



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 12th December 2024, starting at 18:00

PARTICIPANTS

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

102/24 **To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor T Saunders sent his apologies.

103/24 **Declarations of interest**

None

104/24 **Minutes of the meeting 21st November 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of 21st November 2024, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.

105/24 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 21st November -**

None

106/24 **Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

107/24 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Surrey County Council update from Cllr Deanus

Cllr Deanus stated that National Policy Planning Framework had been published and he is expecting the Local Government Devolution White Paper and Financial Settlement Paper to be published shortly.

Waverley Borough Council Update from Cllr Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge stated that a full council meeting had been held earlier in the week but unfortunately it was cut short as the main agenda item had to be pulled as it appears that some members allowances could be illegal, and they need to take legal advice.

Cllr Goodridge also stated he has never had so many complaints from WBC residents since becoming a Cllr in 1987.

Waverley Borough Council update from Cllr Austin

Cllr Austin pointed out that they were all waiting for the Devolution White Plan as it will have an impact on all borough and parish councils as well as county councils.

Cllr Austin stated she has been in touch with SCC, Thames Water & SGN regarding the roadworks in Bramley. The current roadworks at the roundabout on the A281 and the closures to Station Road & Snowdenham Lane are to



enable Thames Water to replace a valve which has proved a more difficult process than originally anticipated.

Cllr Austin also said that SGN had found water in their pipes in Shalford necessitating the replacement on the main, which is resulting in ongoing roadworks in Shalford.

Cllr Austin attended a productive meeting of The Bramley Business Recovery Group on 4th December despite not many businesses being present. The next meeting is scheduled for early February, and she requested another BPC Cllr attended as well as herself.

108/24 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllrs noted the planning report

Cllr F Stern advised that the Singh Concrete Appeal is scheduled for February and the Stovolds Hill Inquiry is scheduled for June.

Asda Community Fund

Cllr B Stern stated that the committee had been working hard towards the next meeting on 17th December.

Cllr Marshall advised that he has received over 40 suggestions from Bramley residents via the website, which will be considered at the meeting.

The first payments have been submitted to Asda but are awaiting settlement.

Highways committee

Speed Watch – The clerk has 3 volunteers to date, and she will put another request in the January Bramley Update as 10 are needed to establish a new group.

Estate Manager Report

Cllr Gravenell stated that he had chased the repair of the triangular noticeboard.

Cllr F Stern stated she had been contacted by the Parish Council's solicitor re the transfer of the bowls asking if BPC would contribute to the Bowls Club's solicitor's fees to establish who the current trustees are to enable the transfer to be completed. Cllrs agreed to contribute.

Resilience – nothing to report

Library

Cllr Marshall reminded Cllrs of the 10th Anniversary Library celebration on Saturday 15th December. Chairman P Leung will unveil the celebratory plaque at 11.45am.

109/24 **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 stated that things were progressing well and that he had obtained a new quote which he will share with Cllrs in the next few days.
Cllr Marshall is waiting for a response from WBC re his CIL funds application.
- l. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)
The gate to Robertsons Garden won't open Cllrs are going to try and repair it.
- c. Grounds and Downs Link – Nothing to report
- d. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South) – Nothing to report

110/24 Finance

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 14th November & 4th December, to the value of £6466.36
- b. Cllrs noted the draft 25/26 budget (circulated) and voted to increase the precept for 2025/26 by 2% on the current year to £95,406
- c. The Clerk stated that she had negotiated a new 3 year grounds maintenance contract with the current contractors. She recommended accepting it for the following reasons:
They do an excellent job, are reliable and respond quickly to requests.
The price has increased 6% which seems minimal considering the inflation over the past 3 years, increases in minimum wage and the upcoming rise in employers NI.
Cllrs voted unanimously to renew.
- d. The Clerk proposed replacing 2 further Parish Council noticeboard boards. Cllrs voted unanimously to go ahead.

111/24 Points of information and any other matters

- i Cllrs approved the 2025 Council Meeting dates.
- ii Cllr Marshall advised that we now have our Gov.uk domain.

The meeting closed at 18.51pm

Agreed and signedChairman, January 16th 2025