



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 12th February 2026, starting at 18:30

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs J Austin (Chair), Cllrs B Stern, P Leung, M England, F Stern, M Vivian, G Smith and P Wright. D Ersser, the Clerk, SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus & 1 member of the public were also present.

12/26 **To receive apologies and reasons for absence**

N Gravenell – away.

13/26 **Co-option of councillor to fill vacant position.**

2 candidates for the 2 vacant positions attended. Graham Smith had attended the January meeting and presented his reasons for wishing to become a Cllr then. Paul Wright introduced himself and presented his reasons for wishing to become a Cllr.

Cllrs agreed unanimously to co-opt Graham Smith & Paul Wright
Mark England, Graham Smith & Paul Wright all signed their declaration of acceptance of office forms.

14/26 **Declarations of interest**

None

15/26 **Revised Agenda format**

Chair J Austin advised that the format had been changed to ensure good governance was maintained.

16/26 **Minutes of the meeting 8th January 2026**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting on 8th January 2026 and were then signed by the Chairman.

17/26 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 8th January 2026 -**

None

18/26 **Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

19/26 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Surrey County Council update from SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus

SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus advised that he had a meeting on 16.02.26 to discuss the bids for the development on former school playing fields.

He advised that the budget had been agreed with £297 mil for capital investment with a large proportion in SEND & Adult Social Care. He stated that the Government had allocated £25 mil to highways which had been topped up to £70 -£80 mil.



Cllr Deanus advised that The Street would be closed from 17th – 20th February for essential Thames Water works.

He advised that the crossing by Bramley Infant School had been approved.

Waverley Borough Council update from WBC Cllr Jane Austin

WBC Cllr J Austin noted that the proposed budget had been agreed with the maximum increase of 2.99%

She advised that the CIL discussions continue with an Exceptional measures bill voted through.

Cllr Austin advised that Cranleigh Leisure Centre development was coming back to full council as some of the section 106 funds were originally allocated to Dunsfold and were therefore not eligible.

Cllr Austin asked the clerk to get the relevant community asset transfer forms from SCC with a view to requesting the transfer of Gosden Common from GBC & Eastwood Road Playground from SCC.

20/26 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllr F Stern advised that a response to the Allotment Site Planning Appeal objection had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, noting in particular flooding and Park Drive highways access concerns.

Cllrs noted the work on the pavements to the south of the village. Cllr J Austin will contact SCC to check if any improvements are planned for the pavements in the village centre

Land by Woodrough Copse – Former School Playing Fields

Cllr B Stern advised that project to build affordable housing on the former school playing fields whilst retaining a green space or overspill for Bramley Infant school had been ongoing for 6 years. He advised that the land was owned by SCC & he had therefore been bound by confidentiality until bids for affordable housing were submitted by affordable housing providers to SCC in mid Feb. Bids are currently being reviewed by SCC and we await the outcome.

Cllr F Stern advised that The Stovolds Hill Appeal had been postponed again.

Chair J Austin advised that the Unsted Lane inquiry had been on 20th January, we await the outcome.

Chair J Austin advised that she will be speaking at the Alldens Lane Licensing hearing on 3rd March.

Asda Community Fund

Cllr B Stern noted the new signs around the village and thanked the BVS & BBN for their hard work on this project.



He advised that good progress was being made on the library relandscaping project noting that both fir trees had now been taken down.

Cllr B Stern advised that the residents had got a quote from a local builder to repair Rhens Wall and that the Asda committee had agreed to contribute £7.5k.

He also noted that funding sources uncertainty remain and that the Bramley Station project and the Craft markets project, where no progress had been made, had been rejected. Approximately 100k of £512k remains uncommitted and numerous projects are under consideration. An update is being created and will be published in the near future.

Highways committee

Cllr Deanus confirmed funding for the crossing near Bramley Infant School is agreed with SCC. 4 options have been presented by SCC and Cllrs agreed to vote on these by the following Monday once they had had the opportunity to review the locations.

Chair J Austin advised that creation of the Wonerish / Bramley 20mph consultation was progressing.

Estate Manager Report

Cllr F Stern advised that the Clubhouse had now been included in the transfer and Cllrs agreed unanimously to cover the additional legal fees of £300 from CIL funds.

