

Bramley Parish Council conference call – 7th May 2020

Participants: Mr Seaborne, Mr Leung, Mr Molineux, Mr Coleman, Mr Hughes, Mr Byham, Mr Stern, Mrs Stern, Mr D’Arcy (Waverley Councillor), the Clerk.

1. Update on volunteer community support scheme

- Mr Hughes reported that it had been a relatively quiet week. He will continue to co-ordinate the scheme for a further week.
- Mrs Stern noted that Wonerish Pharmacy is only open between 2:00pm and 5:00pm on Bank Holiday Friday.

2. Status of BPC staff and facilities

- Clerk confirmed that all staff remain healthy and facilities are secure.

3. Email from Waverley regarding financial impact of Covid-19

- The Clerk circulated an email from Waverley Borough Council which requested an outline of financial implications on Parish Councils due to Covid-19.
- Members agreed that the Clerk should prepare a draft spreadsheet and circulate it to Members showing no income for 6 months from April 2020 and a summary of budgeted expenditure for the financial year. Waverley have requested that the figures can be updated on a monthly basis.
- Members agreed that, due to the serious shortfall in revenue the Parish Council will experience this year, the repairs to the walls at Holy Trinity church should be deferred for a year. The Clerk was asked to communicate this to the church.
- The project to convert the Stone Barn to office space should be put on hold until after the Covid-19 pandemic has passed. Mr Hughes suggested that the Parish Council should discuss alternative ways to fund this project. There is concern that as the economy will take some time to recover, it would not be sensible to take out a large loan from the Public Works Loan Board. Members agreed this should be discussed at a later date when the Council can meet again in person.

4. AOB

- The Clerk reported that she has contacted the Countryside Access team at Surrey County Council concerning the unauthorised bonfires and garden paths on the grass verges of the Downs Link. They have informed the Clerk that the width of the Downs Link is owned by Waverley Borough Council, not SCC. This is not the understanding of the Parish Council, who believes it is owned by Surrey County Council. The Clerk was asked to request clarification from SCC on this. SCC has suggested that they will carry out a letter drop to houses that back onto the Downs Link once the current lockdown is lifted. They may also involve Waverley Borough Council to clear the flytipped garden waste.
- The Clerk was asked to arrange for Shaun Clark to cut back some of the overgrowing vegetation on the Downs Link to the south of the cement works as well as at the entrance to the public footpath that runs from The Coombes. Clerk to action.