



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

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

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs B Stern (Vice Chairman), Cllrs T Coleman, F Stern, J Austin, C Marshall, N Gravenell. D Ersser, the Clerk, SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus, WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge and 4 members of the public were also present.

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

Helen Melia from BRAG (Bramley Residents Action Group) attended to update the Parish Council following the public meeting with Asda on Tuesday 16th July. She stated that:

- EPS advised of the extent of the plume of fuel.
- A remediation plan is in place but will take time probably at least a year.
- We still don't know the full extent of the fuel leak but 50 bore holes will have been dug in the village by the end of the week to monitor the amount of fuel in the ground and extract it.
- Asda stated for the first time that they will pay compensation to local businesses affected by the fuel leak.
- Another meeting will take place in September.
- We need to know the low term health impacts of drinking low levels of hydrocarbons.
- Lord Rose asked for a show of hands as to whether Asda should reopen the fuel station & shop, the answer was a resounding no.

Gillian Longdon and Liz Sutherland, both Bramley residents who are part of WBC Business Recovery Group attended and stated that:

- Businesses in Bramley are really suffering and need help now to prevent some of them going out of business.
- The progress of the Business Recovery Group has been frustratingly slow.
- To date WBC have only offered a marketing campaign at a cost of £5000 to the businesses and one to one business support, which is very disappointing.
- We need to support our local businesses. BPC agreed to help by promoting this in the Bramley Update and verbally in the village.
- They are setting up Bramley Business Network which has received a lot of support

Vice Chairman B Stern thanked members of BRAG for their ongoing work on the fuel leak issue.

Liz Sutherland, who is also President of Bramley Village Society was thanked by the Cllrs for the hard work the BVS has been doing tidying and improving the appearance of the village.

062/24 **To receive apologies for absence**



Chairman Patrick Leung and Councillors Mark Vivian and Troy Saunders sent their apologies.

063/24 **Declarations of interest**
None

064/24 **Minutes of the meeting 20th June 2024**
Minutes of the meeting of 20th June 2024, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the Vice Chairman.

065/24 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 20th June 2024**
None

066/24 **Correspondence**
Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

067/24 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Surrey County Council Update from Cllr Deanus

Cllr Deanus reminded BPC to submit their application for the funding he has available.

Cllr Deanus stated that there had been problems at a Traveller site at Lydia Park with trees with TPOs being cut down to provide a new exit to Dunsfold Road. This has been stopped.

Cllr Deanus voiced his concerns about the roads in Bramley following all the recent disruption. Cllr Austin advised that WBC Matt Furniss has said that a 6 month embargo for works is in place on the A281.

Waverley Borough Councillor Update from Cllr Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge stated that it was important for Cllr Austin to join the Bramley Business Recovery Group.

Cllr Goodridge also reported that there had been a 400 litre diesel spillage in Wonersh resulting in immediate remedial action with road works for 4 days. Cllr Goodridge also stated that he had been contacted by a Gosden Common resident regarding the maintenance of their track. Cllrs advised that BPC are already aware of this issue and have corresponded with the residents concerned.

068/24 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllr F Stern advised Cllrs of the planning decisions to the 13th of July.

Cllr Austin advised that the Hilltop Kitchen application is going to committee in August.

Highways committee – nothing to report

Estate Manager Report

Cllr Gravenell advised that he was in touch with the BVS regarding the list of maintenance issues in Bramley.

Resilience

Cllr Gravenell

Resilience Chairman Cllr Marshall to engage with BRAG to create a formal record of their actions.

Cllr Austin to join the sub-committee, with Cllr Gravenell as substitute.



Cllr Marshall

069/24 **Parish updates and actions**

- a. Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road)
The Clerk advised of a potential booking of the Pavilion from a pre school during the winter months.
- b. Station Road and environs (including Hall Road, Eastwood, Barton Road, Linersh Wood)
- 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 Austin stated that there is still an issue with dog fouling on the Downslink.
Cllr Marshall pointed out that despite the recent cutting back the vegetation is very overgrown. SCC Cllr Deanus advised that as Bramley is a rural area the vegetation only gets cut back twice a year.
- e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South) –
Nothing to report

Clerk.

070/24 **Finance**

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 12th June to 10th July, to the value of £20,619.98
- b. Actual v budget to 30.06.24 (circulated). The report was noted by Cllrs.

071/24 **Points of information and any other matters**

- i. Code of Conduct (circulated). The Code of Conduct was approved and formally adopted by Cllrs.
- ii. Church Clock service contract. Cllrs asked the Clerk to arrange a new service agreement for the service of the church clock.
- iii. Library report from Cllr Marshall.
 - Cllr Marshall advised that he is re-engaging with the library.
 - He is in the process of reviewing the library lease.
 - The 10th Anniversary of the library is in December and the volunteers would like our MP Jeremy Hunt to attend the celebrations.



The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Agreed and signedChairman, September 19th 2024