

Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Association Limited
Notes from 28th General Meeting
Braywood Memorial Hall – Thursday May 16, 2013 @ 7:30 pm

Attendees (21)

Grenville Annetts (Chair)	Sandra Annetts	Alison Brayshaw	Bill Collier
David Coppinger	Mark Denny *	David Embery	Doreen Embery
William Emmett *	Hans Feilen *	John Foulger	Barbara Frame
Paula Grevett	Rita Haynes	Trudi Knight	Rod Lord
John Moores	Michael Seagrif	Andrew Shenston	Louise Shenston
Ann Watkeys			

Apologies (52)

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	Eileen Crotty	Susan Fielding	Janet Findlay
John Francis	Eileen Gillett	Gordon Gillett	Barbara Goodhew
Sarah Grace	Philip Harrington	Valerie Henchoz	John Hill
Pat Hill	Helen Howard	Robin Howard	Pat Huggett
Peter Huggett	Jim Laflin	Val Lord	David Luff
Max McNally	Paul Miles (Press)	Jenny Mortimer	Philip Mortimer
Elizabeth Paczek	Nick Pellew	Pat Roderick	Norman Sandford
Gary Smith	Brian Steer	Gaynor Steer	Joshua Stevens
Michelle Stevens	Jenny Thorne	Margaret Tull	Norman Tull
Michael Wadley	Andy White	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 3 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

In alphabetical order – with **Spokespersons** and Work Groups highlighted:-

⇒ *Broadband comes to Fifield* – **Rod Lord (Communications WG)**

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. Residents have been applying for upgrades and are very happy with the Speeds. But there are still areas in Oakley Green Road, Ledger Lane, Forest Green Road and Drift Road who receive very poor Service. Rod has already contacted BT Openreach to put pressure on them to improve the Service Level in these areas and is waiting on a reply.

⇒ *Children & Youths Activities* – **Alison Brayshaw (Children & Youths WG)**

Two Family Rambles are planned and the Group will support The Parish Tour organised by Bray Parish Council in the Summer (August?). Another Bingo Evening will be organised on Saturday October 5th. After much thought, it has been decided not to set up a Baby Sitting Circle and Directory under the Umbrella of the Association.

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

A number of Residents have followed up with the offer of help with Security at Home after our last Meeting was attended by local PCSOs. Crime is at an all time low locally. But Speeding is an issue locally, especially Lorries associated with the Landfill Site on Forest Green Road.

The *Chairman* agreed to contact the Owners and Operators of the Site to register Residents' concern's about continual activity there (now third Summer) and the speed of Lorries using the Site. The *Chairman* advised that OGAFCFA wrote to them last year and invited them to explain their activities in a Newsletter Article, but they did not respond.

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

Wet Spot 2 near the Speed Bump on Fifield Road now has RBWM Capital Funding and should be fixed this month. The problem at Coningsby Lane (Wet Spot 4) is on hold as one Resident will not support the proposed solution. Local Farmer Paul Rinder has offered to help with some other minor work and re-instating the Verges. Work due to start in May.

⇒ *Environment Update* – **Barbara Frame (Environment WG)**

A number of Kissing Gates have been installed by RBWM. Please let us know if any others are needed. Not making any progress with The Crown Estate to allow access to the Great Park from off of Oakley Green Road. Litter picking continues, lead by *Rita Haynes* and Litter appears to be reducing, except in Coningsby Lane for some reason?

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

The date this year is confirmed as Saturday August 10th and the location the same as last year – Deep Meadows in Fifield. The Organising Committee has decided this year to support a number of Charities and Good Causes, including Family Friends and Hearing Dogs as well as the Memorial Hall, Slough 1st Scouts, Horse Rangers and OGAFCFA. Volunteers still needed to help. Please contact *Helen Howard* or *Louise Shenston* if you wish to help or take part. Look out for a Facebook Page which is being organised!

