

BVS Meeting Thursday April 7th
Minutes

1. Des, Murray and David sent apologies as they would be late. Phil Chaired the meeting until they arrived.
Present - Gilly Whitelaw, Jill Lye, Joe O'Connell, Ian Purser Charles Pearson and Phil Scattergood. Joined later by David Baldwin, Murray Campbell and Des Parker.
Absent - Paul Thompson, (His planning application being discussed) Muna and Nigel Roberts
Apologies.- Cheryl Braime
2. Minutes of March meeting.
Approved as fair record.
3. Matters Arising.
Phil welcomed Jill Lye.
Plaque on Station. Phil reported that it was agreed that the plaque was slightly off level but in defence he said that due to its position it had been difficult to attach it because of the support pillar behind it. It was pointed out that the date on the plaque was different to that in the Centenary Booklet. Phil agreed to liaise with the Estates Committee Clerk to get these matters investigated and if appropriate corrected.
4. Sub – Committee's Reports
Calor Village of Year – Phil reported that he and Des had agreed the format for the two hour visit from the Judges – short presentation backed with information leaflets and display boards, followed by short walk around the village finishing with a Question and Answer session. Phil was well into completing the questionnaire with significant help from David, Rachael and others. They had approval from several people to attend as the Q & A panel.
In a general discussion Phil attempted briefly to summarise the reasons and benefits of entering the competition and it's content and how it differed from the old 'Best Kept Village' competitions. On the specific question of 'was it a productive use of committee time' he said that the prize money was useful, the 'kudos' of being placed was good – though winning had time and effort commitments for the following year – but in this particular year the information gathered from this village, other villages and the Judges would be constructive information for the 'Parish Plan'
Bramley Wheels Constitution – This item was delayed until Des, David and Murray arrived.
Murray explained the background to incorporating 'Bramley Wheels' (Bramley Samaritans – as was) as a sub committee to the BVS which essentially allowed the volunteers to get on with helping people with lifts to Hospital, Doctor, Dentist etc. whilst the BVS supplied the support of a

formally constituted Charity organisation. The Constitution was formally approved by the Committee.

David Baldwin confirmed that under the terms of the Constitution the AGM had been held on the 30th April and 16/17 Drivers attended. Currently approved Drivers had reached 35 and some 120 lifts had been organised a circa 20% increase on the previous year. Demand was growing but was limited by the number of Drivers available and the numbers of persons who would act as 'Duty Organisers' for a week at a time. He confirmed that from the donations received less the costs paid to the Drivers – many of whom waived their costs – a nominal profit of £104 was made.

The Elected Chairwoman was Judy Baldwin, Barbara Parker was elected as Secretary whilst David Baldwin was Treasurer.

The Committee of the Bramley Village Society unanimously confirmed these appointments.

It was confirmed that under the new regime the accounts and records would be published as part of the BVS end of year reports.

In a general discussion, Charles and Jill put forward suggestions for expanding the service by delivering information to the users and existing volunteers peer groups which David gratefully agreed to investigate.

Estates committee

In the absence of Paul Thompson, BVS representative.

Phil reported that External Redecoration of the Village Hall with replacement of the Guttering was going out to Tender.

That David Morley reported, he felt he had an approved procedure for avoiding the VAT on the Roof replacement. The estimated cost of which BPC now had, less VAT ie circa £60,000 in a reserve account.

The problems caused by the Increase in Business Rates were discussed. The final 5 re-used lamp posts, when painted would complete the renovation of the whole village lighting controlled by the Parish Council. Several other minor matters were in hand and would hopefully be completed by the next meeting provisionally September.

5. Planning

Report by Ian on Current Plans

WA/2009/0598 The Nore Hascombe Rd. Godalming GU8 4BT
Erection of Green House - No objection

WA/2009/0587 Pinks Hill Farmhouse, Horsham Rd. GU5 0LH
Erection of extensions following demolition of existing Conservatory
No Objection

WA/2009/0576-7 Snowdenham House, Bramley GU5 0DB
Construction of swimming Pool and associated works with listed building consent.

As this was replacement and minor improvements to an existing pool due to major leakage, No objection.

WA/2009/0496 Park Barn, Bramley Park Farm Home park Close,
Bramley
Change of use of Barn to form two residential units together with
alterations and associated parking.
No Objection (It was noted that all 16 residents of Bramley Park Court
supported this development)

WA/2009/0483 The Laurels High St. Bramley, GU5 0HS
Erection of extensions and alterations.
As these were at the rear and partially internal – No objection

WA/2009/0450-1 Orchard Cottage, 3 Birtley Green, Bramley, GU5
0LE
Erection of Fence and Listed building permission
No Objection

WA/2009/0446-7 Thresher Wine Merchants
Alterations to Shop Fronts, restoration of side window and permission to
display externally illuminated signs. (To allow relocation of Post Office,
extension of Nisa and new entrance to Flat above.)
No Objection
The Committee regretted the continuance of the ‘Blacked out Windows’
even though they were changing to white from Dark Blue. (See also
below)

Village Scene – During the discussion of Planning applications Charles
said he had been discussing the Facia of the Village Shops with his
neighbour and she was prepared to produce, initially FOC, a ‘Decoration
Scheme’ for them, rather than the ‘Higgledy Piggledy’ current
arrangement! Several members indicated that this was a policy which had
been tried in the past with minimal success, but bearing in mind the
changes due to the block housing Nisa, now would be a good time to re-
visit the subject, so Charles was asked to investigate such a scheme and
bring it back to the committee at a future meeting.

