**Bramshill Parish Council Minutes**

**of the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting for the year 2017 held at, Bramshill Church Bramshill Road on Tuesday 9th May, at 7.35pm**

**Present:** SA, MS, GHF, JG GS NS: In attendance, Cllr David Simpson, Cllr Anne Crampton, and 13 parishioners

**Apologies**: Cllr Tim Southern

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| 17/01 | **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly (APA) held on 17th May 2016**  were approved and signed by The Chairman. |
| 17/02 | **Chairman’s Report:**  The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, he mentioned that the year had been very eventful with Planning Applications with the major application of the Bramshill House which had resulted with a joint objection with adjoining parishes of Eversley, Hartley Wintney, Mattingley & Heckfield being submitted. HDC refused all applications to building works. Appeals had been lodged by City & Country on all refused applications with a start date of end October 2017 and an end date of 5th December 2017. The Chairman thanked GHF for his leadership in this matter and his introduction Paul Dickinson, planning consultant who helped with the complex application. To date BPC have allocated the sum of £1500 towards the professional costs the chairman thanked others who had also contributed. He mentioned that at the next stage of this application BPC would take the necessary advice. He also mentioned other applications that BPC had supported, Keepers Cottage, and The Pheasantry, and also spoke of the approval of plans to make improvements to the former Hatch Gate Public House which will be favourable rather than the derelict building it has become.  The Chairman went onto mention the arrival of the Muggeridge family. He also reported that tenants within Bramshill Park had been given eviction notices, who due to planning issues were not contributing to council taxes, he also mentioned the necessary increase in the precept request. He finally mentioned the recent burglaries to various outbuildings within the parish and stressed that everyone should be more diligent and observant.    He concluded his presentation by thanking his fellow Councillors John, Geoffrey, Maggie & Nigel for all their support during the year, and Glynis Spencer for her work as Parish Clerk. |
| 17/03 | **Other Parish matters raised by electors:**  **03.1** The matter of the Parish Land had been requested for discussion by a parishioner at the last meeting. The Chairman spoke of the history of the land which became available following the dispersal of the estate in 1953 and sold onto HCC in 1974, in 1984 it became registered as a Village Green not a common, with a footpath passing across the land. In 1995 a lease of 125 years was taken out by BPC from HCC, the land had not been used for recreation during this time and had been untouched and undisturbed for many years, with volunteers assisting with clearance on occasions. Recently a parishioner residing in Copes Lane had with permission from the PC carried out on occasions maintenance to the land, he recently had requested a sum of £200.00 from the PC for his gardener to carry out work on the Parish Land. The PC debated the request and felt that other residents within the parish were happy with the land in the current state and continue to enjoy the maintained area of Bramshill Plantation for recreation. It therefore was suggested by BPC that the residents of Copes Lane form a resident association request to take over the lease from BPC.  Mr T Vasey of Copes Lane replied that he had conducted a survey of the residents of Copes Lane and reported that a large majority had supported his request for funding to carry out maintenance to the land, he went on to mention that at present Bramshill was one of the smaller parishes in the country and before the arrival of the new development and extra residents and pressure to the council he wanted to raise the request, he mentioned that following his clearance of the land various wild flowers were growing and the installation of a bench for others to enjoy, he did indicate that he did not want to take on the burden of the lease but just wanted to request funding, he felt that the PC should give this some thought. The Chairman replied that 80% of the parishioners would not use the land and were unlikely to give their support he felt that only Copes Lane residents would use the area due to parking restrictions and the fact of the Bramshill Plantation close by. Cllr Simpson suggested that BPC consider a grant application to cover the cost. JG also spoke of the poor access for parishioner’s other than the Copes Lane residents he also spoke of various clauses which BPC are liable for, and costs that would occur if the land were to be cleared, he felt that BPC should give thought to surrendering the lease or take the offer from a resident association. David Lister a Copes Lane resident spoke of the work carried out by Mr Vasey and suggested that BPC should have carried more maintenance of the land. David Clarke whose property is adjacent to the land mentioned that in 30 years that he had lived in his current home he had never seen anyone use the land and is happy with its current state.  The matter was left with for further debate. |
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|  | **03.2** One member of the parish had asked why BPC had rejected all planning applications relating to the Bramshill Police College site and what future plans did they think would be acceptable, the chairman replied that other plans more suitable to the site and its footprint and restrictions of access would be considered. The PC does not support the  enabling development proposal which  is required by C&C primarily  to justify the price they paid for the property and in addition  the proposal is objected to as it is an unsustainable development .  The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and also thanked David Clarke for allowing the use of the property for parking.  The meeting closed at 7.25pm |

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**Abbreviations:**

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| Cllr. Shaun Allison | SA |
| Cllr. John Goodman - Chairman | JG |
| Cllr. Geoffrey Hamilton- Fairley  Cllr. Nigel Stoate  Cllr. Maggie Sheerman | GHF  NS  MS |
| Glynis Spencer - Parish Clerk | GS |