

Bramley Parish Council conference call – 11th June 2020

Participants: Mr Seaborne, 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/2020/0815](#) - Gosden Garth, Maiden Lane, Bramley, GU5 0EZ
Erection of extensions and alterations to elevations; demolition of outbuilding.
 - [WA/2020/0830](#) – Broom Water, 35 Linersh Wood, Bramley, GU5 0EE
Alterations to elevations with addition of windows.
- 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 4 residents of Bramley have been assisted by volunteers within the last 2 weeks.
- The Clerk was contacted by WonCare to find out if any requests for lifts to medical appointments had been received in Bramley. The Clerk confirmed that 2 such requests were received some weeks ago, but that due to Government guidelines, we were unable to assist. The Clerk informed Members that the Bramley Wheels service is now back in operation.

3. Status of BPC staff and facilities

- Clerk confirmed that all staff remain healthy and facilities are secure. A missing post at Gosden Common has been replaced and any loose posts have been repaired.
- Children have been seen playing in the Eastwood Road play area, which is currently closed. The Clerk was asked to check that the gates are still locked.

4. Reopening of local businesses

- Members discussed the implications of non-essential businesses reopening on Bramley High Street from 15th June and whether any signage to remind shoppers of social distancing should be installed. The Clerk has received a quote of £14.80 per sign.
- Mr Molineux suggested that the butcher’s shop would be able to give an indication of whether shoppers are respecting social distancing and if queuing outside the shop has been a problem. Mr Molineux will circulate feedback to Members. If there are any particular issues, Members will consider signage or whether a pedestrian one-way system would be appropriate.

5. Waverley Discretionary Grant funding

- The Clerk circulated details of a discretionary grant fund that Waverley has made available to businesses who were not able to apply to any of the other government grants. Parish Councils are not eligible to apply for a grant, but charities are. Members agreed that the Clerk should prepare an application on behalf of the Bramley Village Hall charity. As the Village Hall has been closed since late March, there has been no income.

6. Reopening of railway line on Downs Link

- The Clerk circulated an email from the English Regional Transport Association (ERTA) who is keen to revisit the reopening of the railway line between Guildford and Horsham, part of which would run along the Downs Link through Bramley.
- This proposal has been investigated many times and has always previously been declared as too expensive. In addition, Bramley Parish Council has sought views from local residents on at least 2 occasions over recent years. A clear majority of residents would not support the proposal.

- Mr Seaborne will respond to the ERTA, asking to be kept informed about any progress on the proposal.

7. Speeding on A281

- The Clerk circulated information on speed monitoring that has been carried out by Surrey Police on the A281 over recent weeks. During the five occasions that speed gun patrols were conducted, multiple tickets and words of advice were given.
- The Clerk confirmed that she has requested additional monitoring early on Sunday mornings, as speeding motorbikes have been an issue. No response has been received to date. The Clerk will follow up if necessary.
- Mr Seaborne confirmed that the Community Speed Watch team will be able to start monitoring again from 15th June.

8. AOB

- The Clerk circulated a report to Members giving details of changes that need to be made to the administration of the Bramley Village Hall charity. Members agreed that a Village Hall Management committee should be established in order to discuss the changes and recommend an action plan to Members on 9th July. Mr Coleman and Mr Stern volunteered to sit on the committee with the Clerk. The Clerk suggested that Dennis Lordan should also be invited to sit on the committee. This was agreed by Members.
- Mr Seaborne reported that there has been some discussion at Surrey County Council concerning the use of the former school playing field on Birtley Road. A response to the Parish Council's letter sent in December 2019 should be forthcoming shortly.
- Mr Byham reported that he has received a complaint from a Bramley Park Court resident about lorries from Coleman's Yard are often reversing into the parking area for Bramley Park Court in order to turn around. Mrs Stern reported that she has observed lorries reversing all the way down Park Drive, so doesn't believe it is them that are using the car park. Mr Byham has discussed the issue with Paul Hunt who will raise it with the site manager at Colemans Yard. Mr Hunt informed Mr Byham that the roof of the dilapidated barn at the end of Park Drive has been removed and will be partially reinstated. It is planned that the barn will be leased out by the end of the year.
- The Clerk has received guidance from NALC on risk assessments that should be carried out on community buildings prior to reopening. The Clerk will meet with Mr Coleman and Mr Stern next week to discuss the risk assessment to ensure we are fully prepared for when the Village Hall and Pavilion are able to reopen.
- Mr Coleman has discussed the tree that is lying in Cranleigh Waters at the end of Fisher Rowe Close with Thames Water. They are unsure if the tree is on their land and will consult land registry records to confirm. Mr Coleman will follow this up and arrange a site visit with Thames Water if necessary.
- Mr Hughes reported that he has carried out substantial vegetation clearance on the public bridleway at Danes Hill.
- The Clerk reported that a Linersh Wood resident has had a number of trees from their garden removed by a tree contractor. The removed trees have been chipped and the residue has been left on the Downs Link behind the property. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident to ask for it to be removed. Mr D'Arcy has also noticed some waste tarmac that has been left on the Downs Link. The Clerk will investigate and involve Waverley Borough Council to arrange for its removal.