



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 11th December 2025, starting at 19.00

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs J Austin (Chair), Cllrs B Stern, P Leung, F Stern, and M Vivian. D Ersser, the Clerk, SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus, WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge & 9 members of the public were also present.

110/25 **To receive apologies for absence**
C Marshall, T Coleman & N Gravenell

111/25 **Declarations of interest**
None

112/25 **Minutes of the meeting 13th November 2025**
The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting on 13th November and were then signed by the Chairman.

113/25 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 13th November -**
None

Public Session

A group of residents "The Friends of Alldens Lane" attended to express their concerns re the licence application at Hilltop Kitchen. They pointed out that the business was operating in buildings subject to planning enforcement. The licence application is for a 94-seater restaurant and the surrounding outside space despite there only being 26 parking spaces. The residents are very concerned about the parking and access down a single-track road with no passing places, stating that the location is totally unsuitable for such a business. BPC have previously objected to their certificate of lawfulness on the basis of safety, impact on National Landscape & the dark skies policy. It was noted that Surrey Highways, the Police and the fire service need to be made aware of the application.

A group of residents attended to discuss Bramley Park Lake. It was noted that the surrounding land had recently changed ownership. The new owner is concerned about the safety of the area, so a 3ft wooden fence has been placed on the water line. The owner has offered to give the land to the local residents or Bramley Parish Council. Whilst BPC want to protect the area for residents there are concerns of the liability they would be taking on. It is unclear who is responsible for the steps and the footpath, it was agreed that BPC would try and ascertain who is responsible and the new owner would be asked to provide surveys & maintenance plans for the culverts.

114/25 **Correspondence**
Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

The clerk pointed out that the notice board at Grafham needed replacing, Cllrs agreed to replace at a cost of approx £955.



Clerk

115/25 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Waverley Borough Council update from Cllr Michael Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge advised that at the council meeting on 10th December:

- The financial department at WBC was merged with GBC into 1 department
- The West Surrey joint area committee was formed to oversee the transition to a unitary authority
- The resolution to provide an out of hours planning department was passed

Cllr Goodridge also advised that the Cranleigh Leisure Centre project had been further delayed to summer 2026 with an increase in costs to £31 million.

Surrey County Council update from Cllr Kevin Deanus

SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus advised that the local government reorganisation continues without a clear plan and that the postponement of several mayoral elections will result in problems with the running of fire service & the police which will eventually be under be under mayoral control.

116/25 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllrs noted the planning report.

Asda Community Fund

Cllr B Stern reported that good progress had been made with the library and signage projects. He also noted that there is still uncertainty around the Bramley Sports Club and the Bowls Club/Trim Trail projects. The clerk reported that she had now received 2 quotes for the safeguarding project at the pavilion and that some progress had been made with GBC re the granting of a lease on the pavilion to the cricket club. The Sports Club committee were asked to present a report at the January meeting.

Highways committee

Chair Austin advised that there was a lot of local support for the 20mph speed limit in Snowdenham Lane and noted that the 20 mph consultation will start early next year.

SCC Cllr Deanus advised that Rural Speed Review, west of the A281 would begin in April 2026.

Estate Manager Report – Nothing to report

Bramley Sports Club Sub Committee – Covered in Asda Community Fund

Resilience – Nothing to report

Library

Clerk advised that the library ops team want to spend their £1k grant from



Bramley Fete committee on moving their existing defibrillator from inside the library to outside in a lockable cabinet. Cllrs unanimously approved this at a cost of £959.55 + Vat.

Eastwood Road Playground committee

Clerk noted that the new bin had been installed and that the committee were sourcing new goal posts.

117/25 **Parish updates and actions**

- a. Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road) –
Cllr agreed to replace the post on the triangular piece of grass as requested by residents.
- b. Station Road and environs (including Hall Road, Eastwood, Barton Road, Linersh Wood)
Cllr Leung advised that he would repair the damage to the station shelter caused by vandalism.
- c. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)
Chair J Austin advised that following recent reports of fuel in the stream she has been trying to arrange an update meeting with the main agencies. She also advised that recent water tests by Thames Water were all clear.
- d. Grounds and Downs Link
The clerk advised that she had been contacted by the Wey & Arun Canal Trust requesting a letter of support for their application for CIL funds to for the section of the Downs Link between Rooks Hill and Birtley. Cllrs agreed to support this.
- e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South) – nothing to report

118/25 **Finance**

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 6th November and 4th December 2025, to the value of £16,718.08.
- b. Cllrs noted and agreed the 2026-27 draft budget (circulated).
- c. Cllrs voted unanimously to keep the 2026-27 precept the same as 2025-26 at £95,406

119/25 **Points of information and any other matters**

- (i) Cllrs agreed that council meetings would be at 6.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month except August in 2026.
- (ii) The Clerk reported that she had received 2 responses for the Cllr vacancy. It was agreed that they would be invited to the

January 8th 2026 meeting to present their case & cllrs would vote and appoint a new cllr.



The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Agreed and signedChairman, January 8th 2026