



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 11th September 2025, starting at 19:00

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs J Austin (Chairman), Cllrs B Stern, T Coleman, F Stern, P Leung, N Gravenell and M Vivian. D Ersser, the Clerk, SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus, WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge & 1 member of the public were also present.

70/25 **To receive apologies for absence**

T Saunders and C Marshall

71/25 **Declarations of interest**

None

72/25 **Minutes of the meeting 10th July 2025**

Minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2025, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.

73/25 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 10th July - None**

Public Session

A member of the public attended to highlight the parking and turning issues at the very end of Eastwood Road where road ends and the pedestrian access to the meadows begins. The road is a dead end and unsuitable for turning. She was concerned about vehicles parking on the grass area on the right-hand side of the path. Cllrs agreed to find out who owns the grass area and look into putting in some new bollards to stop the parking and possibly some more signage.

74/25 **Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

75/25 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Surrey County Council update from Cllr Kevin Deanus

Cllr Deanus advised that the Mill Lane Steps, which are in need of repair are not on SCC land. The Countryside Team are trying to establish which of 2 properties own the land and are therefore responsible for their repair.

He also advised that the Government decision regarding the local government is due on October 15th and he hoped there wouldn't be any delays due to the recent government changes.

Chairman Austin asked Cllr Deanus how the transfer of community assets process worked as BPC might explore taking ownership of Eastwood Road Playground & Gosden Common. Cllr Deanus will advise by email.



Cllr Deanus asked Cllrs to encourage residents to use “Fix my Street” to report local issues.

Waverley Borough Council update from Cllr Michael Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge advised that the issues with CIL continue with refunds only being issued as a result of council error although payments weren't being enforced. He felt the only way this will be resolved is by a change in legislation. Cllr Goodridge also expressed concern that the interest of approx £100k per month, on the £27 million CIL fund was being used for general expenditure by the council instead of being ring fenced. He also advised that the legal, democratic services department and Regulatory Services departments of Waverley have now merged.

76/25 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllrs noted the planning report.

Cllr F Stern advised that the planning permission for a house on the plot of land by the bowling club had been granted.

Cllrs discussed the application for a certificate of lawfulness at Combe Farm especially in light of noise complaints from neighbours. Cllrs agreed to submit an objection. Chairman Austin advised that local residents had formed a group to oppose it.

Cllr F Stern advised that the Stovolds Hill had been postponed until February 2026.

Chairman Austin advised that the Clockhouse Lane appeal was on September 25th and that she had been approached by residents in favour & against the application. She asked if any of the Cllrs could attend the appeal, unfortunately there is no one currently available.

Asda Community Fund

Cllr B Stern reported that good progress had been made with approx £330k of the £512k fund being allocated. He noted that clarification was still needed from Asda that the £512k is ex VAT.

He advised that work would start at Eastwood Road Playground on 15th September. At the meeting on 10th September discussions were had about the replacement of the goal posts. H Lewis is in the process of getting quotes. J Austin explained that BPC are looking at the sports/leisure offer in the village as a whole including Gosden Common and Chestnut Way Playground. Members agreed that it would be more appropriate to provide goals for smaller children at the Eastwood Road Playground. They also agreed to consult with residents. B Stern advised that the trim trail project would require Secretary of State permission for Gosden Common, so other locations were being explored, possibly the Bowls Club.

He also advised that the Gosden Housed Bakehouse Project had been completed, as had the Bramley Infant School Canopies project, the £30k donation had been made to the Wey & Arun Canal trust and that the first phase of the work at the Village Hall had been completed with the second phase due to start imminently.



The committee also discussed several new projects including the repair of the Rhens Wall a decision will be made once they have heard back from The Old Rectory Close Management Company. They also discussed the installation of an Astroturf Strip at Gosden Common to facilitate more intensive use of the common and the primary pitch during the cricket season. T Coleman had circulated 2 quotes for the strip. The committee agreed in principle to commit £12k to the strip pending consultation with Bramley Cricket Club and obtaining expert advice.

B Stern also advised that further works were to be carried out in front of the library.

Highways committee

It was agreed that Cllr Gravenell would reinstate the 2 "Welcome to Bramley signs".

Chairman Austin advised that the bus stop on the A281 north of the roundabout would be replaced by the end of October.

Estate Manager Report

Bramley Sports Pavilion

Cllr Gravenell advised that the recent Traveller incursion at Grafham had exposed the vulnerability of Gosden Common. He asked for permission to install foldable bollards at the entrance from the A281 and to strengthen and move the bund whilst expanding the car park at the same time. Parking is an issue for both users of the pavilion and local residents. Cllrs voted unanimously to carry out this work at a cost of approx £6100 from BPC's CIL funds. They also authorised the installation of battery operated CCTV cameras at a cost of £130.

The Stone Barn

Cllr Gravenell highlighted the possibility of selling the stone barn and asked Cllrs to consider this option.

The Bowls Club

Cllr Gravenell advised that he had a quote of £14k to take down the Bowls Club building which is in a bad state of repair. He has also had a quote of approx £1600 to establish a boundary fence. Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of proceeding with the fence.

Bramley Sports Club Sub Committee

Cllr Coleman advised that to maximise the use of Bramley Sports Pavilion and associated facilities for recreation and sporting activities the council needs to take the following actions:

- Serve 6 months notice on the Bramley Sports Pavilion Trust.
- Form a Subcommittee to manage the Pavilion and associated facilities. initially the Chairperson, Clerk/RFO and the Estate Manager.
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- Elect a committee Chairperson.
- Appoint the Parish Clerk as committee Clerk/RFO.

Cllr Gravenell



- Authorise the Chairperson, Clerk and Estate Manager to develop the committee Terms of Reference, obtain cost estimates to create separate toilet facilities for males and females in order to meet basic safeguarding requirements and identify future updating/maintenance requirements.
- Elect the additional members of the subcommittee.

Chairman Austin proposed T Coleman as the chairman, Cllr B Stern seconded him, and he was unanimously elected. D Ersser was appointed RFO and Cllr Gravenell was appointed to the committee.

Cllr Coleman advised that Cllr Gravenell had got a quote of approx £25k to carry out the works on the male & female toilets to meet safeguarding requirements at the Pavilion. The work would be financed from BPC CIL funds. Cllrs authorised the committee to obtain CAD drawings to facilitate getting 2 further quotes.

Resilience – Nothing to report

Library – Nothing to report

Village Hall committee

The Village Hall 2024-25 accounts & annual report were noted by Cllrs and signed by the chairman and the clerk.

77/25 **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)
Cllrs noted that the community service had returned to paint the station gates. BPC will replace the gate posts and repair the station shelter.
- c. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)
Cllrs noted the ongoing issue with the drain outside Nest. Cllr Deanus advised this should be reported on “Fix my Street”
- d. Grounds and Downs Link
Cllr Coleman reported that the southern steps from the Downlink to Windrush Close were in need of repair. The Clerk will contact Surrey Countryside Access.
- e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South)
Cllrs noted the recent Traveller incursion at Grafham.

78/25 **Finance**

Clerk



- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 5th July and 3rd September 2025, to the value of £3,108.57
- b. Cllrs noted the engagement letter from the auditor in particular his competency and his independence from the council. Cllrs unanimously agreed to appoint April Skies as their auditor

79/25 **Points of information and any other matters**

Cllrs agreed to arrange another meeting to discuss the BPC future plan.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Agreed and signedChairman, October 9th 2025