the Ditches last year. The problem at Coningsby Lane (Wet Spot 4) is being investigated with the help of Simon Lavin (RBWM Engineer), Cllr David Coppinger, Charles Wigginton and Paul Rinder (Stroud Farm) and we hope to publish a Plan soon. Finally Wet Spot 5 on Oakley Green Road outside Oakley Green House seems to have been fixed.
- ⇒ *Fifield Fun Day* – **Helen Howard**  
 The Organising Committee is up and running and it is hoped to have another Fun Day in early August. There will be a Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the arrangements and Charities and Organisations who will benefit. It is likely that the Fun Day will come under the Umbrella of the Community Association from now on. Please contact Helen Howard or Louise Shenston if you wish to help or take part.
- ⇒ *Forest Green Road Speed Limit Petition* – **The Chairman**  
 RBWM recently decided to reduce the Speed Limit to 50mph – despite representations from OGAFCA, The Parish Council and 450+ Petitioners to reduce it from 60 mph to 40mph. A Public Consultation Notice appeared in the February 14th Edition of the Maidenhead Advertiser with a Closing Date of March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Notice also includes the RBWM proposal to reduce the Speed Limit on Coningsby Lane to 50mph as well – which was News to everyone! The Meeting expressed their dissatisfaction at these decisions. Residents still have time to make a final Objection by March 7<sup>th</sup> by writing to RBWM – Attention of Huw Jones, Traffic Engineer, Town hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead. SL6 1RF using Ref: K/PN 1149/01 or Tel: 01628 796283
- ⇒ *Local Business Work Group* – **Paula Grevett**  
 The Work Group will be organising another Event soon and plan to organise a Local Skills Register.
- ⇒ *RBWM Local Plan and Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan* – **Helen Howard**

In response to the RBWM Local Plan Consultation exercise at the end of last year, OGAFCA worked with The Residents Associations of Oakley Green & Fifield, Down Place and West Windsor – to organise two Meetings to help inform people of what was going on and encourage them to make their Opinions known - in particular about possible Developments at Water Oakley and the two Garden Centres at Wyevale and Squires. Over 150 local Residents attended and the general feeling was that limited development at Water Oakley could be acceptable, whereas at the two Garden Centres it would not. OGAFCA and other local Residents Associations wrote to RBWM informing them of these views. We await to hear the results of the overall Consultation from RBWM. Work proceeds on developing the Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan and Drafts are being drawn up. But the Steering Group is now light on local Representation with the recent Resignations of Rod Ball, Louise Shenston and Robin Howard. Volunteers please! We will continue to monitor and keep everyone informed.

⇒ *OGAFCA Membership Renewals* – **Helen Howard**

Some Memberships are up for Renewal at the end of March. They are an important part of our Funding. Membership remains at £3 per Household or Company for 1 year or £5 for 2 years. Lapsing Members will be reminded soon.

⇒ *Newsletter Input Deadlines* – **Alison Brayshaw**

The next Edition of the Newsletter is due for Publication in April. The Copy Deadline for Articles and Adverts to Alison is March 20<sup>th</sup> please.

⇒ *New Noticeboard Project Status* – **Helen Howard**

We plan to erect a new Noticeboard in Oakley Green – probably near The Red Lion Pub Bus Stop. We received a Grant from Cllr Coppinger of £400 and we plan to add to this and ask the Parish Council to contribute as well. A formal Proposal will be put to the Parish Council in March. The Parish Council does not require Planning permission to install a Noticeboard.

⇒ *Parking outside Braywood School* – **The Chairman**

RBWM are planning to add some additional Double Yellow Lines on Oakley Green Road, to create large Passing Places to the East of the School. This is after some consultations with Braywood School and local Residents/Organisations. Maps of the areas involved were shown to the Meeting. **Michael Wadley** Advised the Meeting that the School have also drawn up a Code of Conduct for Parents dropping off and picking up their Children. Let us see if these two Actions help the situation. We will continue to monitor this.

⇒ *Social Events coming up* – **The Chairman**

Events being planned include a Race Night (in late Spring), support for the Fifield Fun Day (August), Bingo Night (October 5<sup>th</sup>), Christmas Fair (November 23<sup>rd</sup>), Christmas Carol Gathering (December 21st) as well as a couple of Family Rambles in the Summer. The Chairman asked the Meeting if there would be support for another Street Party (our third!) on Coronation Day on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. The Meeting said they thought it would be a good idea.

⇒ *War Memorial Move Feasibility Study* – **The Chairman**

A Feasibility Study Group has been established, made up of Representatives of The Parish Council, The Memorial Hall Committee and OGAFCA. The Group will investigate the possibility of moving the two War Memorials inside the Hall to a more prominent outside location. Holyport and Bray have outside Memorials at which Remembrance Services take place every year. 2014 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and there will be Nationwide Events taking place to commemorate the Anniversary.

#### 4. **Any Other Business**

- ⇒ Future of Squires Garden Centre – **David Luff** asked if anyone had heard a rumour about The Squires Garden Centre becoming a Garage ? Nobody had.
- ⇒ Travellers - The question of Travellers came up and The Chairman said that RBWM have undertaken a detailed Study of need Spaces for the next few years (finally – and as they are required to do). This Study is available to see on their Website. Discussions and Consultations are ongoing about providing Sites in Datchet and Shurlock Row and not in our area as far as we know.
- ⇒ Electronic Central Locking - **Bill Collier** advised that we should not rely on our Electronic Car Keys properly locking our Car Doors. The Police have advised that Thieves are able to interfere with the Locking Mechanism and we should all check our Cars are actually locked, by checking the Handles, before we leave them.
- ⇒ Manor Grove – **Helen Howard** advised that Bray Parish Council have taken Ownership of the two pieces of Land on either side of the Entrance to Manor Grove. They plan to tidy up the Site in the next few months. The Verges are also a mess and are RBWM owned. Discussions are taking place with them as to how to keep them in good condition and prevent Lorries from driving over them.
- ⇒ The Fifield Inn – **The Chairman** reported that he had spoken to Greene King and they said they were in discussions with a new Tenant and hoped to re-open soon. Initially they would just serve Drinks and then Food after a closure of a few weeks for major refurbishment.
- ⇒ Electricity Supply Problems in Oakley Green – **Alison Brayshaw** asked the Meeting how many people had been experiencing Power Cuts recently. She agreed to collect the data and talk to Scottish and Southern Energy.

## 5. Future Meetings

- ⇒ The next *General Meeting* of The Community Association will be on Thursday May 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Braywood Memorial Hall
- ⇒ The *Annual General Meeting* (AGM) of The Community Association will be held on Thursday September 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Braywood Memorial Hall.
- ⇒ The Meeting closed and Attendees took Refreshments at 9:20 pm

## 6. Actions

What	Who	When by
Write up and distribute Notes of the Meeting	Grenville	Mar 1
Write to RBWM in response to Public Consultation Notice (Advertiser Feb 14) on Speed Limit Reduction to 50 MPH on Forest Green Road and Coningsby Lane	Anyone/Everyone who feels strongly enough	Mar 7
Volunteer to help with Fun Day in August – see Helen Howard or Louise Shenston	Anyone/Everyone	ASAP
Submit Articles for Spring Newsletter to Alison Brayshaw	Anyone/Everyone	March 20
Sign up for / Renew OGAFCA Membership	Anyone/Expired Memberships	March 31
Next OGAFCA General Meeting	Anyone/Everyone	May 16
OGAFCA AGM	Anyone/Everyone	Sept 19
Provide Website Updates to Rod Lord	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