



## Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024, starting at 18:00

### PARTICIPANTS

Messrs P Leung (chairman), T Coleman, J Austin, Troy Saunders, Colin Marshall. D Ersser, the Clerk, WBC Cllr Michael Goodridge and SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus were also present.

041/24 **To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors Bob Stern, Francesca Stern, Nick Gravenell and Mark Vivian sent their apologies.

042/24 **Declarations of interest**

None

043/24 **Minutes of the meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the chairman.

044/24 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

None

045/24 **Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

046/24 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Surrey County Council Update from Cllr Deanus

Cllr Deanus reminded Councillors that the appeal meetings for the traveller sites are coming up and encouraged as many members of the joint parishes, being Bramley, Alfold, Dunsfold and Hascombe to attend.

Cllr Deanus also noted that work on the Local Plan part one was progressing and that there would be a high expectation to provide additional houses in the area. Once Bramley receive their call for sites he suggested arranging a meeting with Katherine Dove to fully understand the process.

Waverley Borough Councillor Update from Cllr Goodridge

Cllr Goodridge advised that the Joint Strategic Director of Waverley Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council had resigned, and that Richard Bates the temporary 151 Officer has been appointed the permanent 151 Officer for 2 years.

Cllr Goodridge also advised the Council that Jane Austin has been appointed leader of the opposition at Waverley Borough Council

Bramley Updates from Cllr Austin

Thames Water Update



Cllr Austin stated that the works at Gosden Common are ongoing but resolved for the time being following the unblocking of a pipe. Further work will be required in the pipes going towards Shalford.

Cllr Austin has been meeting Thames Water to discuss compensation payments for Bramley residents following last year's issues and advised that further payments will be forthcoming.

Cllr Austin also advised that there had been a meeting with the Consumer Water Council in Godalming which was attended by some Bramley residents. The pavement in Bramley High Street is closed as Openreach have found fuel in their ducting so they cannot carry out work on their fibre cables which has resulted in Bramley Infant School reporting issues with their internet connections.

Cllr Austin stated that following testing Thames Water has placed a precautionary temporary stop notice on the drinking water at St Catherine's school. In the meantime, the school is being supplied with bottled water and a tanker has been sent to site to ensure continuity of supply for pupils. Testing is ongoing throughout the village.

#### Fuel Leak Update

Cllr Austin has attended meetings with Asda, EPS and Thames Water and there is finally a proper update re the fuel leak and it's cause.

Cllr Austin advised that there will be a community meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.00-7.00pm for Asda to update local residents regarding the leak.

#### 047/24 **Committee actions:**

##### Planning Review Committee

The planning report circulated by Cllr F Stern was noted by Councillors.

Cllr Austin stated that the planning application for the Hilltop Café has received 20 objections so will go to the planning committee. She is also referring the Slades Farm Glamping and Combe Farm Buildings applications to the committee.

##### Highways committee

Cllr Saunders reported that testing is continuing on the average speed cameras.

##### Estate Manager Report

Nothing to report.

##### Resilience

The Risk Assessment circulated by Cllr Marshall was formally adopted by the Cllrs.

Cllr Marshall also stated that he is dealing with the relocation of two generators stored in a resident's garage in Fisher Rowe Close. The generators are for use during flood events.

Cllr Marshall

#### 048/24 **Parish updates and actions**

a. Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road)

The Clerk reported that Cllr F Stern had advised her that the Council need to appoint solicitors to deal with the former Bramley

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Grounds Maintenance Depot. She suggested that we appoint Lynn Murray & Co, this was unanimously agreed by the Cllrs.

b. Station Road and environs (including Hall Road, Eastwood, Barton Road, Linersh Wood)

It was noted that a new gate has been installed between Eastwood Road and the Downs Link.

Cllrs agreed that the station area needs refurbishing.

2 stolen cars were fingerprinted and removed from Barton Road by the police.

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 has received numerous complaints about dog excrement on the Downs Link and the village as a whole. The Clerk will highlight this in the Bramley Update.

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

Nothing to report

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**049/24 Finance**

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 12<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> May, to the value of £41,417.56, the RFO pointed out that this included £26,328.92 which was transferred into a savings account.
- b. Reserves Policy. It was agreed that the Council's reserves policy would be reviewed at the September meeting prior to the RFO preparing the budget for 2024-25.
- c. The Clerk advised that the final internal audit was scheduled for 31.05.24.

**050/24 Points of information and any other matters**

- i. Bramley Fete arrangements were finalised.
- ii. The Clerk circulated the insurance renewal documents and 2 further quotes prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to renew with the current insurers Zurich for a 3 year term, on the basis of cost, cover and historical claims handling.
- iii. The Chairman, Cllr Coleman and the Clerk have reviewed the new draft lease for the library from Surrey County Council. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the process.
- iv. It was agreed that a Councillor should be appointed for the Library. Cllr Leung proposed Cllr Marshall, Cllr Coleman seconded him and he was duly appointed by the Council.

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- v. The Clerk advised the Council that she will be on annual leave from 20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May.



The meeting closed at 18:50

Agreed and signed ..... Chairman, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2024