



**Bramshaw Parish Council**

**New Forest Hampshire**

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To: All members of Bramshaw Parish Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of Bramshaw Parish Council to be held in the Main Hall of Bramshaw Village Hall on Tuesday **15<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 19:30**

## **AGENDA**

**Signed: Diana O'Grady, Clerk and RFO**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

54/26 Apologies for absence

55/26 Public Participation period

56/26 Declaration of Interests and dispensation requests

57/26 To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.

- Item 36/26 on the June 2026 Minutes: If Councillors do not wish to have allocated responsibilities then the Clerk will add a note here referring back to Minute 36/26 to reflect the way the Council decides to organise itself.
- Brief explanation of reason for not approving the July Minutes.
- The July meeting will be discussed in a closed session, item 77/26.

58/26 District / County Councillor Reports

### **County Councillor report**

#### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE - Reporting Period: 1 July – 31 July 2026

For Parish and Town Councils in the Lyndhurst and Fordingbridge Division

- Recent Hampshire County Council Business

16 July County Council Meeting

Various items were covered in the meeting, the first since the AGM:

#### **1. Strategic Infrastructure and Local Planning**

##### **Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Adoption**

The Council engaged in a robust debate regarding the updated Minerals and Waste Plan. The plan provides a strategic framework for managing minerals and waste, essential for preventing "speculative applications" from developers that the Council might otherwise be unable to defend against.

I raised concerns about site allocations which had gone ahead despite clear and considerable complaint from residents, specifically relating to the proposed quarry at Midgham Farm (in Fordingbridge). Other councillors raised similar concerns about Ashley Manor Farm (New Milton), and Hamble Airfield.

Despite several votes against, the plan was formally adopted via a recorded vote to ensure Hampshire maintains planning control and certainty for the coming years.

#### **2. Highways, Traffic, and Safety**

##### **Highways Maintenance and Potholes**

The Council acknowledged a £600 million backlog in highway repairs.

The LibDem group brought forward a motion was carried requesting a major step change in how highway maintenance is delivered. The motion calls for a shift toward proactive maintenance and better tracking of "return repair rates" to eliminate repeat visits for the

same potholes. It required that a report be brought to the next council meeting outlining what a new approach might look like. The motion passed despite opposition from the leading party – the first time anyone can recall this happening.

#### Traffic Safety and 20mph Limits

The Council received significant deputations regarding traffic safety in Winchester and the Itchen Valley, but the issue seems relevant for all parishes.

- 20mph Policy: A call to facilitate easier implementation of 20mph zones was referred to the Universal Services Select Committee for review. Current policy was criticized as being too complex and expensive for local communities to navigate.
- Satnav and Rat-running: Residents in Itchen Valley highlighted the dangers of narrow lanes being used as rat-runs by HGVs following satnavs. The Council is exploring the use of Digital Traffic Regulation Orders (DTROs) to better inform satnav providers of road restrictions.
- Lane Rental Scheme: The Council expects to implement a disruption charging scheme for utility companies by early 2027, pending government approval.

### 3. Finance and Public Services

#### 2025/26 Financial Outturn

The Council reviewed its end-of-year financial position. The actual requirement from reserves was £20.7 million, £44.2 million better than the budgeted £64.9 million.

While this achievement was lauded, the leader warned that the forecast budget gap for 2027/28 remains approximately £179.7 million, necessitating continued fiscal discipline.

#### Children's Services and SEND

- The Council is investing £90 million over three years to create additional specialist school places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- New "Best Start" Family Hubs are set to open in Gosport, Andover, and Alton to support early years and school readiness.

### 4. Local Governance and Community Matters

- Lymington High Street Parking: A motion to reinstate one hour of free parking on Lymington High Street was debated. Business owners believe current 20-minute limits have reduced footfall. The Council resolved to have the Universal Services Select Committee review the impact of these parking restrictions on local businesses.

- Water Safety: Ahead of the school summer holidays, the leader urged members to promote water safety messaging following several tragic incidents in open water.

#### Action Points for Parish Councils

- Parish councillors are encouraged to use the "OurHants" app for specific pothole or pavement defects to ensure they are logged for inspection.
- The Executive Member for Highways encouraged parish council engagement with County Councillors so HCC priorities reflect local need.

#### Other items of news

- Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority met and elected Cllr Prad Bains as Chair. Cllrs David Harrison and Fran Carpenter are the New Forest members.

- The Councillor Grant scheme came into effect. I have £5000 in grant funding for the current year. Bids from suitable organisations can be made for a minimum of £100 and maximum of £1000. Full details online.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

#### Local Government Reorganisation

Four Joint Committees have been established to begin the process of establishing the new unitary authorities. For our area the members are:

These are just the Hampshire County Council members - the full committee is made up of councillors from all District and Borough councils in the area.

At the same time, the council is pursuing a judicial review against the government's reorganization plans. The legal challenge is estimated to cost under £500,000, funded from budget contingencies.

The council argues there is a £95.2 million "delta" between its assessment of costs and the government's chosen reorganization option. The council contends that the government's plan could be "incredibly costly" to residents if the projected £63.9 million in annual savings is not realized.

Hampshire and Solent Devolution

The leader reported that the Hampshire and Solent Combined Authority Board met for the first time on July 3. The deal is set to bring £1.4 billion in investment over the next two decades. The Board agreed to petition the government to bring forward the mayoral election to next year to fully unlock the powers and funding promised.

Upcoming Hampshire County Council Meetings

Very few meetings in August given the holiday period. The next County Council meeting is not until 1 October 2026.

