



## Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, starting at 18:00

### PARTICIPANTS

Messrs P Leung (Chairman), Cllrs T Coleman, M Vivian, N Gravenell, T Saunders, D Ersser, the Clerk, WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge and 5 members of the public were also present.

**082/24 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors F stern, B Stern, J Austin and C Marshall sent their apologies.

**083/24 Declarations of interest**

None

**084/24 Minutes of the meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.

**085/24 Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September -**

None

**086/24 Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

**087/24 Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Waverley Borough Councillor Update from Cllr Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge stated that there had been a by-election since our last meeting resulting in a Conservative Councillor replacing a Labour Councillor.

Cllr Goodridge then gave WBC Cllr Austin's update in her absence.

Fuel Leak - Earlier this week Cllr Austin raised concerns with WBC following confirmation of a Gas leak on the site of the petrol station. Richard Homewood has confirmed this is a gas leak.

She has raised concerns with the recovery group about the level of risk given the potential interaction of gas and petrol vapour in the ground. Also - what is the likelihood the SGN leak is also a result of petrol in the ground? She is awaiting a response.

Gosden Common – Thames Water. Following a terrible Monday morning Cllr Austin spoke with Thames water who reduced the 4 way traffic lights to two way traffic lights. Thames Water have now filled in the work and Cllr Austin is awaiting a response as to whether the work to unblock the rising main has been successful.



Snowdenham Lane - Multiple residents from Snowdenham Lane have been in touch following two crashes involving HGVs. Problems currently worsened because of the Foxburrow Hill Road closure. Liaised with Cllr Deanus, unsuitable for HGV signage has been installed and also temporary unsuitable for diversion signage.

Surrey County Council Update from Cllr Deanus – given by WBC Cllr Goodridge in his absence

Gas Leak - The SGN works on Station Road and the roundabout are due to a gas leak. There is no traffic management affecting the road as they are venting the gas from the footway. The supervisor says that the gas readings at present are low enough for them to hold off any digging for the time being and therefore, unless the readings rise to an unacceptable level they would look to start the repair work once the TW emergency works have completed - probably during half term.

**088/24 Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllrs noted the planning report

Cllr Gravenell stated he had no objections to the applications submitted on 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October. Clerk to circulate applications to Cllrs for comment.

Clerk

Highways committee

Speed Watch – Cllr Saunders advised that neighbourhood speed watch had previously taken place on the A281 where the average speed check cameras are now in place negating the need for it in this area. Cllrs discussed other locations, no decision was reached. The matter will be raised again at The November meeting.

Estate Manager Report

The repair to the damaged wall at Old Rectory Close was discussed, The principal of the party causing the damage to the wall must pay for the repairs was upheld. The decision on the cost/benefits of taking legal action was deferred. The Clerk will try to ascertain whether the freeholder owns the wall.

Clerk

Resilience – nothing to report

Village Hall

The Service Level agreement between BPC & the Village hall, agreed by email in July 2024, was signed by both Chairmen.

Library

Cllrs unanimously approved the purchase of merchandise, some as gifts for the 40 volunteers, some for resale, for the library's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at a cost of approximately £1100.

Cllrs also agreed to pay half the cost of the plaque to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library.



Public Session - The floor was opened to allow the public to ask questions.

Chairman P Leung stated we are in the process of finalising another Bramley Special Update planned to be issued tomorrow subject to receiving some outstanding information.

We will be undertaking consultation with the village on the ASDA list and are currently taking advice on what form that will take.

Members of the public asked how and by who the list had been agreed.

Cllrs stated that the list had been prepared by representatives of the village over a short period of time in response to Asda's original offer of £50,000 in community support. They were extremely pleased when Asda accepted the request for over £500,000. This was step one, step two will be public consultation.

Cllr Goodridge pointed out that the £500,000 community support was a goodwill gesture from Asda to improve their relationship with the village that they didn't have to do. It will not preclude any individuals, businesses or public bodies from making their own claims against Asda and in fact he expects WBC, SCC and Thames Water all to make their own claims.

Local residents expressed their frustration in obtaining information, the Clerk will send them details of who to contact at WBC.

A local resident expressed their extreme concern of the danger of the school busses parking close to the junction of Station Road with Barton Road & Eastwood Road early in the morning. Pointing out that there has previously been an accident there. Clerk to follow up with bus companies.

Clerk

#### 089/24 **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) – Nothing to report
- c. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)

A resident contacted the Council about the lack of lighting in the alleyway between the Village Hall and Windrush Close. Cllrs stated that in the past residents had been opposed to the lighting. It was suggested that the clerk Contact St Catherine's School who now own the house at the start of the alleyway with a view to seeing if they could install a security light.

Clerk

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

#### 090/24 **Finance**

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 7<sup>th</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> October, to the value of £9942.58



- b. Cllrs noted the actual v budget report to 30.09.24 circulated by the Clerk.
- c. Cllrs unanimously agreed to replace the noticeboard by Ampfilon with a wooden noticeboard at a cost of £815
- d. Reserves Policy – The Clerk advised that the Village Hall has earmarked £12,000 of their funds for the Village Hall roof repair fund thereby enabling BPC to release £12,000 from their earmarked reserves to general reserves.
- e. The Clerk asked Cllrs to consider any expenditure requests for the 2025/26 budget prior to next month’s meeting.

**091/24 Points of information and any other matters**

- I The Standing Orders, circulated were formally adopted by the Councillors.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

Agreed and signed .....Chairman, November 21st 2024

