

Minutes of the Bramley Village Society
Thursday September 4th 8.00pm.

1. Present.

Des Parker, (Chairman) Murray Campbell, (Vice Chairman) Phil Scattergood (Secretary) Joe O'Connell (Treasurer) Gilly Whitelaw. David Baldwin (Bramley Wheels)

2. Apologies

Cheryl Braime, Ian Purser, Peter Hewes

3. Absent.

Paul Thompson.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Agreed as a fair record apart from noting that Gilly Whitelaw had been present!

5. Matters Arising

At the suggestion of the Secretary it was agreed to add a new Agenda heading to deal with the activities and reports from the Sub Committee's

On the matter of the Charlotte Sutherland plaque Phil reported that in his discussions with Peter Wadham (Chairman of the Parish Council) BPC were committed to re-installing the actual stone on an angled support on the site of the old Chapel from which it had been saved. They would apply for and obtain the necessary Faculty if required, underwriting the cost after receiving contributions from the History Society, the Church and other interested bodies. Murray Campbell agreed to discuss with the Parish Council and the History Society their opinion on the wording for the Plaque which the BVS intended to have installed in the Cemetery Wall to inform and record this. He also agreed to go forward in a similar manner with the Plaque for the Old Railway Station and possibly a third relating to the Lytch Gate! His proposed wording was considered appropriate as the basis for the above discussions.

6. Sub Committee's

(Bramley Wheels, Bonfire, Holiday Fun, Minnie Cumber Fund etc)
David Baldwin was present to keep us up to date with progress. A meeting is planned for all new and existing Drivers at 3.00pm on the 16th September at St Thomas More room to update them on the required new procedures prior to the Formal launch on the 14th October same time and venue to which all villagers are invited. All the associated paperwork complete with BVS and Bramley Wheels Logo as required for the re-invigorated service is under preparation and should be ready on time. He was delighted to inform us that they have had several new drivers join since the mention on this website, in Bramley Update and through a mailed circular to existing and past volunteers. He confirmed that for simplicity the Telephone number being issued for contact will be a mobile

which will be turned on and in the possession of the 'Duty Officer' at all reasonable times with 01483 893708 as the reserve.

The Bonfire Committee are due to hold their next meeting soon but volunteers for Bonfire Building are asked to contact Murray Campbell on 01483 893234. The date is Saturday November the 8th with 'Guy Judging' and 'Sale of Torches' on the Library Car Park prior to the procession leaving at 6.40.

The Secretary wearing his hat as Treasurer of the Grafham Room formally informed the Committee that the upgrading of the Access and Toilets was imminent and that though he had the sum of money available to meet the estimate for the basic work and had completed the forms to avoid VAT on works specifically for Disabled people, it was possible that extras which might be necessary or sensible to do, whilst the builders were on site, together with non avoidable VAT, might mean we would be taking up the Committee's offer of a short term loan However he would do his best to avoid a cash flow problem with the Bonfire Funds.

7. Planning

Boots Sign. During the previous meeting no objection was made to the replacement sign for the Pharmacy, but after the meeting it was realised that this was internally illuminated and thus clashed with the long held objection to such signs by the Village Society. After contacting the Committee Phil made a formal objection. (With the proviso that we would NOT object to an internally illuminated Green Cross sign at 90 degrees to the Facia)

Report by Phil on Waverley's Technical Briefing on Dunsfold Park

In a brief speech Phil stated that the Council Chamber was full and for the Determination meeting on the 17th he expected it to be overflowing. He said that Surrey County Council had recommended refusal on Traffic Grounds doubting that even if all the proposed 'improvements' were carried out they would significantly help the situation. Waverley stated that they had not formally reached a view prior to next weeks meeting but the Housing section indicated that though they would have no difficulty filling the proposed 'Affordable Housing' but bearing in mind 'Human Rights Legislation' they could not currently envisage a mechanism to ensure that they would be filled with people working on the site, so this would inevitably mean considerable traffic movements. They also pointed out that the current Government proposal for 250 homes in Waverley had been outperformed in the past by 'Windfall' development and the Officers had no doubt this would continue. Therefore, the Dunsfold Development would possibly be in addition to, rather than instead of, the expected development in the area for the next Ten years!

Bramley Parish Council Chairman's excellent speech drew attention to the detailed objections in the written submission and then emphasized the 'Holistic approach' which brought in the Broadbridge Heath circa 2,000 homes and the proposals for Bordon which would form a crescent of developments to the south of the Guildford - London Corridor, with it's

concomitant effect on the A281, Guildford and Surrey's inadequate country road system.
Most other Local Parishes also objected on traffic and other local reasons.

The Department of the Environment have no objection however, as long as agreements are reached to cover the relationships to Green Belt, ANOB and similar matters. However there is much local discussion as to whether the Airfield, particularly the proposed site, is Brownfield or not, which would have significant effect on the national determination.