Cllr David Millar, 2 August 2026

### **District Councillor report**

#### 59/26 Parish Councillor Reports

#### **Items ongoing**

60/26 Village flooding

61/26 New email addresses

62/26 Printer purchase

- Report comparing 4 x options as circulated to all councillors 06/07/2026

63/26 Completion of Declaration of Interest forms

- One Councillor DoI form yet to be received.
- The Clerk should hold addresses for all Councillors but has this information for just two Councillors.

64/26 Update on signage around the village.

65/26 Village Hall administrator has sent evidence that the defibrillator is checked and working.

66/26 Lengthsman has been paid for works carried out earlier in the year.

- Discuss and agree further works to be carried out by the Lengthsman.

67/26 Review approved banking authorisers and amend or delete where necessary to comply with GDPR.

- Clerk spent 2hrs waiting on NatWest attempting to check and sort out the remaining list of authorisers. Current list is Chair, Vice chair and one Councillor. Financial Regulation state the Council must have 3 x Councillors able to authorise payments.

<https://eforms-external-cb.natwest.com/#/form/universal-mandate-request>

#### **New Items**

68/26 Agree to remove Cllr Sue Bennison from the NatWest banking authorisation mandate.

69/26 Name and agree to add a third Councillor to the NatWest banking authorisation mandate.

70/26 Agree to adopt Equality and Diversity policy

71/26 Agree to adopt Health and Safety guidelines



Fell 1 x Turkey Oak tree (T7 on the plan)

**No comments received**

**26/00902CONS** Bramleys, ROAD THROUGH FRITHAM, FRITHAM,  
LYNDHURST, SO43 7HJ

Prune 3 x Apple trees

**No comments received**

79/26 **Finance**

Invoices, grant applications and receipts circulated

Bramshaw Trust grant application circulated 2/9/2026

Payments for approval

Bramshaw Trust grant application requesting £1,000, amount TBD in the meeting.

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| BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
| CASH FLOW REPORT        |                            | Period: June 2026 to 08/09/2026 |                                              |          |
|                         |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
| PAYMENTS                |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
| Date Paid               | Method                     | Payee                           | Details                                      | TOTAL    |
| 27-Jun-25               | SO                         | Clerk                           | June salary and expenses                     | 453.68   |
| 25-Jul-25               | SO                         | Clerk                           | July salary and expenses                     | 453.68   |
| 19-Jun-26               | DD                         | Hugo Fox                        | Website and email addresses Inv 27450        | 20.99    |
| 29-Jun-26               | Online                     | HALC                            | Affiliation fees 2026-2027 and levy INV-8188 | 357.00   |
| 27-Aug-25               | SO                         | Clerk                           | August salary and expenses                   | 453.68   |
| 20-Jul-26               | DD                         | Hugo Fox                        | Website and email addresses Inv 28666        | 20.99    |
| 19-Aug-26               | DD                         | Hugo Fox                        | Website and email addresses INV-29871        | 20.99    |
| 23-Jul-26               | DD                         | HMRC                            | Quarterly tax and NI                         | 310.30   |
| 06-Jul-26               | Online                     | Bramshaw Trust                  | Community room hire 28th July 1255           | 30.00    |
|                         |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
|                         |                            |                                 | TOTAL                                        | 2,121.31 |
| RECEIPTS                |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
| Date                    | Method                     | Payer                           | Details                                      | TOTAL    |
|                         |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
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|                         |                            |                                 | TOTAL                                        | 0.00     |
| FOR APPROVAL            |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
| Inv Date                | Method                     | Payee                           | Details                                      | TOTAL    |
|                         | Online                     | Bramshaw Trust                  | Grant for green hut restoration, amount TBD  |          |
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|                         |                            |                                 | TOTAL                                        | 0.00     |
| UPCOMING                |                            |                                 |                                              |          |
| Date                    | Method                     | Payee                           | Details                                      | TOTAL    |
| 25-Sep-25               | SO                         | Clerk                           | September salary and expenses                | 453.68   |
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|                         |                            |                                 | TOTAL                                        | 453.68   |
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| BANK                    | BALANCE 8th September 2026 |                                 |                                              |          |
|                         | FORECAST                   | 2,574.99                        |                                              |          |
|                         |                            | 2,121.31                        |                                              |          |
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| Payments Approved       |                            | Printed Name and Date           |                                              |          |
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| BANK RECONCILIATION 2025-26                   |            |                                                |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Opening Balance Current Account at 01/04/2026 | £14,246.15 | Opening Balance Business Reserve at 04/04/2025 | £0.63      |
| Receipts                                      | 12,852.48  | Receipts                                       | 0.00       |
| Payments                                      | 6,379.45   | Payments                                       | 0.00       |
| Uncleared Payments 2024/25                    | 0.00       |                                                |            |
| Uncleared Payments 2025/26                    | 30.00      |                                                |            |
| Balance Current Account                       | £20,749.18 | Closing Balance Business Reserve               | £0.63      |
|                                               |            | Total Funds                                    | £20,749.81 |
| Nat West Balance                              | £20,749.18 | Nat West Balance                               | £0.63      |
| Discrepancy                                   | £0.00      | Discrepancy                                    | £0.00      |

I agree that the NatWest bank account balance on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026 is as shown on the Bank reconciliation statement above.

Signed ..... Date..15<sup>th</sup> September 2026

80/26 Future Meeting

The next meeting will be the ordinary meeting of Bramshaw Parish Council, held on **27<sup>th</sup> October 2026** at 19:30, in the Community room of Bramshaw Village Hall.