Cllrs agreed to get planning permission & quotes to demolish the clubhouse, which is in a very bad state of repair.

Cllr F Stern suggested that a proposal for public consultation, for a community space with picnic benches, a green space and an adult fitness trail should be presented at The Bramley Showcase on 28th March. Cllr F Stern & Cllr P Wright agreed to produce an image of the project.

Bramley Lake – The Clerk was asked to ask WBC to remove the bin.

Bramley Sports Club Sub Committee

Cllr B Stern proposed Cllr M England as chairman, he was seconded by Cllr M Vivian and unanimously appointed by Cllrs. Cllrs N Gravenell, P Wright and B Stern were appointed to the committee.

Cllrs considered a detailed report on the pavilion and appropriate steps going forward, and Bramley Cricket Club's 10 year plan.

In particular Cllrs discussed how they best:

- Protect the Pavilion as a long-term community asset
- Support Bramley Cricket Club as a valued and historic user
- Enable redevelopment and access to external funding
- Ensure good governance and sustainability for the future



To move the process, forward the Parish Council agreed to retain control of the Pavilion and continue to work with Bramley Cricket Club as a major user, while the Pavilion and grounds are under consultation to enable wider community use.

The committee will form a working group to action this and present their proposals at the March meeting.

Resilience

Cllr P Leung proposed Cllr G Smith as chairman, he was seconded by Cllr F Stern and unanimously appointed by Cllrs.

Library – Nothing to report

Eastwood Road Playground committee

Chair Austin noted that The Asda Community Fund committee had agreed to fund the new goal posts for the playground and the clerk had ordered them. She noted that the memorial bench for Andrew Pote had been received funded by Bramley Fete.

Cllrs discussed the report presented by the committee re the existing climbing frame and it was agreed that the climbing frame should be replaced funded partly by The Asda Community fund and Cllrs voted in principle in favour of allocating £13k of BPC CIL funds to this project.

The clerk to obtain further quotes and the committee to present their proposal to Cllrs.

Village Hall Committee

Cllr B Stern proposed Cllr P Leung as chairman, he was seconded by Chair Austin and unanimously appointed by Cllrs.

21/26 Finance

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 3rd January to 4th February 2026, to the value of £3,839.88
- b. The clerk advised that the interim audit had taken place on 11th February
- c. Cllrs approved the reinvestment of the United Trust Bank one year bond with an interest rate of 4.11%
- d. Cllrs agreed to invest £38k of general reserves into a 3 month bond with an interest rate of 4.06% and £50k CIL funds into a high interest, 3.35%, easy access account
- e. Cllrs approved the purchase of 2 new noticeboards at a cost of £1,890
- f. Cllrs approved the purchase of the memorial bench for Eastwood Rd Playground, cost £628 to be financed by the grant from Bramley Fete committee



22/26 **Parish updates and actions**

- a. Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road) – Nothing to report.
Chair Austin reported that she & Cllr F Stern had received numerous complaints re the increase in HGVs on Tannery Lane and using the bridge, which currently has no weight restriction. She advised that they are looking into the best way to deal with this issue.
- b. Station Road and environs (including Hall Road, Eastwood, Barton Road, Linersh Wood)
The Clerk advised that she had received a quote of £450 to repair the station gatepost, Cllr voted unanimously to accept this.
- c. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)
Cllr Leung advised that The Wheatsheaf Pub had reopened and that 2 of the shops in the High Street were reopening.
Hurst Hill Cottages footpath – Chair Austin to circulate email to Cllrs and discuss the best way forward with SCC Cllr Deanus
Tree felling at Chestnut Way – Cllr Smith reported that it was partly for ash die back but also 60% thinning of the woodland. He advised that the woodland is for sale.
- d. Grounds and Downs Link – Nothing to report
- e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South) – nothing to report

23/26 **Points of information and any other matters**

- a. Smiths Charity
Cllr M Vivian explained the background of Smiths Charity & the work we do to the new Cllrs. Cllrs M England, G Smith & P Wright were elected as trustees.
- b. Bramley Village Showcase
Chair advised that the Showcase was on Wednesday 25th March all Cllrs present confirmed their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Agreed and signedChairman, March 12th 2026