Dunsfold Park appeal

Phil reported that after the Appeal had technically closed Dunsfold Park
Ltd had sent in an addenda as mentioned in the Surrey Advertiser. It was
supposed to be a clarification but in an 4 page report from Surrey County
Council it was said to be inaccurate, confusing and different to the original
submissions which were not withdrawn! (Ian pointed out that the SCC
comments were unusually damning) Phil is happy to forward a copy of this
report to anyone interested. He also had a copy of the additional response
that BPC had made prior to the closing date of 1st May which also said it
did not clarify the situation, could be said to be misleading, so BPC
repeated that in their opinion the appeal should be refused. Phil
understands that the result should be available after September.

Planning Strategy Document – sent by email.

At the last meeting Murray had requested that a copy of the 1995 'Strategy for Bramley' should be sent to all committee members. Unfortunately Phil could only obtain 2 printed copies so forwarded, by email as an attachment, a scanned in copy which he had been sent. If anybody has problems with accessing this he is happy to produce a photocopy of his master copy if requested.

Park Barn – A formal notification was received that Lord Hamilton's application for Offices at Park Barn had gone to appeal. This was still valid even though there is a new residential application as defined above.

6. Correspondence

Civic Trust – The Society had been formally notified that the 'Civic Trust' had gone into voluntary administration whilst the trustees attempted to re-instate a viable national body!

A Booklet from Plunkett on renovating and supporting Villages was passed to Charles for perusal bearing in mind his comments on 'the Village Scene' as discussed under Planning.

Booklets - Surrey Matters, Surrey Voice, Air Ambulance, and CPRE Surrey were put on the table for information

7. Treasurers Report

Open Gardens - Jo O'Connell stated that our Insurance was confirmed as covering the 'Links Rd' open Gardens event on 13/14th June.

He as treasurer refunded Phil's costs paid to Woking Print for the Calendar Cards.

Phil had also, as agreed, renewed the Domain name of our Web Site via Easily.co.uk and this cost was also refunded.

Charles asked for information about our website and queried if we really needed an individual one and should consider being amalgamated with the BPC one. Though he felt that needed an overhaul. Phil was a little defensive upon this topic and the Chairman suggested that it would be sensible for everybody to look at our website which appeared to be very economical and discuss it in more detail at the next meeting. Des suggested that finding the statistics about the Website eg no of hits might be helpful.

8. Area Representation

Murray stated that he had been reviewing the listings for Residences in the Village and was very grateful for the help he had been given by Des and Gilly. He had produced manual listings for delivery 'routes' based on approximately 25- 75 deliveries per person dependent on the style size and compactness of the areas. This gives a total of nearer 1500 homes than the 1200 on previous lists. As it includes ALL homes within the secular Parish especially the out-lying and isolated ones.

This delivery will include the Newsletter kindly written by Gilly, The BVS Calendar Cards, The Fete Program, Initial Explanatory letter about the Parish Plan plus leaflets on other forthcoming functions. A 'Folding Party' will be held to prepare the 'packs' for the deliverers!

9. Amenities.

The Base for the 'Sutherland Plaque' had been laid and approval of the Churches Architect was awaited for confirmation of the way the Plaque is to be supported. The BVS Wall plaques will be fitted when the Sutherland Plaque is fully installed.

10. Events

St Georges Day Supper.

Phil was instructed to write to the Hardcastle's at the Jolly Farmer thanking them for an excellent evening.

Ploughman's – Details to be discussed at a later meeting though Charles and Jill inquired about the details of Publicity. It was proposed that as usual Flyers, Newsletters, Bramley Update, Calendar Cards, plus in this year a 'Banner'. After a discussion it was agreed that it had grown organically over the last few years but to enlarge it would have Location and Manning implications and we would probably lose the intimate nature of this particular event, even if it increased the income. It was difficult to judge the probable attendance, as it was dependent on location, weather and competing events. Members agreed to re-visit this matter later in the year.

11. Parish Council Matters

Housing Survey Results – Phil confirmed that the Housing Survey carried out under the auspices of the Parish Council and Surrey Community Action had been completed and a brief summary was presented at the Annual Assembly, which was attended by a minimal number of residents. The formal approval is planned for the Parish Council meeting on the 14th May. However Phil was able to highlight a few significant points!

WBC have provided 200 affordable houses in Bramley. Consisting of 29 sheltered housing units, 48 warden supervised homes and General Housing (38 - 1 bed, 28 - 2 bed and 57 - 3 bed properties.)

From the survey in which 393 forms were returned - about 29% of the Parish.

70% were in favour of more affordable housing, 24% against and 6% abstained.

32 Households completed section 2 (Wanting affordable Housing) but 10 were invalid as they did not give sufficient information, so only 22 are counted. of these 9 were families with 11 children in total. and 13 were single. Only 2 do not currently live in Bramley.

12 liked shared ownership, 9 social rent, 2 no preference.

9 are registered with WBC, 1 applying and 12 not registered.

The Recommendation from Surrey Community Action is to try and install 12 - 1 bed, 4 - 2 bed, 6 - 3 bed units.

The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for the 14th May. Phil drew attention to the fact that the minutes of the Annual Assembly were now available on the BPC Website and the Village Notice Boards. He also stated that this months Bramley Update was currently being emailed and assumed all members were registered for this – he gave a printed copy to Jill Lye for information.

12. A.O.B

AGM Preparation and Advertising

Phil checked that all present were willing to stand for re-election for another year apart from Gilly who was sadly planning to leave the area in the near future.

Phil was tasked with producing the formal announcement for the notice Boards and preparing a list of Candidates for Committee membership and Officers.

As the announcement was in the latest newsletter it was felt no other publicity was required.