Bramfield Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 17th November 2026 7:30pm

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

1 - Apologies

Marietta Johnson (MJ) *Vice Chair*, Joe Thomas (JT)

2 - Declarations of Interest

A. None declared.

3 - Minutes of last meeting

A. Held on 20th September 2026, were approved and signed by the Chair.
B. Points raised for discussion from last meeting:
    a. Network Homes properties (SNG) on Winding Shott in state of disrepair. Complaint to be raised with SNG by NS. Joe Thomas to be contacted additionally by NS to raise concern.
    b. Winding Shott pathway to be pulled up under warranty. Hope Merryman at Highways to be contacted if any issues.
    c. Bungalow application last comments closed. Understanding that the Bungalow will be part of the Pub boundary so cannot be sold for 5 years.
    d. Pub is currently only open Fri-Sun. Fire Inspection due in December.

4 - Finances

A. See attached sheet.
    a. Current Account Balance £1,345.42
    b. Savings Account Balance £7,119.30
B. Finances shared by NS. Playground inspection fee of £74.77 and web hosting monthly fee £10.20.

5 - Precept

A. GT noted that while the Parish Council is solvent in savings, it is spending slightly more than income. Threat of issues outside of control, with Datchworth cited as an example. Precept has been held at £2500 annually for many years now.

B. KC suggested putting £500 aside a year to cover any unforeseen expenditure.
C. GT suggested increasing precept by 10% this year, costing approx £10 more per household annually. Unanimous agreement.

6 - Tree on Village Green

A. Suggestions made by Parishioners for replacement tree on village green.
    a. Crab Apple Tree (tiny fruiting)
    b. Rowan Tree - agreed. GT to Action.

7 - Any Other Business

A. Playground inspection by EHDC - 42 page report with actions to undertake. CJ requested help with the maintenance and running of the Playground from the PArish Council.
    a. Copy of report to be sent to GT.
    b. Red and Yellow “Spinner” to be removed from the Village hall site. CA to contact Adam Bird whilst demolition of Bramfield Motors is being undertaken using machinery he has on site.
B. New member of Parish Council to attend from January (Louise from Village Hall Committee).
C. Village Sign (outside church) - CJ wants this sanding, CA disagreed and noted it is aging well.
D. Website access and Whatsapp group - OC to speak to Chris Underhill to get this posted, along with minutes from previous meetings.
E. Crochet Christmas Tree to be placed on Village Green night before the Christmas Fete (Friday 27th November).

8 - Next Ordinary Meeting: Tuesday 19th January 2026 7:30pm