Bramfield Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 20th October 2026 7:30pm

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

1 - Apologies

Graham Lyons (GL), Ken Crofton (KC), Joe Thomas (JT)

2 - Declarations of Interest

A. None declared.

3 - Minutes of last meeting

A. Held on 17th September 2026, were approved and signed by the Chair.
B. OC to add to website, along with previous minutes.

4 - Finances

A. See attached sheet.
    a. Current Account Balance £1,437.39
    b. Savings Account Balance £7,119.30
B. Finances shared by NS. Precept Pt 2 landed in account in September.

5 - The Grandison & Bungalow Application

A. Applicant revised the proposed site plan (not the original), removing the covered area at the back of the garden.
    a. Original site plan included the full garden back to Dorothy's boundary; current fencing excludes the outside bar area and bulk of the garden.
    b. Concern: the "original site plan" on the application has been quietly altered to reflect the fenced-off version.
B. Licensed area question unresolved: need to establish what the formal licensed area of the pub is.
    a. Serving alcohol in a garden requires a license; unclear whether the garden is still within it.
C. Bungalow application: environmental health advised a covenant preventing separate sale from the pub.

    a. Proximity to the bar (approx. 1 meter) raises noise and residential suitability concerns.
D. Planning comments reopened until 12th November; OC to work on Whatsapp Broadcast channel to encourage Village to respond. CJ to circulate around the village.
E. Fire and Safety inspection due in December.

6 - Any Other Business

A. Garage demolition to start in the next month.
B. Winding Shot path repairs conducted in Jan 26 have been inspected and ordered to be redone under warranty. Likely to be deferred until spring to avoid repeating failure.
C. Network Homes (SNG) properties on the street in poor condition: overgrown gardens, rotting soffits and possible vermin.
    a. Suggestion make a formal written complaint to SNG and escalate to ombudsman if necessary.
D. Village Green Tree to be replaced. Suggestions included something flowering but not fruiting (fallen fruit on the green a problem).
    a. CJ to contact Chris Hurley for recommendation.
    b. Hedge discussed along with reasonable survival rate. Hertfordshire Trees scheme mentioned as a way to add hazel and other species.

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