Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council



Held at Bramley Village Hall on 19th October 2023, starting at 6:00 pm

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs P Leung, T Coleman, C Marshall, M Vivian, B Stern, T Saunders, D Ersser, the RFO and Surrey County Cllr Kevin Deanus, Cllr Michael Goodridge were also present.

88/23 To receive apologies for absence Councillors Francesca Stern, Jane Austin and Nick Gravell sent their apologies. 89/23 **Declarations of interest** None 90/23 Minutes of the meeting September 21st 2023 Minutes of the meeting of the 21st September 2023 were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the chairman. Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 21st September 2023 91/23 None 92/23 **Bramley Neighbourhood Police update** A report for Wonersh, Bramley, Shamley Green and Blackheath had been received and circulated to councillors. PC greenway doesn't have the time to do a report at Bramley level. 93/23 Correspondence The clerk circulated the correspondence report. 94/23 Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update Kevin's role is changing he is handing over highways to Matt Furniss 20 mile per hour speed limit - SCC met with 20 is plenty Select Committee, police, fire & PCC. Surrey has the highest death rate of all counties for cyclists & pedestrians, albeit is one of the most densely populated. There is a lot of support for the 20 mile speed limit in appropriate places eg schools.

They hope to take the proposal to full council in December & open 3 month public consultation in January.

Michael

Unlikely the Government will take over WBC planning applications.

3rd highest borough for planning staff turnover at 46% this year GBC 41%



Poor staff morale due to merger with GBC after revelations of housing losses, fraud, officers being investigated, missing reserves. Senior staff spending more time with GBC than WBC.

With regard to the Cranleigh Leisure Centre, the costs of rebuilding have increased from £19.9mil in 2021 to an estimate now of £31.14mil. WBC have requested a formal quote.

95/23 Committee actions:

Planning Review Committee

WBC will confirm a provisional date for the Singh concrete appeal of the 9th January over the next two weeks. SCC owns the land where the trees outside Singh concrete have been cut down. John Bennet has a meeting with SCC on Friday to understand what is happening and why.

Planning decisions are now being published by WBC on the planning homepage that Francesca has just noticed.

Jane copied Francesca in on an email relating to all the Lydia Park appeals and applications that are ongoing, alerting her to the fact the recent list of applications sent to Lindi do not include the Lydia Park ones. Jane is investigating this.

The three applications for this week include 2 for Lydia Park to which Francesca recommends we object strongly as per her draft.

The neighbourhood plan committee is to be re-instated as WBC are starting work on a new local plan and will no doubt be looking for new sites for building on. BStern has agreed to chair this committee and it will be important to try to identify suitable land where more houses could be built within a revised settlement area. BStern will provide more detail before the first committee meeting.

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

Nothing to report.

Estate Manager Report

Nothing to report.

96/23 Parish updates and actions

- a. <u>Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road)</u>
 i. No news
- b. <u>Station Road and environs (including Hall Road, Eastwood, Barton Road,</u> <u>Linersh Wood)</u>

The Eastwood Road play area, a new survey had received 137 responses that is very similar to the previous survey.

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

Patrick L had talked to colleagues on the High Street about CCTV procurement. It was agreed we should investigate whether CII funding could be used to contribute to such a project, and also seek answers to



how a broad high street surveillance capability would operate and what it might cost.

- d. grounds and downs link Nothing to report.
- e. <u>Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and</u> <u>South)</u>

Nothing to report.

98/23 Finance

- a. All satisfied with the Actual v budget to 30.09.23.
- Payments listed in Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed on payments between 12th September to 10th October 2023 to the value of £7666.58
- c. RFO to circulate to councillors need to confirm new project funding requirements before the November meeting. RFO confirmed the Auditor's requirement to build up the general reserve, as opposed to earmarked reserve (village hall roof).
- d. RFO advised internal audit booked for 20.11.23

99/23 **Points of information and any other matters**

4 volunteers are needed for road marshals on Remembrance Sunday and the Bonfire.

December meeting will be on 14th December

The RFO circulated the draft Parish Council Standing Orders before the

meeting. Members agreed on these. RFO to publish them on the Parish Council website.

Agreement to put draft minutes on the website because the budget is greater than 25k.

Someone from the social club asked Lindi if the Braai club van can park there on the night of the bonfire (to sell food).

The meeting closed at 19:00

Agreed and signed Chairman, 19th October 2023