Bramfield Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 15th September 2026 7:30pm

Attendees: Guy Tucker (GT) *Chair*, Marietta Johnson (MJ) *Vice Chair*, Nick Savage (NS) *Treasurer,* Cheryl Jackson (CJ), Graham Lyons (GL), Chris Amstead (CA), Olivia Cufley (OC) *Clerk.*

1 - Apologies

Ken Crofton (KC), Joe Thomas (JT)

2 - Declarations of Interest

A. None declared.

3 - Minutes of last meeting

A. Held on 18th August 2026, were approved and signed by the Chair.
B. Matters arising from last meeting:
    a. Grandison Pub formally recorded as Asset of Community Value by GT.
    b. Gate Notice for Village Hall car park arranged by GT
    c. Planning Application for Grandison Bungalow website - approx. 20 comments recorded but no longer accessible.
    d. Village Announcements Whatsapp Broadcast channel investigated by OC and will be set up with Councillors as Admins as one-way announcement channel for the village to adhere to GDPR rules. Residents will be directed to email the Clerk email address with any feedback/comments.

4 - Finances

A. No update this month.
B. £17 out of the current account this month for Website and Standing Charges.

5 - Bramfield Garage

A. Licensing outcome: general license retained, sensible hours (Sunday restricted).
B. Condition requiring lease to specify “car garage only” use was removed.
C. Village hall to coordinate with Adam on Village Hall activity to highlight when events are planned.

6 - The Grandison & Bungalow Application

A. Bungalow application still awaiting decision with comment period now closed.
B. Key concerns: pattern of incremental changes eroding the viability of the pub.
    a. Pub garden has been fenced off and absorbed into Bungalow plot, with outdoor bar area now inside the Bungalow plot. Application shows old and new boundary line as identical, suggesting that the fence has already been moved without permission.
    b. Pub floor area has been shrunk. Fire Safety concern flagged again due to no fire exit in current bar configuration. Inspection due in December.
    c. Car parking spaces have been reduced already, with more to follow.
    d. Chip van cancelled with effect from 15/09 citing insufficient business publicly on instagram.
C. Mobile home in car park: email sent to Director of Commercial Property by GT with no response yet. GT to follow up.
D. Change of Use application - GT to investigate whether this has been granted.
E. MJ to speak informally to Sister-in-law (planning officer). Share findings via email if anything of note to report.
F. Plan to arrange extraordinary meeting with KC, JT and Director of Commercial Property for Tuesday 20th of October (dependant on availability).
    a. MJ to share email findings from research to discuss options.

7 - Any Other Business

A. Nothing further on accident involving wooden barriers on Holly Grove Road noted in previous minutes.
B. NS noted Winding Shot path repairs conducted previous Winter have badly cracked. NS to take pictures and send to GT to follow up with KC.
C. Recruitment of new members of Parish Council.
    a. MJ to contact Dave Bensley.
    b. GL to contact Simon who has previously expressed interest.

8 - Next Extraordinary Meeting: Tuesday 20th October 2026 7:30pm (TBC - dependant on availability of JT, KC & Director of Commercial Planning)

9 - Next Ordinary Meeting: Tuesday 17th November 2026 7:30pm