One cynical view was that whatever the determination on the 17th the application would go to the Government, who might tend to approve it on the grounds that it would be an eco development, supply 2,601 of the homes required in the South East in an area which is politically Non Labour.

The Society waits with interest the result on the 17th September and will consider what actions to take at that time.

Report by Des on Current Plans

In the absence of Ian Purser on Holiday the Chairman Talked us through the Current Planning applications.

WA/2008/1438 1 Rooks Hill Cottages.

Demolition of existing Garage and replacement with an Office over. To Include Solar Panels and Wind Turbine

After due consideration particularly of it's location and design the Committee agreed no objection

WA/2008/1461 Gable End Foxborough Hill Rd. Revision of 0724

0724 Was approved as Demolition of existing House and replacement further from the road with a modern house of approximately 9% larger.
1461 Was for an enlargement of the above agreed building by 39%. The Committee noted that we would end up with a large house in a large Plot and though they felt it was bordering on over-development, in their opinion that was a matter for the Waverley Officers.

WA/2008/1466 Erection of detached Double Garage and Store.
Snowdenham, Snowdenham Lane.

Bearing in mind the difficulty that the applicants had of getting the current building approved by the planners the Committee felt that in principle the concept of a Double Garage was not unreasonable but were worried not by it's location, away from the main house, but the proposed treatment of the drive and large area of hard standing between them, which would result in additional urbanisation and possible Surface Water Drainage problems (Comments to be passed to Waverley)

WA/2008/1531 Application for listed building consent for removal of Chimney together with internal alterations at Snowdenham, Snowdenham lane.

As we understood that during building operations it was discovered that in previous alterations the support for this Chimney had been removed without authority or conforming with Building Regulations we had sympathy with the builder who had removed the chimney for safety reasons. However as it is a listed building the Committee regretted the loss of a distinctive feature but would leave it to the Historic Buildings Officer, with the detailed knowledge of the exact circumstances, as to whether it should be re-instated.

WA/2008/1472 Erection of Dormer windows to form roof Conversion at 14 Birtley Rise.

The Committee expressed disquiet about the look of the 'Wings' and the treatment of the Tiling. but felt that such a development was acceptable. They would leave it to Waverley to consider the neighbours objections if any.

WA/2008/1474 Erection of Dormer windows to form loft conversion at 1 Weyside Cottages, High St.

Phil Scattergood made a declaration of Interest

As this would mirror the alterations to No 2 Weyside, the other half of the 'semi' the Committee had no objection

WA/2008/1515 Retention of boundary fence at 10 Chestnut Way.

As this was purely a technical application due to being next to a public right of way the Committee had no objection.

WA/2008/1163 Revision of application for Park Barn to increase parking to seven spaces by reducing size of Ground Floor Office.

The committee felt this was an improvement but did not completely deal with their main objections. (Waverley to be informed.)

WA/2008/1396 Retention of Temporary Building at St Catherine's Junior School.

The Committee had sympathy with the problems of Refurbishing Church House and therefore were regretfully willing to allow a further short extension for this Temporary Building, whilst an alternative was found, but WOULD object to a further extension in the future.

WA/2008/1395 Retention of Temporary Building within the Confines of the Main School.

The Committee fully understand the delays and difficulties inherent in the major alterations to the Main School and have no objection to this extension.

8. Correspondence

Booklets from CPRE, Surrey County Council, English Heritage and a new source of Grant aid for Small Charities from Surrey Community Foundation which were only recently received were retained by the secretary to review for future meetings. He also said that he would inform them of the address of the new Secretary.

9. Treasurers Report

As Joe had just returned from Germany he confirmed that he had received the proceeds from the Ploughman's and paid some of the Bills but was not in a position to give a final result. But we appeared to have made over £300 pounds which would go some way to paying for the Plaques.

10. Area Representation

As Gilly had left early for personal reasons, Murray told us that Mr and Mrs Michael Rivers had agreed to be the Gosden Common area representatives.

11. Amenities

See Estates Committee report

12. Events

The Ploughman's Lunch had been a great success with what appeared to be a record attendance in spite of the absence of many Stalwarts who were in Rhens on the twinning trip. Thanks must Go to Janet Cartwright as the major organiser, ably supported by the Vice Chairman, with considerable help from Tessa and David Manktelow, Chris Parker for his help with setting up and clearing down, Jo Nash and Ann Campbell on the Gate, Jane Fairbank on Produce and an outstanding result on the Raffle by Barbara Parker who it was a delight to see looking so well.

Special Thanks must go to Fiona and Mark Hayward, our hosts, whose Garden was lovely, the help from her parents exemplary and a particular thank you to their daughters who ran the competitions brilliantly. We shall be delighted to accept their offer to come again!

