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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 1st 2017 at 8 pm.

1. Apologies.  
None

Present.

The President, Jane Fairbank

Officers and Committee:

Joe O'Connell, Richard Farr, Tero Pirinen, Murray Campbell, Tony Allenby, Des Parker, Steve Moschidis, Phil Scattergood, Margaret Darville

Public:

Sue O'Connell, David Baldwin, Judy Baldwin, Miriam Farr, Richard Seaborne.

2. Minutes of 2016 AGM Meeting.  
The minutes were agreed as a fair record.

3. Matters arising  
None

4. Chairman's Report  
Joe reported as follows:

## BVS AGM – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 – Chairman's Report

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

### Events

We held the same number of events as last year, but in fact it's a case of one up and one down!

In July, we held our first Village Cricket Picnic in association with the BCC who were playing Thursley

- Weather was kind.
- Attendance was OK, but hopefully will be better this year.
- Hans Weijman provided an excellent afternoon's entertainment with conjuring and making animals from balloons
- There was a deficit ((showing £144 in the accounts), but if we amortised the signage and unused wine then a small surplus. We would have made more of a surplus if we had drunk all the beer.
- The event was thought to be successful so we have agree to repeat the event.

In September we would normally hold the Ploughman's Lunch. This year we cancelled the event due to a lack of a suitable venue and the proximity of the Business Evening. The good (or bad) news depending on how you look at it is that not that many people commented on the absence of this regular event in our calendar.

In mid-September, we held the second Business Evening to support local businesses.

- Over 20 businesses attended. Most reported they considered the evening worthwhile.
- There was low public attendance, considered unlikely to be improved at a future repeat event unless done differently
- We considered a proposal to hold the event in a tent at the Bramley Fete, but this proved to be impractical financially.
- We decided that we would not continue with this event given the effort required and the lack of interest from local businesses when asked how they would like the event to be managed in the future.

As usual, in November the Bramley Bonfire and Fireworks was a great success and made a reasonable surplus. The BVS treasurer observed that in the longer term the bonfire committee will have to address a projected increasing cost base with a relatively flat income.

In March the Bramley Showcase (nee Newcomers') was also a success, albeit with low attendance of the public and in particular those new to the village. All felt that it was a very sociable evening and a number of organisations reported making new contacts

Finally, we ended the financial year as usual with the St. George's Day Dinner, or perhaps I should say St George's Eve Dinner. The Jolly Farmer provided a excellent 3 course traditional English roast for 36 of us; a lower number than usual due to the unavoidable move to the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> rather than the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and a clash with people's holiday plans.

Which brings me onto planning.....

## **Planning**

As I said last year, 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 January 16 which has now been called in by the Secretary of State who will make a decision following a Public Inquiry which will start on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. 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 reiterated our objection to the application 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, as evidenced by a number of traffic surveys including our own.

Waverley also submitted the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 21 December 2016 for independent examination. Hearings will start at the end of this month. In general, the Local Plan was felt to lack substance in terms of the infrastructure necessary to support the development of over 4,000

homes to the South of Bramley. The committee expressed concern over the lack of clarity in the plan in respect of traffic mitigation for the A281

## **The Society**

Having returned to regular meetings every month, this year we met every month except January. Points of note were:

- The insurance covering the BVS, FETE, Bonfires, History Society, Twinning, and Wheels was reviewed and the cover improved for volunteers.
- The BVS Website was stable throughout the year. We added a list of local organisations, clubs, and societies. The list of local businesses was removed due to the overhead in managing the list.
- We created a Village Diary that can be accessed by anyone via the Website. Whilst it's early days this will hopefully become a focal point for finding and planning events in the Parish.
- Strong links with the Bramley Parish Council continued.
  - Several joint working parties were held; one in September to clearance of scrub and foliage obscuring a new Vehicle Activated sign by the school, and another in May to clear scrub and grass encroaching the pavement on the A281 southbound past the Bus Stop on Birtley Road
  - The BVS is supporting the BPC Resilience Group.
  - BVS is looking after the 'Communities' element of the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan.

## **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, and also for co-ordinating the Cricket picnic event.

And finally, thanks to the exec committee:

- Richard Farr for his excellent minutes and looking after planning
- Alan Deal who retired from committee in October due to poor eyesight
  - This was a blow as Alan passed the Treasurer role back to me, but ...
- Tero Pirinen has agreed to take on the role 😊
- Des Parker
- Margaret Darvill
- Phil Scattergood
- Tony Allenby
- Steven Moschidis
- Murray Campbell

5. Adoption of Accounts

Copy of accounts attached to these minutes.

After an explanation by Joe the accounts were duly adopted.

Proposed by Phil Scattergood, Seconded by Murray Campbell.

6. Election of Officers

The BVS President, Jane Fairbanks, took the chair and expressed thanks on behalf of the Village for the efforts of the BVS Officers and Committee.

The officers were elected as follows:

		Proposer	Second
Chairman	Joe O'Connell	Murray Campbell	Phil Scattergood
Treasurer	Tero Pirinen	Murray Campbell	Phil Scattergood
Secretary	Richard Farr	Murray Campbell	Phil Scattergood

They were unanimously elected as Officers

The meeting agreed that the rule requiring the Chairman to stand down after five years in office should be waived on this occasion.

7. Election of Committee

Nominations for the committee were made as follows:

	Proposer	Second
Tony Allenby	Sue O'Connell	Miriam Farr
Des Parker	Sue O'Connell	Miriam Farr
Margaret Darvill	Sue O'Connell	Miriam Farr
Steve Moschidis	Sue O'Connell	Miriam Farr
Phil Scattergood	Sue O'Connell	Miriam Farr

Who were elected unanimously

The Chair was resumed by Joe O'Connell.

8. AOB.

- Bramley Wheels – *Minute recorded under the Monthly meeting minutes, for ongoing action.*
- 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.**