

Bramley Parish Council conference call – 28th 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. Planning

- Members discussed the following planning applications:
 - [WA/2020/0751](#) - Duck House, Gate Street, Bramley, GU5 0LR
Application under Section 73A to remove Condition 5 of WA/2020/0291 (permitted development rights removed) to allow permitted development rights at Duck House, Gate Street, Bramley, GU5 0LR
 - [WA/2020/0749](#) – Blunden Court, Bramley
Application under Regulation 3 for alterations to elevations.
 - [WA/2020/0779](#) – Barns at Rowe Barn Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley, GU5 0NB
Alterations to existing buildings to create 4 dwellings with associated works to provide gardens and amenity space; erection of a 6 bay garage following demolition of storage barn.
 - Amendment to [WA/2020/0004](#) – Land at coordinates 502910 142158, Wey and Arun Canal, Rushett Common, Bramley
Erection of new bridges, construction of new canal cut, new footpaths and landscaping.
The amendment/information relates, briefly, to additional information received in response to questions from Surrey rights of way team, including in relation to passage under the proposed bridge for horses.
- Click on the above links to view the details of each application and the Parish Council’s comments.

2. Update on volunteer community support scheme

- The Clerk reported that 5 residents of Bramley have been assisted by volunteers within the last 2 weeks.
- Members agreed that as the number of requests for assistance has dropped to such a low number, the Clerk should communicate through Bramley Update that all requests for assistance be made directly to her, rather than by calling Members according to the schedule that was previously established. Clerk to action.

3. Status of BPC staff and facilities

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

4. Citizens Advice videoconferencing service

- The Clerk informed Members that Citizens Advice Waverley are planning to apply for a grant to set up a video conferencing service to give access to those in need of advice to advisors while the CAB office remains closed. This service could also continue once normal service resumes following lifting of current restrictions, meaning clients would not need to visit the CAB office.
- This service would replace the previously discussed touch screen service that was planned to be installed in Bramley Library.
- Members agreed in principle with this idea. It could be a valuable service to Bramley residents. The location of the video conferencing facilities within Bramley would need to be thought through should the CAB’s grant application be successful.

5. Downs Link issues:

- Dog waste bag dispensers
 - The Clerk confirmed that she has ensured that all 3 dog waste bag dispensers along the Downs Link are well stocked.
 - The Clerk has spoken to Biffa waste contractors about the possibility of providing a dog waste bin collection service. This would cost £52.50 per collection per bin. Members agreed that

those people who do not use the public bins or take their dog waste home with them are unlikely to use a specific dog waste bin.

The Clerk was asked to display clearer signage at the bag dispensers to ask people to dispose of full dog waste bags correctly rather than throwing them on the ground or hanging them on trees. This message should also be included in Bramley Update. Clerk to action.

- Speed of cyclists
 - The Clerk has received a number of complaints from residents about the speed of some cyclists along the Downs Link. Those who travel at high speed on their bikes tend to be the more “professional” cyclist, rather than those in family groups on a leisurely cycle.
 - The Clerk was asked to draft and circulate to Members some wording for signage to be placed on the Downs Link at either end of the parish and at the car park at Bramley station. Clerk to action.
 - The Clerk was asked to arrange for the overgrowing nettles, etc to be cut back on the Downs Link from the station gates to the cement works to aid social distancing. Clerk to action.

6. AOB

- Further to a request from Mr Hughes for an update of the status of installation of the new cycle ramp from the Downs Link to Windrush Close, Mr Seaborne reported that many Waverley officers have been called to assist in the borough council’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic, so it is unlikely that the new ramp will be installed in the near future.
- The proposed new signage to be installed on the Downs Link to direct users of the path to the village centre does not need to be done alongside the installation of the cycle ramp. Mr Hughes was asked to circulate to Members some proposed wording for each sign.
- The Clerk reported that she has received a request from a Bramley resident to restore the signpost on Snowdenham Lane at the end of Iron Lane. It is not known who owns this signpost. Clerk to investigate. If it is owned by Surrey County Council, Clerk to request if they will restore it or if they would be happy to transfer the ownership of the post to the Parish Council. Clerk to action.
- The Clerk reported that Scott Armstrong, who has carried out recent maintenance work in the village, is out of action with a broken foot. Members agreed that any maintenance works (signposts, village hall doors, etc) can wait until he is working again.
- The Clerk reported that she recently met with Mrs Todd of Forresters Farm. There are a number of dead trees just outside of her property boundary on Birtley Road that are dead and in danger of falling across the A281. The Clerk has reported these to Surrey County Council with a request for a meeting to discuss the trees in this area. Mrs Todd would be happy to maintain the area once some clearance work has been carried out.
- The Clerk reported that there are a number of large holes in the fencing at Singh Concrete on the boundary with the Downs Link that could present a danger to children. Members agreed that the Clerk should speak to the business owner to see if the holes can be repaired. Clerk to action.