The charge of £1.50 to concessions and £3 to others appears very reasonable, probably because of the excellent weather we were a little overwhelmed by numbers so the Food was less plentiful for the late comers which we regret.

13. Parish Council Matters.

In the absence of Paul Thompson, Phil reported on the Estates Committee Meeting from which Paul was also absent.

Two part time casual Ground Staff have been taken on for the summer and it is hoped will stay on for some time to enable the tidying up after the summer and preparation for the winter to take place, without major

working parties, though one will be needed in the Autumn for moving Beech trees from Rushett Common.

After Investigation It was decided to take no major action over the tracks on Gosden Common but to continue with our annual 'Pot-hole filling' exercise, but possibly to use slightly different material and a little more of it! It has been suggested, and is being considered, that we approach Guildford for a Formal Transfer, rather than the current lease, due to the relocation of Boundaries since the original Gift.

Mowing and Tidying is better than previous years but David Morley would be happy to receive comments and suggestions for improvement. The Village Hall is having some repainting done as are the Station Gates, Paling and Waiting room, on the basis that an extra coat on a sound base now, will extend their lives for several years. The larger of the Gas heaters in the Hall is being replaced as the electronics has failed and replacement is more economic than a repair. After Investigation it was agreed that the Hall Roof will be sound enough for several more years.

The Robertson Garden stream has been deepened to allow clearer flow and minor items in the Eastwood Play Area are to be repaired to comply with the ROSPA report. Lighting in Eastwood Rd has been installed and will be painted and connected in the near future. The Final batch for Barton Rd. Fisher Row Close and Edencroft, are now on order, hopefully to be operational for the Winter.

Phil reported on the Last Parish Council meeting and his discussions with the Chairman about the Village Plan, The Community Appraisal, Waverley's 'Local Village Framework', Recycling sites, the future use of the School playing Field, affordable Housing etc. He was of the opinion and the BPC agreed that the right approach was to set up a Committee under an Independent Chairman to Investigate these matters and produce a report for the Parish Council, Village clubs and Associations to consider and comment upon. Now that the initial, Waverley Web based 'Big Debate', on their future Core strategy, had produced some results which could provide a structure to work around.

Before that the Parish Council was to look at Practical issues eg Running the Toilets ourselves, Persuading the Post Office to take Business Banking as well as personal Banking (Both on a local basis and by persuading the Government to make it a national policy) Reviewing again the outstanding SCC Highway issues now that Councillor Povey had confirmed that extra Funds were being made available for Road works in Surrey. Looking for a site for Cardboard re-cycling now that Waverley collected this on a Daily basis from Limited sites as it was not suitable for Kerbside Collection – The possible use of the Verge on St Catherines side of the old Railway station approach was mooted for future discussion.

BVS felt that it should be considered but were very worried by the 'litter' effects on a site which was now clean and tidy!

Liasing with the new Chief Inspector Mike Dann on communication problems (Dealing with the failure to report Crimes 'as the lines are engaged' or "because they will do nothing about it") whilst failing to inform **us** of the successes that do take place). Starting by highlighting Summer Seasonal Crimes – Mowers, Rollers etc! and increasing patrols!

Also by looking at the problems of Teenage Gangs 'taking over' the Play areas! Which Councillor Gates also agreed to discuss with Waverley. A representative of the Wey and Arun Canal Society said that work in the Bramley area for the moment would be low key maintenance work at the Bramley Shalford Junction to retain the existing situation, as there were minimal Funds available, as currently most were being concentrated on the Loxwood Bridge Crossing. Plus the concomitant improvements to the Canal to extend as far as possible, with the minimal major expense, the cruises from Loxwood in both Directions which would be possible when the crossing and the new lock were complete. Councillor Gates confirmed that the South East Plan had been amended but it maintained the call for 250 new houses throughout Waverley each year, but requested that Waverley planned for these, rather than accepted the Windfall situation which had existed up till now. Last but not least – The Council is looking for a new Member, decision to be made at the October meeting. The ideal Candidate would be 'young, female and from the Southern end of the Village', to balance the current distribution of Councillors! But all applications will be given serious and equal consideration.

14. **AOB**

The Thank you party for the Fete and Bonfire which had been organised almost single-handedly by Hugh Terry was praised and it was felt that in the same way that the BVS organised the St Georges night Party it should take on a regular 'Thank the Volunteers' party if the other organisations were in agreement. Joe as a Bonfire representative felt this was sensible and he would raise it at their next meeting!

Several people commented on the lovely display of wild Flowers on the wide verge opposite Rooks Hill Farm and Phil was asked to write and thank John Compton for his efforts.

The meeting closed at 10.25.

Brief Agenda for Thursday October 2nd.

Attendance, Previous Minutes and reports of Sub Committees
Planning, Correspondence and Treasurers Report.
Area Representation, Amenities and Events,
Parish Council Matters and Any Other Business.