

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER

Meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean

Present: Cllr Morton (Chairman, Parish Council), 5 Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk,
Cllrs Lumby & Ruffell (WCC), PCSO Griffiths, 42 residents (+ 23 visitors for talk).

1. Apologies: Cllr Humby, Cllr Chris McCrystal and 4 residents.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2018 were presented for information.
3. Annual Report of the Parish Council - Matthew Morton

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for all their work on behalf of the Parish Council. Special thanks to Vice-Chairman, Barbara Holyome, who represents this area on the South Downs National Park Authority, Tony Harding (Flood Warden), Kashy Hawkings (Chairman of the Recreation Committee) and Chris McCrystal for maintaining the parish website. During the past year Graham Rothery was co-opted to the Parish Council in place of Graham Budd and Hugh Lumby was elected to the City Council in place of Amber Thacker.

We are grateful to Justin Berryman (Deputy Flood Warden) and to residents and riparian owners for their co-operation. Thanks also to our nominee to Blake's Educational Charity, Hazel Flindt, to our Internal Auditor, Seamus McLaughlin and to Neighbourhood Watch Village Co-ordinator, Chris Day. We also wish to thank Annabel McLaughlin and Maureen Carpenter for keeping us informed about traveller movements on Bramdean Common.

The Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2018 was attended by four Parish Councillors, a Police officer, the Clerk and 31 residents. Afterwards, Robert Raimes talked about the complexities of "Growing and Producing English Sparking Wine on the South Downs", followed by a very enjoyable Guided Tasting of Raimes Classic 2014.

Five Parish Council meetings were held in the past year. Parish Councillors attended meetings organised by CPRE, the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, the Passenger Transport Forum, Winchester City Council, and the Winchester District Association of Local Councils. We considered 23 planning applications (18 in 2017/18).

We revised our working practices to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Parish Council is now required to have written consent to hold data of private individuals. Quite simply, we must have positive consent to contact residents. So if you have not already done so, do please request a Consent Form or download a copy from www.bhpc.org.uk.

We supported the Communities Against Noise and Speed (CANS) campaign for lower speed limits on rural A, B and C roads in the Meon Valley and welcomed the proposal for a pilot scheme to install average speed cameras. We responded to the Consultation on Supported Passenger Transport Services and pressed for the retention of the 67 bus service as a vital route for transport to work, school and college. We concurred with the local consensus which favoured retaining the original route for the Esso Southampton to London pipeline.

The parish was allocated funding for a Lengthsman which enabled a number of routine highway works to be carried out both efficiently and to a high standard. We would like to thank Kashy Hawkings for her hard work to set up the scheme and ensuring it ran smoothly.

Action Hampshire conducted a Housing Needs Survey to establish the level of need for affordable housing in Bramdea and and Hinton Ampner. The findings will be presented to the Parish Council in due course.

Finally, we carry forward the sum of £27,913.00. This larger balance is solely due to the award of £20,100 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and will be available until 31st March 2023. The Parish Council will consider options for possible expenditure, subject to strict criteria, during the coming year.

4. Parish Council Accounts for year ending 31st March 2019 subject to audit

| Receipts | 18/19 | 17/18 | Payments | 18/19 | 17/18 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| Balance b/fwd | 8354.42 | 7340.98 | Admin/Sundries | 1081.55 | 1026.15 |
| Donations | - | - | Capital Spending | - | - |
| Grant Aid | 1100.00 | - | Clerk's Pay | 4388.21 | 3694.68 |
| Refunds, etc | - | - | Donations | 907.00 | 868.00 |
| CIL | 20100.00 | | Insurance/Legal | 474.03 | 455.80 |
| Precept | 7500.00 | 7250.00 | Maintenance | 990.00 | - |
| | | | Subscriptions | 305.00 | 334.00 |
| <i>Recreation Ground</i> | | | <i>Recreation Ground</i> | | |
| Donations | - | - | Capital Spending | - | - |
| Grant Aid | - | - | Maintenance/Sundries | 610.62 | 256.22 |
| Refunds, etc | - | | | | |
| VAT reclaim | - | 539.69 | VAT | 385.01 | 141.40 |
| | 37054.42 | 15130.67 | | 9141.42 | 6776.25 |
| | | | Total c/fwd | 27913.00 | 8354.42 |

