

Bramfield Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 15th July 2025

Present: Guy Tucker (GT) Chair, Marietta Johnson (MJ) Vice Chair, Chris Underhill (CU) Clerk, Nick Savage (NS) Treasurer Cheryl Jackson (CJ) Chris Armstead (CA), Joe Thomas (JT)

Apologies: Ken Crofton (KC), Graham Lyons (GL)

Other Attendees: Maria Quintero (MQ)

1. **Declaration of Interest:** None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Held on 20th May 2025, were approved and signed by the Chair
 - a) GT to put up fence to prevent footpath onto playing field being used by when ground less hard.
 - b) Broken sign at end of Gobions Lane still broken and being chased by KC. Need further update from KC as to likely fix date.
3. **Hollygrove Road Parking:**
 - a) This was a major part of the meetings discussion as MQ attended to give her view on the requests not to park on the grass. Previous communications sent to all Holly Grove Road residents had solicited no response from any party until now.
 - b) GT had placed no parking signs where the grass had been damaged and this was what had initiated the attendance of MQ at the parish council meeting.
 - c) GT welcomed MQ and asked her to present her thoughts on the subject. GT did outline the rationale behind the requests given the level of damage being done to the verge.
 - d) MQ stated as follows:
 - a. MQ said her car had been damaged whilst parked on the road and therefore has chosen to park on the grass. Whilst the PC was aware of 1 incident (where the offending party stopped and funded the repairs to MQs car) specifics around the other alleged 3 incidents were not shared by MQ.
 - b. MQ asked why the village felt the look of the village was more important than other things happening in the world. GT replied that world events are beyond the control of the Parish Council
 - c. GT re-iterated that the PC had requested parking bays for the 4 residents but the county council have refused based on their estimated cost of £20,000. Network Homes were approached as to whether they would contribute and they had declined.
 - d. MQ stated that a large truck had made the potholes and not her car and that she will continue to raise with the county council for parking bays. CJ noted that the other 3 residents were now parking on the road and only MQ has chosen not to do so.

- e. MQ stated she is building a case with Network Homes and the County Council to get Parking bays. The Parish council would be happy to support her even though they have been unsuccessful in their own endeavours.
 - f. MQ stated that if a fence is erected to stop parking on the grass verge she will continue to park there regardless.
 - g. MQ stated that she is still awaiting KC to reply to her emails on the subject.
 - h. JT offered to assist to help if he can.
 - i. MQ stated that other vehicles were parking there and when she had approached them the owners had become abusive. GT asked MQ to provide details/evidence to support this assertion.
 - j. Parish council (via CU) to write to the local MP to make them aware of this issue.
 - k. PC advised MQ that they will repair the current damage at an appropriate time and put barriers in place to prevent further damage from re-occurring.
4. **Bramfield Automotive Planning Application:** Despite PC support this has been refused and revised plans to be submitted.
5. **Finances:**
- a) See attached sheet. Current balances as follows. Current Account - £5,089.71. Savings Account - £3,431.28
 - b) Note Barclays have frozen the account after saying they will not. CU to contact Barclays (done) and NS to confirm with Barclays CU is not a signatory and has no access to the account (done). No indication from Barclays why they raised this issue in the first place.
6. **AOB**
- a) CJ advised that the village hall are planning on putting in some adult exercise equipment
 - b) CA asked to pressure wash village sign. GT to assist.
 - c) CJ advised that the village day will be 31st August.
 - d) CJ has asked if there can be a curved mirror at the end of Bury Lane to improve visibility for those pulling out. CJ to obtain cost and present at next meeting. It was noted that the person parking their van close to the junction is, after being asked, now parking further away from the junction to make visibility easier.

Next meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 16th September 2025 in the Bramfield Village Hall