



## Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026, starting at 18:30

### PARTICIPANTS

Messrs J Austin (Chair), Cllrs B Stern, P Leung, M England, F Stern, M Vivian, N Gravenell, G Smith and P Wright. D Ersser, the Clerk, SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus & WBC Cllr Goodridge were also present.

24/26 **To receive apologies and reasons for absence**  
None

25/26 **Declarations of interest**  
None

26/26 **Minutes of the meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and were then signed by the Chairman.

27/26 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 -**  
None

28/26 **Correspondence**  
Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

29/26 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

#### Waverley Borough Council update from WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge advised that the budget had been agreed at 3%  
He also advised that Cranleigh Leisure centre had been approved at increased cost of £5 mil making £36 mil in total  
Cllr Austin advised that despite support for the 24 hour out of office planning enforcement it had been rejected by the executive.  
Cllr Goodridge advised that the Hilltop Kitchen Licence hearing had been postponed until 16<sup>th</sup> March as he was the only licensing officer to attend the hearing.

#### Surrey County Council update from SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus

SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus advised that the statutory changes re local government had gone through parliament.  
He advised that the new mayors wouldn't be elected until 2028 despite the current councils ceasing to exist in 2027  
Cllr Deanus pointed out the abundant utility works in the parish with the SGN works on the A281 to start on 7<sup>th</sup> April for a maximum on 35 weeks. At the recent public meeting SGN were confident that the works could completed sooner.  
Cllrs agreed to keep residents updated with the progress.  
Cllr Deanus noted that the 20-mph speed consultation would begin in May.



## 30/26 **Committee actions:**

### Planning Review Committee

Chair Austin advised that The Stovolds Hill Appeal had been postponed again.

### Asda Community Fund

Cllr B Stern advised that the Wey & Arun Canal Trust had received their final payment of £20k, the committee have approved the final £10k payment to Bramley Helping Hand and the work at Rhens Wall had been completed, the invoice submitted and approved by Asda.

The next meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Chair Austin advised that a draft update for residents had been submitted to the sub committee for comments and will be circulated to Cllrs next week before being issued to residents.

### Highways committee

Cllrs noted that the location of the new school crossing had been approved being the preferred option of Bramley Infant school & BPC.

### Estate Manager Report

The clerk advised that planning permission was required to demolish the bowls club Chair Austin & Cllr F Stern agreed to consider this.

Cllrs discussed the access from the Bowls Club to the Downs Link, Chair Austin & Cllr F Stern agreed to meet there to agree the boundaries.

Cllrs noted the response from GBC re BPC's expression of interest in the transfer of Gosden Common. Cllrs agreed unanimously to pursue this.

### Bramley Sports Club Sub Committee

Cllr England noted the 2 reports he had submitted to Cllrs and asked them to consider the reports prior to the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the committee's proposal.

### Resilience

Cllr G Smith advised that he reviewed the current resilience plan and had submitted his report to Cllrs. He noted that there were gaps in the current policy and agreed to carry out a full review of the policy with particular regard to the new unitary authorities.

He also advised that he would like to appoint neighbourhood wardens to assist in any further issues in the village.

Chair Austin thanked Cllr Smith for his very constructive report.

### Library

Cllrs approved the purchase of a new sofa and 2 computer privacy screens at a cost of £830

### Eastwood Road Playground committee

Cllr Wright agreed to oversee the installation of the new goalposts at Eastwood Road Playground on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Clerk advised that we were still waiting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> climbing frame quote.



### Village Hall Committee

Cllr Leung advised that VH management committee had met and advised that they had authorised the purchase of a new boiler.

#### 31/26 **Finance**

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 5<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026, to the value of £18891.32
- b. Cllrs noted the interim audit report circulated by the clerk.
- c. The clerk advised Cllrs of assertion 10 of the AGAR report re an IT policy. Cllrs agreed to work on a policy to be adopted at the May meeting
- d. Cllrs noted the asset register
- e. The Clerk advised that she had contacted the insurance company re insuring the Bowls Club. They advised that the public liability insurance currently in place covers the Bowls Club as long as it is properly secured. No entry signs have been put in place. They also advised that there is no need to insure the building as it is going to be demolished.

#### 32/26 **Parish updates and actions**

- a. Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road) – Nothing to report.  
Chair Austin reported that SCC have confirmed that the work being carried out on the site is legal and that the bridge is safe  
The clerk advised that a Gosden Common resident was repairing 3 of the benches the Cllrs expressed their thanks.
- 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 – Nothing to report
- d. Grounds and Downs Link  
Cllr Leung advised that he will repair the damage to the station shelter.
- e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South) – nothing to report

#### 33/26 **Points of information and any other matters**

- a. Code of conduct – Cllrs voted unanimously to adopt the local government code of conduct (circulated)
- b. BPC website – Cllr Vivian advised that having reviewed the current website that it needed a facelift and as phase 1 he would improve the layout, menu, communications and images and phase 2 would include more functionality.

- c. Bramley Village Showcase  
Chair Austin confirmed she will speak at the Showcase, Cllrs Wright & F Stern hope to display a drawing of the plans for the Bowls Club.
- d. Bramley Village Fete – May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Cllrs agreed to attend the fete but not have a stall.



The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Agreed and signed .....Chairman, May 14th 2026