⇒ *Footways* – **Louise Shenston (Roads & Transport WG)**

No progress on extending Footway on Fifield Road to Coningsby Lane or from Manor Grove. Also have Oakley Green Road (two places - near Braywood Linn and by Cardinal Clinic) on our list but RBWM say they do not have the Funds. *Michael Seagrief* reported that RBWM had undertaken some Verge repair work on the Drift Road near the Fifield Lane Junction. But unfortunately some vehicles then drove over it. RBWM intend to install Verge protection measures to protect it.

⇒ *Forest Green Road Speed Limit Reduction* – **Louise Shenston (Roads & Transport WG)**

Signage for the new reduced 50 mph Limit has been installed on Forest Green Road and Coningsby Lane. There is a faint possibility RBWM may review the Speed Limit again when Holyport School is opened.

⇒ *Gypsy Site Planning Application* - **Chairman**

OGAFCA had consulted with The Residents Association and organised delivery of a Flier telling everyone about the Application, who to write to with their views and by when. An amended version was then delivered into Moneyrow Green and Holyport by concerned Forest

Green Road Residents. Over 100 Letters of Objection and an E-Petition with over 100 Signatures have been received by RBWM. Bray Parish Council (BPC) unanimously recommended for Refusal on April 8th.

The Applicant has agreed to allow an extension of the 8 week Determination Deadline and the Application will probably go to the Maidenhead Development Control Panel for Decision on June 5th. The Officers Report will appear as part of the Agenda Papers on RBWM Website about one week before (by about May 29th). Speakers "For" and "Against" will be allowed 3 minutes each and we need to nominate who will do this. BPC may decide to speak as well. Residents can go along to the Town Hall and show their concern and support.

William Emmett thanked OGAFCA for their support in this matter. He and other adjacent Landowners have taken Legal Advice and believe the Application is not implementable as the Applicants do not have Right of Access. Gates have been erected to restrict Access. Meetings are scheduled between some local Residents with Rt Hon Theresa May MP and with the Davids Burbage and Coppinger. The main concern is that RBWM do not currently have any spare Traveller Site Capacity.

David Coppinger said RBWM have this subject high on their Agenda and efforts are being made to identify additional Sites.

⇒ *Local Business Work Group – Paula Grevett (Local Business WG)*

The Work Group has struggled for interest and support so will become "dormant" for now.

⇒ *RBWM Local Plan and Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Chairman*

Work continues on both these activities but has been delayed. Updates available at BPNP Website at <http://brayplan.com/>. One significant step forward for us is that the BPNP Steering Group has agreed to put a Play Area for Fifield as a "Strategic Objective" of the Plan. We will continue to monitor progress and keep everyone informed.

⇒ *Newsletter Production and Input Deadlines – Alison Brayshaw (Newsletter Editor)*

The next Edition of the Newsletter is due for Publication in late July, before the Holiday Season. The Copy Deadline for Articles and Adverts to Alison is June 21st please, but before if possible.

⇒ *New Noticeboard Project status – Chairman*

A proposal by Cllr. Helen Howard to join forces with Bray Parish Council (BPC) has been approved by them in March. The Noticeboard will be funded by contributions from Cllr Coppinger (£400), BPC (up to £700) and OGAFCA (up to £300). The proposed location is near The Red Lion Pub and BPC will be responsible for installation and the ongoing maintenance.

⇒ *OGAFCA Membership Renewals – Chairman*

Some Memberships were 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. But probably more importantly, having a strong Membership enhances our mandate and status when speaking to local Service Providers like RBWM, the Police and BPC. Several attendees in the Meeting said they would like to be reminded when their Membership lapsed or receive a Membership Card. The *Chairman* agreed to discuss this with the Committee.

⇒ *Parking outside Braywood School – Louise Shenston (Roads & Transport WG)*

The additional Double Yellow Lines on Oakley Green Road, to create large Passing Places to the East of the School, have been in place for a while now and appear to be working well. Big test will come at end of Term and Sports Days etc. coming up soon. The School is in the process of drawing up a Code of Conduct for Parents dropping off and picking up their Children. It is hoped it will be implemented in September. We will continue to monitor this.

