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'BRAMLEY VILLAGE SOCIETY'

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Minutes of the
Annual General meeting of the Bramley Village Society
Held in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall,
Thursday June 2nd 2016 at 8 pm.

1. Apologies.

The President Jane Fairbank,
Phil Scattergood, Margaret Darvill, Alan Deal.

Present.

Joe O'Connell, Richard Farr, Murray Campbell, Tony Allenby, Des Parker,
Steve Moschidis.

Public

Sue O'Connell, John May, Ann May.

2. Minutes of 2015 AGM Meeting.

Richard noted that he had not acted as seconder for the re-election of officers as he had not been present. Minutes to be amended prior to signature. Otherwise, minutes agreed as a fair record.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

Joe reported as follows:

BVS AGM – 2nd June 2016 – Chairman's Report

It's been a good year for the BVS. The events went well, and the finances (as you will hear shortly) are good.

Events

In September, the Ploughman's Lunch at Vine House courtesy of Keith & Fiona Haywood returned to its former more basic format, and was both well received and attended by 70 guest.

In October, we tried a new event to support local businesses. Attendance by both the businesses and the public was low, but acceptable for a new event. The businesses that attended thought the evening was worthwhile, so we will hold the event again this year having learnt a few lessons.

As usual, in November the Bramley Bonfire and Fireworks was a great success and made a reasonable surplus.

Bramley Showcase (nee Newcomers') was also a great success. Attendance of the public and in particular those new to the village improved over last year, and a number of organisations reported making new contacts.

Finally, we ended the year as usual with the St. George's Dinner. The Jolly Farmer provided a splendid 3 course traditional English roast for 51 of us. Maybe not quite as enjoyable was the St George quiz which may have taxed a few brains.

Planning

The major planning issue was, and still is, the proposed development of 1,800 homes at Dunsfold Park. The initial application in July 2014 was refused on grounds of the traffic infrastructure. A subsequent application was made last January, and is still awaiting a decision by Waverley. We recognise that houses have to be built and do not have any problems regarding the use of the site or the development itself. We have however objected to the application primarily on the grounds that the road infrastructure is not adequate to deal with the increase in traffic and will lead to increased congestion of the A281 in Bramley. Whilst a number of traffic studies have been or are being undertaken they do not necessarily address the specific problems faced by Bramley. In order to better understand the underlying causes of congestion in Bramley, the BVS has undertaken to conduct a traffic survey; focussed on the morning peak northbound traffic through Bramley on the A281. The survey has shown that the volume of traffic on the A281 is either at or over the road's capacity using the DoTs capacity definitions. Whilst this would be acceptable if the flow could be maintained, any blockage or restriction causes a significant tailback through Bramley. In particular, congestion is caused by westbound traffic from Womersley at the roundabout and HGV deliveries in the High Street. It is obvious that any major housing development to the south of Bramley will increase the congestion in Bramley unless steps are taken to improve the infrastructure.

The BVS was very concerned about the sale of the strip of land adjoining Wisteria that runs between the Downs Link and the A281 nearly opposite the school, given that if the strip of lands was sold separately from the house then inappropriate use of the land would present a poor image on entering the village from the south. The BVS and BPC made a bid to purchase the land, but this was rejected. Fortunately, the strip of land has now been sold with the house.

The only other local planning application of concern to the BVS is the development of the field by Ricardo Court. Again, whilst we have no objection to the development in principle, there is a current concern regarding a revised application proposing a traffic entrance/exit via Park Drive.

The Society

At last year's AGM we presented a proposed update to the BVS Constitution. Thanks to the perseverance of the secretary, we finally managed to get it approved by the Charity Commission last November!

This year we reverted to the former regime of holding an exec meeting every month, rather than as necessary. This has worked well, and enable the chairman to keep the meetings short!

BPC

We have strengthen our links with the Parish Council. In particular, by proposing that the joint working parties are resurrected to address tasks around the parish. The first of these was formed to litter-pick the area by the bus shelter on the A281 and to clear the fallen oak tree.

BVS is also working with the Parish Council on the Bramley Resilience Group, which has a remit to address major risks to the residents and fabric of the parish, with a current focus on flooding.

Looking Forward

We have agreed to hold a joint BVS/Bramley Cricket Club Village Picnic and BBQ event this summer on Saturday July 16th, having had to postpone the event last year due to insurance issues.

Last Thanks

To Sue O'Connell for the BPC link – this has proven to be invaluable in keeping the BVS committee informed as to the status of local issues.

Finally, thanks to the exec committee:

- Alan Deal
- Des Parker
- Ian Purser (retired last July)
- Richard Farr
- Margaret Darvill
- Murray Campbell
- Phil Scattergood
- Tony Allenby
- Steven Moschidis

Without whom none of this would be possible.

5. Adoption of Accounts

Copy of accounts attached to these minutes.

After an explanation by Joe the accounts were duly adopted.

Proposed by John May, Seconded by Steve Moschidis.

6. Election of Officers

Sue O'Connell took the chair for the election of Chairman, Joe O'Connell then resumed the chair for the election of remaining officers and Committee.

The officers were elected as follows:

		Proposer	Second
Chairman	Joe O'Connell	Murray Campbell	Ann May
Treasurer	Alan Deal	Joe O'Connell	Steve Moschidis
Secretary	Richard Farr	Joe O'Connell	Steve Moschidis

They were unanimously elected as Officers

7. Election of Committee

Nominations for the committee (Who had been approached and expressed willingness to stand, despite not all being able to be present) were then made as follows:

	Proposer	Second
Tony Allenby	Des Parker	Steve Moschidis
Des Parker	Joe O'Connell	Steve Moschidis
Margaret Darvill	Des Parker	Steve Moschidis
Steve Moschidis	Des Parker	Joe O'Connell
Phil Scattergood	Des Parker	Steve Moschides

Who were elected unanimously

8. AOB.

- Murray reminded that Snowdenham House will be open on Saturday 11 June, and there will be a Queen's 90th Birthday celebration picnic by the church on Sunday 12 June.
- It was noted that an alternative venue for fireworks building will have to be found if Jane Fairbanks barn becomes unavailable due to sale or redevelopment.

All other outstanding matters were agreed to be dealt with during the Monthly meeting which immediately followed.

The AGM was followed by the Monthly meeting of the Committee.

All residents of the secular Parish of Bramley, who are automatically members of the Society, were invited to attend.