



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 21st November 2024, starting at 18:00

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs P Leung (Chairman), Cllrs B Stern, T Coleman, M Vivian, F Stern, C Marshall, J Austin. D Ersser, the Clerk, SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge and 5 members of the public were also present.

Cllr B Stern opened the proceedings by advising councillors and the members of the public of the relevant standing orders for the conduct of the public session:

- f) The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 30 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.
- g) Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.
- h) In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response is given.

Unfortunately, two members of the public arrived after his introduction.

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

Councillors T Saunders and N Gravenell sent their apologies.

083/24 **Declarations of interest**

None

084/24 **Minutes of the meeting 17th October 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of 17th October 2024, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.

085/24 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 17th October - None**

086/24 **Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

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

Surrey County Council update from Cllr Deanus

Cllr Deanus stated that the HGV watch was now active in the area to the west of the A281. HGVs that breach the prohibition will receive warning letters from the police on the first and second occasion and will then be asked to attend a police interview on the third occasion. He pointed out that HGVs delivering to properties or belonging to businesses in the area were permitted.

Cllr Deanus had hoped to allocate funds to start an HGV watch in the area to the east of the A281 next year but this isn't possible due to elections next year.



He also stated that the rural speed review to the east of Bramley is due to be completed in the spring and the next rural speed watch will be to the west of the A281.

Waverley Borough Council update from Cllr Austin

Fuel Leak – SGN are venting gas and more investigative work is needed and the road will be closed on the evening of 21st November to enable this to be done.

Openreach – Their latest update states that they have found methane in their ducting, hence further investigations needed by SGN.

The hubs in the village are working well at the Nest and the Village Hall but they are trying to find a suitable location for a mobile hub in the south of the village.

Cllr Austin also advised that there will be a Fuel Leak Update Meeting at 6.00pm on Friday 29th November at St Catherine's School.

Cllr Austin extended a big thank you from BPC to everyone especially Bramley Business Network who helped make the Christmas lights switch on such a success.

She also said that the Thames Water works to the south of Bramley on the A281 were expected to be ongoing for 8 months.

Waverley Borough Council Update from Cllr Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge stated that the Head of Democratic Services had left the Council.

He also stated that there were administrative issues with the collaboration of WBC & GBC and the fusing of the constitutions. Items are being prioritised in order of urgency and budget rules need to be in place for the December meeting.

088/24 Committee actions:

Planning Review Committee

Cllrs noted the planning report

Cllr F Stern advised that the appeal regarding the land behind the bowls club had been rejected and that the Stovolds Hill Inquiry which started on the 12th November was adjourned at the end of the first day as the inspector was taken ill.

Call for sites – 2 officers from WBC visited Bramley and (accompanied by Cllrs B Stern, F Stern, Austin and Vivian) were taken to see the bonfire field, the allotment field and the wooded area. These sites were put forward by Paul Hunt (Lord Hamilton's agent). They also visited Forrester's Farm which could be sold to developers if the settlement area is extended. It is 7 acres and a useful plot of land to build on. BPC has yet to learn the outcome of this visit.

Asda Community Fund

It was proposed that a subcommittee be set up to assess the projects for the Asda Community Fund. Cllr Coleman made the proposal, Cllr F Stern seconded it and Cllrs voted in favour of it. The committee was duly formed. The committee had already met informally twice in November after Councillor Austin had asked Councillor B Stern to begin the work needed to allow ASDA to pay invoices on the proposed projects. Councillor B Stern gave a summary of



the progress made to the Council and members of the public based on a brief he had already circulated to the Councillors.

Asda community fund sub-committee summary for 21st November BPC meeting

This new sub-committee held 2 sessions in November as previously mentioned resulting in the following actions:

Terms of Reference have been agreed.

A spreadsheet of project allocations, quotes and estimates that can be regularly updated as ASDA approves payments has been created.

All residents/organisations have been offered the opportunity to submit their own ideas for possible projects to the BPC via the website. A number of submissions have already been received, with 2 relatively large potential projects (Pavilion and Grafham church) as well as a wish list from Bramley Infants School. It has been made clear to ASDA that flexibility is needed within the total budget commitment.

Project managers have been agreed for the projects already listed on Bramley Special update. These are BPC councillors and other members of Bramley voluntary organisations BVS, BBNTWK, BRAG etc. Where appropriate these are aligned with the relevant BPC sub-committee.

ASDA funding project procedure has been developed enabling project managers to engage with the named ASDA officials. Cllr C Marshall and Cllr T Coleman are developing a more detailed document whilst seeking to keep the processes as simple as possible.