⇒ *Social Events coming up – The Chairman (Social & Recreational WG)*

The recent Race Night was not well attended and the Social & Recreational Work Group are discussing why after receiving some feedback. Events being planned later this year include support for the Fifield Fun Day (August 10th), Family Bingo Night (October 5th), Christmas Fair (November 23rd), Christmas Carol Gathering (December 21st) as well as a couple of Family Rambles in the Summer.

The *Chairman* said there was little response and enthusiasm for another Street Party (our third!) on Coronation Day on Sunday June 2nd, to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, so it will not happen.

⇒ *War Memorial Move Feasibility Study – Chairman*

A Feasibility Study Group has been established, made up of Representatives of The Parish Council, The Memorial Hall Committee and OGAFCA. A Meeting is planned soon. 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 100th Anniversary of the start of the 1st World War and there will be Nationwide Events taking place to commemorate the Anniversary.

3. Any Other Business

⇒ **Mahjacks** - *Michael Seagrief* reported that the Shop on the Dedworth is closing and may move to another location.

⇒ **Forest Green Road** - *Hans Feilen* asked about the poor condition of the local Roads and Forest Green Road in particular. Louise said she would follow up with RBWM.

⇒ **Local Pubs** - There was some general discussion about the uncertainty surrounding our Local Pubs - The Red Lion and The Fifield Inn in particular. The Chairman advised that he had been in contact with Greene King about the Fifield Inn when it was closed, impressing on them the importance to the Community.

⇒ **“Community Right to Bid”** - *The Chairman* advised that The Localism Act of 2011 introduced the “Community Right to Bid” and RBWM now have a process in place to manage this Right. The legislation provides Communities with the ability to nominate appropriate local assets and then to be advised if and when these assets are put up for sale. The Community then has up to 6 months to put together a bid to purchase and run these assets. The Department of Communities and Local Government definition states that “A building or other land should be considered an Asset of Community Value if its actual current use furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community”. Nominations must be made by an appropriate body and in the case of Bray Parish this is Bray Parish Council (BPC). (For more information, see the RBWM website at http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/crb_policy_procedure.htm)

John Foulger advised that The Parish Council will be nominating The Fifield Inn.

⇒ **Water Oakley** – *John Foulger* advised that there may soon be a Planning Application for 40+ Houses to be built on the Water Oakley Site. We need to monitor this situation.

⇒ **Broadband Local Campaign** – *Alison Brayshaw* said the Service at the Eastern end of Oakley Green Road was so poor they were thinking of establishing a local Pressure Group. *The Chairman* advised that RBWM had a Fund for improving Broadband Service in Rural Areas.

⇒ **Parish Bus Shelters** – *Andrew Shenston* said the condition of local Bus Shelters was very poor. *Michael Seagrief* volunteered to write to Bray Parish Council bringing this to their attention.

4. Future Meetings

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ There will be two Vacancies for Directorships this year and Members will be formally notified in August.

5. Closure and Refreshments

- ⇒ There being no additional topics to be discussed, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9:15 pm.
- ⇒ Refreshments were provided by Sandra.

6. Actions Summary

What	Who	When by
Write up and distribute Notes of the Meeting	Grenville Annetts	May 20
Volunteer to help with Fun Day on August 10 by contacting Helen Howard or Louise Shenston	Anyone/Everyone	ASAP
Sign up for / Renew OGAFCA Membership	Anyone + Expired Memberships	ASAP
Gypsy/Traveller Site Planning Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Speaker for Maidenhead Development Control Panel Meeting on Wednesday June 5th • Go along to Town Hall and show support 	Grenville Annetts + Neighbouring Residents As many as possible please	Jun 03 Jun 05
Write to RBWM about the Poor condition of local Roads, especially Forest Green Road + ask about re-surfacing	Louise Shenston	May 30
Write to Bray Parish Council about the poor Condition of local Bus Shelters	Michael Seagrief	May 30
Write to Owners and Operators of Tipping Site on Forest Green Road – about speed of Lorries and continual noise/dust/eyesore	Grenville Annetts	May 30
Submit Articles for Summer Newsletter to Editor Alison Brayshaw	Anyone/Everyone	June 21
Communications about AGM and Nominations for two vacant Director Positions	Grenville Annetts	August
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 7 Work Groups	Ongoing