



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 14th December 2023, starting at 6:00 pm

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs P Leung, T Coleman, C Marshall, M Vivian, R Stern, J Austin, F Stern, D Ersser, the RFO, and L van Rensburg, the Clerk, Surrey County Cllr Kevin Deanus, were also present. One member of the public attended.

109/23 **To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors Troy Saunders and Nick Gravenell sent their apologies.

110/23 **Declarations of interest**

None

111/23 **Minutes of the meeting November 21st, 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the November 2023 were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the chairman.

112/23 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of November 21st 2023**

None

113/23 **Bramley Neighbourhood Police update**

The clerk requested Surrey Police patrol to hopefully deter antisocial behaviour from recurring in the village. Although there was no official response from the police, a few cars were spotted patrolling the village.

114/23 **Correspondence**

The clerk circulated the correspondence report.

115/23 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Waverley Borough Councillor Update from Cllr Austin

- This week WBC had a very full December full Council
- Agenda included a unanimously passed motion on Thames Water issue.
- Bramley and Womersley ward Councillors will be attending the public meeting with CEO of Thames Water on Friday 15th December and making representation on behalf of ward residents who were without water for the longest period of time.
- Sadly, Andrew Smith joint Executive Head of Housing has handed in his



- notice - huge loss says Kevin Deanus
- Next week we will be having a further full council to agree the new Joint CEO for WBC and GBC
- Alfold Neighbourhood Plan went through last week.

Bramley matters

- WBC moving forward with new local plan. Bramley NP committee met to discuss.
- Just been alerted via Jeremy Hunt and Cllr Kevin Deanus that we have received a response to our request to reduce speeds heading north out of Bramley. SSC states that in order to reduce the speed in this area, speed reduction measures would need to be put in place. These measures are estimated to be costed at £700k; the cost of this would compete with other schemes across the county. Therefore, at present, this is not on the programme of work.
- Fuel leak - met with senior managers on site from the EA last week. There are weekly updates on their website. The petrol station will be closed for two weeks. This problem will take months to solve.
- Lydia Park - meeting proposed with BPC, Alfold PC and Dunsfold PC, ideally with Waverley Enforcement

Surrey County Councillor Update from Cllr Deanus

- Trees near Singh Concrete - taken out by Surrey as diseased. At some stage SCC should replace (6 months)
- Timing of traffic lights on High Street – an SCC Engineer will review.
- Speed camera - poles might go in next week pending correct permits.
- Community Fund is available - apply ASAP.
- Surrey has virtually finished the Budget £2bn that is nearly in balance. Great achievement.

116/23 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

- Councillor F Stern said a list of planning decisions should be available from Waverley in a spreadsheet for BPC. Lindi's links are not working properly. Councillor Colin Marshall agreed to look at this.
- Cllr Bob Stern reported that the falling house prices will probably lead to the developer at Dunsfold not building the first tranche of houses until they can make sufficient profit. This might increase Waverley's requirements for higher numbers of houses from other parishes, including Bramley.
- However, given the statements made in the Waverley Local Plan presentation that Made Parish Neighbour Hood Plans will stay enforced until they are replaced, it could be that Bramley may well be able to avoid significant additional houses before 2032, although FMS observed

Cllr F Stern asked if Cllr Austin could assist in getting the planning outcome to be sent to the clerk.



that we need to understand what happens to the target when, for example, the Destination Triumph units are delivered after the new Local Plan is made, given that we have already beaten the target for the old plan?

- Liz Townsend stressed that until Waverley gets a new plan in place Waverley is stuck with spiralling house numbers because of the government's method for calculating local housing need. An already challenging target of 590 dwellings a year will rise to 720 dwellings a year, inevitably attracting more speculative development proposals on sites not agreed with in the LP or NHPs.
- It is considered to be very unlikely that Paul Hunt will hold a public consultation on any proposals to build on the bonfire field without Parish council support.
- All agreed it would be sensible to engage with WBC to consider extending the southern settlement boundary to include Forester Farm if the owner wants to sell.

Library committee

The Clerk received a comprehensive report from the Library Operations team.

Village Hall management committee

The last meeting took place on 12th October at Bramley Village Hall. The minutes are on the BPC website.

Highways committee

Cllr F Sern discussed coordination efforts for Speed Watch locations and the need for volunteers, particularly in the northern part of the village.

Estate Manager Report

Nothing to report.

117/23 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)

During the Eastwood play area meeting, decisions were made regarding the required equipment. The RFO will contact Grastex to arrange clearing of the play area. It was also proposed adding a link on the council's website for reporting overflowing bins.



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

The clerk and the chairman decorated the sculpture in front of the library with Christmas lights. Cllr Leung suggested that the planning for next year's Christmas lights happen earlier in the next year.

d. Grounds and Downs link

Councillor Austin proposed organizing a litter pick to clear the Downs link, with assistance from the girls at St. Catherine's. An email with proposed dates and times will be circulated by Councillor Austin.

Public Section

- A member of the public, Andrew Pote provided details about the Bowling Club's decision to offer it back to the Parish Council, but only if it will be used as recreational space for the public. Discussions included potential uses if acquired, such as a quiet seating area. Councillor R Stern asked councillors if they wanted to vote on whether to accept the offer. A vote was duly held and the council unanimously accepted the offer costing 205 pounds.
- In response Cllr F Stern discussed access rights related to the Bowling Club property, highlighting potential legal considerations regarding the access track and rights of adjacent properties. Jane elaborated on the legal aspects, including the implications of different clauses in the deeds. The discussion covered the potential impact on local residents and the necessity of verifying legal rights and access eg the garage.
- The Council agreed to explore different options for the use of community spaces and consider necessary improvements or refurbishments.

Investigations of the legal aspects of access rights and property deeds to make informed decisions about the community infrastructure.

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

Nothing to report.

118/23 Finance

- a. Payments listed in Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed on payments between 9th November to 6th December 2023 to the value of £6,023.19.
- b. The budget and Precept for 2024-25 was agreed including a provision to increase general reserves by £12,500, which are currently too low.
- c. The Interim audit report was circulated by the RFO and noted by the Members.

119/23 **Points of information and any other matters**

- Cllr Coleman stepped down as Vice Chairman due to hearing issues, and Cllr B Stern, who was next in line, assumed the role following unanimous approval from all councillors.



The meeting closed at 18:51

Agreed and signed Chairman, January 18th, 2024