5. Report of the Recreation Committee - Kashy Hawkings

I would like to thank my fellow committee members Tony Harding, Anne Newson, Chris McCrystal, Rachael Greenwood, and in particular Adrian Taylor, for their continued support this year. Adrian maintains the grounds on our behalf and keeps them looking beautiful. We had a good annual inspection this year with a few repairs required to The Twist for which I would like to thank Bruce Newson who carried them out to his normal high standard. New safety chippings were also laid and repairs and re-tensioning to the hard court fencing undertaken.

We are undertaking a programme of asking all the residents living alongside the ground to keep their trees and bushes cut back away from the surrounding fencing as in places the vegetation is damaging it. I thank those who have done so already. The playground continues to be an area for the village children to have fun. We feel there is a good selection of play equipment for the young there but are always open to any requests for upgrades or replacements if ever there was the need.

6. A statement from Blake's Educational Charity, Reg No 307197 was laid before the meeting. Those present were invited to direct any queries to the Treasurer, James Bulloch.

7. The accounts of Bramdean and Hinton Ampner Village Hall, Reg No 301764, were laid before the meeting. Those present were invited to direct any queries to the Treasurer, Fiona Wingent.

8. Those present were invited to direct any queries regarding The Friends of Bramdean Children to Sarah Densham.

9. Report of Rob Humby, County Councillor

Cllr Humby was happy to address queries that he was unable to answer in person at the meeting.

10. Report of Hugh Lumby & Laurence Ruffell, City Councillors

The current contract for refuse collection jointly with East Hampshire District Council would end in October. WCC had decided to extend the existing contract for a further year. Monthly kerbside glass collection would lessen the need for bottle banks but heavily used banks were likely to be retained. New lorries were being acquired to address reliability issues with rubbish collection. Work had begun on the new leisure centre at Bar End, due to open in 2021. WCC had supported the Great British Spring Clean by providing residents with free high-visibility jackets, litter picks and black bags for residents.

The forum to address anti-social motorbike noise and implement solutions, chaired by CANS (Communities Against Noise & Speed), included national, county and district government and the Police. Legislation was required to deal with noise pollution. The Police would trial measuring noise nuisance in problem areas, recording both frequency and time of occurrence. There would be a shopping list of devices for parishes to purchase. CANS had focused on major roads but the problem could not simply be shifted onto the smaller lanes. M27 and A34 improvements would increase traffic volume on the A272 to the detriment of the road surface. Answering concerns about speeding in Wood Lane, Cllr Lumby suggested the Parish Council submitted traffic calming proposals to HCC, including moving the upper 30mph speed roundel closer to Bramdean Common.

The SDNPA had approved a second period of temporary consent for the Matterley Estate planning application expiring in December 2024. Cllr Lumby would enquire whether the parish qualified for funding that Boomtown was reported to have made available to Parish Councils.

11. Report of Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team – PCSO Griffiths

The policing team were happy to assist residents to set up Community Speedwatch (four people needed for a team). Regular speed checks would continue to be carried out. Although there had been few burglaries in the district overall, there was a higher incidence in rural areas, including theft of car keys from properties at night. Valuables should not be left in parked cars, even in the boot. Secure fixings would be available shortly to address the theft of registration plates.

12. Any other business

Julie Butler had kindly offered to make land available at The Plantation for community allotments in a “safe” area relatively near to the farm buildings with access to water from a bore hole. Those present were asked to indicate support by a show of hands. There was insufficient interest and Mrs Butler would be advised of the outcome accordingly.

Justin Berryman presented a petition of 126 signatures for a Defibrillator at the Village Hall. It was hoped that electricity could be supplied from the Village Hall. Volunteers might have to be trained to operate and maintain the equipment. Accepting the petition on behalf of the Parish Council, Matthew Morton said that a Defibrillator could qualify for CIL funding. The request would be considered by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Afterwards, Ned Densham gave an illustrated talk on “Walking the Camino de Santiago” following the “primitive” way first taken by King Alfonso II in the ninth century.