The sub-committee remain reluctant to reveal sensitive cost estimates/quotes for specific projects at this stage because of the uncertainties involved and commercial sensitivities. As these uncertainties reduce with time more data will be published. The sub-committee is also constrained by 3rd party approval.

The uncertainties are due to:

- 'Finger in the air' cost estimates for projects – i.e. variance between estimates and quotes
- Individual Charity donations limits
- Multiple sources of funding for some projects e.g. Eastwood Road Play Area refurbishment
- Multi-year projects e.g. Xmas lights
- New potential community projects following the website public consultation

Cllr Marshall stated that a public consultation form was put on the website last week and since the issue of the special update regarding this was issued on Wednesday he had received between 15 & 20 responses. Cllr Marshall will collate the responses for the committee to go through.

Highways committee

Speed Watch – There have been no speed watch sessions since the installation of the average speed check cameras. There needs to be a new speed watch set up from scratch with new volunteers. Cllr F Stern would assist in setting it up, the clerk will ask for volunteers in the next Bramley Update.

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



Cllr Austin

A member of the public asked questions about the list of projects on the Asda Community funding list in particular the repairs to the churchyard walls. Cllr F Stern pointed out that the repair of the walls placed a financial strain on BPC and if the funds could be sourced from Asda the church could repair the walls as and when needed for the next few years.

Another member of the public asked why Bramley Fete was on the list. Cllr Austin to respond in writing. She also asked if the mothers of the children at Bramley Infant School had been consulted and Cllrs pointed out the public consultation form on the BPC website was available to everyone.

A member of the public asked 4 questions:

Will Cllr B Stern's statement at the beginning of the meeting be minuted, answer yes

How do the Council respond to questions raised verbally or in writing and in what time scales.

Are the Declarations of Interest up to date on the website, answer yes although one Cllrs is currently updating his.

Will you reveal costs of the projects on the Asda funding list – Council will respond in writing, but this will be a repeat of the relevant part of the statement given by Councillor B Stern at the meeting when briefing progress on the Asda Community fund sub-committee.

A resident of Snowdenham Lane stated that they had been suffering with the road being jammed up with cars for years. He also pointed out that there is no pavement for half of the lane, where 70% of the residents live making it very dangerous to walk in the road. Cllr Austin stated that there have been 2 crashes involving HGVs in the last few months and that the problem has been exacerbated by the closure of Foxborough Hill Road. Cllr Deanus has raised this with SCC.

Cllrs suggested that the residents set up a community HGV watch, which they have already started to do. BPC will assist with the rules and regulations they need to follow.

Another Snowdenham Lane resident said she had contacted St Catherine's School to suggest a staggered start to help ease the traffic in the lane. She also said her car was in the bodyshop for the 5th time in 3 years.

Estate Manager Report – nothing to report.

Resilience – nothing to report

Library

Cllr Marshall stated that the plaque to celebrate the library's 10 year anniversary had been commissioned. He asked the Chairman if he would unveil the plaque at the Library's anniversary party on 14th December to which he agreed, and Cllr Marshall extended an invitation to all Cllrs to attend.

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)

Eastwood Road Playground – Cllr Marshall and Cllr Austin met with St Catherine’s School who have agreed to assist with their expertise re the playground.

Cllr Marshall requested that in view of the recent CIL funds received by the Council that the balance of the existing CIL funds, approx. £8k be allocated to the playground. This was voted on and unanimously agreed by Cllrs.

Cllr Marshall also stated that he had asked SCC to donate the playground land to BPC.

c. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)

Mill Lane steps – The steps are in a terrible state & potentially dangerous. Cllr Marshall has a quote to repair them but in the first instance it was suggested that the clerk contact Surrey Countryside Access Team with a view to them repairing them.

Clerk

d. Grounds and Downs Link – Nothing to report

e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South)

Naming of unnamed track off Stovolds Hill – It was decided to leave this to WBC

090/24 Finance

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 9th October to 13th November, to the value of £15,030.56
- b. Cllrs noted the draft 25/26 budget (circulated) and agreed to email any suggestions/comments prior to the December meeting when the budget will be agreed.

091/24 Points of information and any other matters

- I Cllr Austin advised that Bramley Fete will be on Saturday 17th May next year and that there was one table left for the Bramley Village Ball at St Catherine’s on Saturday 14th December.

The meeting closed at 7.07pm

Agreed and signedChairman, December 12th 2024

