



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 12th June 2025, starting at 19:00

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs J Austin (Chairman), Cllrs B Stern, T Coleman, F Stern, P Leung, N Gravenell, T Saunders, M Vivian and C. Marshall. D Ersser, the Clerk, WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge, 2 members of the police and 1 member of the public were also present.

50/25 **To receive apologies for absence**
K Deanus

51/25 **Declarations of interest**
None

52/25 **Minutes of the meeting 8th May 2025**
Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2025, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.

53/25 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 8th May - None**

54/25 **Correspondence**
Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

Public Session

Darren from The MCC Foundation Guildford presented his proposal to use and promote Bramley Sports Pavilion.

He runs a Surrey Cricket Academy for 270 state school children and is looking for new grounds for them to play. His proposal would involve not only cricket matches in the summer but junior cricket in the winter as well and other sports at the pavilion including football, table tennis and darts. He also suggested the Pavilion could be used for his women's cricket club. This project would raise the profile of Bramley Sports Pavilion, bring a lot more people to Bramley as well creating income for the Pavilion. His proposals were very positively received by all Cllrs and it was agreed to take this further.

Surrey Neighbourhood Police update from PC Billy Dann

PC Billy Dann attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new Neighbourhood Police Officer for Bramley. He has been a police officer for 7 years.

He reported that there had been 37 crimes in Bramley Parish so far this year with no crimes in June to date.

Chairman Austin asked him to investigate a fire at the field in Grafham which had been started on Wednesday evening. PC Dann advised that he would look into it and asked that local residents report the issue to 101 either by phone or online.

PC Dann also informed Cllrs about “Immobilise” the UK national property register and asked members to encourage residents to use it, thus enabling the police to return stolen property to their owners. The Clerk was asked to include this in the Bramley Update.

Clerk



55/25 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Waverley Borough Council update from Cllr Michael Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge stated the grounds maintenance would be discussed at the council meeting on 17th June.

He also advised that all documents regarding local government reorganisation had been submitted to central government, and they were expecting a decision in early Autumn.

Cllr Goodridge advised that the problems with CIL payments were continuing and that they were receiving conflicting legal advice and were setting up a working party to discuss a discretionary policy.

He advised that the residents affected fell into 2 groups, those that hadn't filled out the relevant paperwork & those who had filled out the forms incorrectly. He expressed his concern re the CIL funds not being spent or repaid and that the interest accruing on these funds was being used for general expenditure.

56/25 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllrs noted the planning report.

Cllrs discussed the Hilltop Kitchen Certificate of Lawfulness and agreed to submit the same objections as to their previous applications.

Cllr F Stern advised that the Stovolds Hill Inquiry had been adjourned for a second time after 4 days due to illness.

She also advised that the high court would decide in July as to whether to accept Singh Concrete's appeal request.

Asda Community Fund

Cllr B Stern reported that the VAT issue was being addressed with Asda and that several projects had been put on hold until a decision was received.

He also stated that the committee had agreed that remote votes would be accepted and that the next meeting was scheduled for June 18th.

Cllr B Stern also advised that the committee were drafting an update for residents on the progress of the projects to date. He advised Cllrs that approx £250k of the fund had been allocated to projects with £200k having been paid or submitted to Asda for payment.

Highways committee

Cllrs discussed the Rural Speed Review currently being carried out in Bramley on 4 roads. Chairman Austin advised that the current area under review only covers the area to the east of the A281. It was agreed that Cllr Saunders would circulate a report on 4 roads to Cllrs.



Estate Manager Report

Cllr F Stern reported that progress was finally being made on the transfer of ownership of the Bowls Club.

Resilience

Cllrs noted the Risk Register circulated noting that the Clerk's passwords need to be safely stored and that a plan needed to be in place in the event of the Clerk's absence. The Risk Register was formally adopted.

Library – Nothing to report

59/25 **Points of information and any other matters**

- i. Future Plan for Bramley Parish Council
Chairman Austin outlined her proposals to drive Bramley Parish Council forward. She stated that the council need a strategy with 3 or 4 aims which would then drive all future policies and decisions. Chairman Austin suggested the Council have a separate meeting to discuss this further. She also suggested that we had a meeting with all the village community groups in order that we can all work together for the benefit of Bramley Parish.
- ii. Funding for live streaming council meetings – It was agreed that this would be discussed along side the future plan for Bramley.
- iii. NALC Events re exploring alternative funding and attracting young talent to parish councils – The Clerk will circulate details to Cllrs with a view to them attending.

Clerk

Chairman Austin left the meeting & Vice Chairman B Stern took over the meeting

57/25 **Parish updates and actions**

- a. Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road) – nothing to report
- b. Station Road and environs (including Hall Road, Eastwood, Barton Road, Linersh Wood)

It was noted that the probation service were continuing their work repainting and refurbishing the gates and signs at the station.

- c. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)
Cllrs discussed the area in front of the library including removing the large fir tree. Cllr Marshall advised that this was all part of



joint project between the library & the Asda Funding committee to improve the area for the enjoyment of residents.

- d. Grounds and Downs Link – Nothing to report
- e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South)

Cllr F Stern advised that the streetlight on the A281 opposite Woodrough Copse, replaced following an accident still hadn't been reconnected. The Clerk will contact National Power Networks.

Clerk

58/25 **Finance**

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 1st May and 4th June 2025, to the value of £8,594.42
- b.
 - I. Annual Governance statement circulated to Members by the RFO. By agreeing to this statement, Members acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring a sound internal control system, including arrangements for preparing the Accounting Statements. Members agreed with all comments, and the Chairman and the Clerk signed the information.
 - II. Members approved the accounting statement for the 2024/25 financial year, which the Chairman signed. The Clerk will submit the annual return to the external auditor by the end of June deadline and ensure the required documents are published on the Parish Council website.
 - III. Cllrs noted the signed internal auditor's report, circulated to be submitted to the external auditor

Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Agreed and signedChairman, July 10th 2025

