

Minutes of the meeting of Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish Council on 10 June 2026 at the Bramham Parish Centre

Councillors Present: M Corrigan, T Prest, L Richards, P Corrigan, Mark Tozer, Keith Huggins, S Jones and J Ingham [from agenda item 9]

Also Present: 5 residents, Ward Cllr Lamb, Ward Cllr Harrington, Ward Cllr Stables and the Clerk.

Public Session

- i The purchaser of The Bungalow, Back Lane/Fine Garth Close advised the council that they will be submitting a pre-planning application seeking advice before submitting a full planning proposal in respect of the property. They wish to work with neighbouring residents and the wider community to ensure that the plans are acceptable and comply with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- A resident in a neighbouring property stated that they are waiting to see the plans and are concerned about how they will be impacted. Cllr M Corrigan advised the neighbouring residents present that because of the current planning regulations the Council would only be aware of any comments they may make if they send a copy to the Clerk.
- Cllr M Corrigan also advised the residents that the Council is not yet in a position to comment on the proposed application. Ward Cllr Lamb advised that a pre-application process was not in the public domain and It was agreed that the owners will send copies of the pre-application documents to the Council.
- ii Ward Cllr Harrington advised that:
- Croft Drive – LCC have cut the grass on Croft Drive following a complaint by a resident.
 - A dementia support event will be held at Wetherby Town Hall on 11 June 2026.
- iii Ward Cllr Lamb advised that:
- The Bramham House planning application is likely to be determined at the August 2026 Plans Panel meeting.
 - He has asked LCC Planning to determine the outline planning application for Alms House Hill as quickly as possible given the current condition of the site.
 - LCC have agreed to cut back the overgrown trees on Lyndon Road.
 - Church Hill – LCC are pursuing legal action against the owner of the property. LCC consider the site is dangerous and the issues need to be resolved as soon as possible.
 - Warren Lane planning application – Cllr M Corrigan noted that LCC Highways have objected to the application as the access point is too narrow.
- lii Cllr Stables advised that:
- A grass area by 19 Lyndon Road, previously tended by a resident, has become overgrown. A resident has cleared it and burned vegetation. Cllr Stables has reported this to LCC and is trying to and get them to take back responsibility for the area.
 - A request to LCC Highways to install street lighting, for safety reasons, at the junction of Bowcliffe Road /Paradise Way was refused as Bramham is classed as a ‘dark village’. LCC are considering whether the ‘dark village’ boundary can be changed to allow streetlights to be installed.

- There was an incident of sewage pollution in the Bramham beck on 9 June 2026. This was due to Yorkshire Water clearing a blocked domestic drain. Yorkshire Water are monitoring the issue.
- A film, *People's Emergency Briefing*, about the climate emergency is being shown at Wetherby Town Hall on 11 June 2026 and Boston Spa Village Hall on 18 June 2026.

Cllr M Corrigan noted that the LCC Highways "Road Safety" meeting (Bramham & Clifford) scheduled for 7 July 2026 has been cancelled. The next meeting is on 1 September 2026. Cllr Corrigan is keen for the meetings to continue and for there to be a police presence at the September meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Dean. It was **resolved** to approve the reasons for his absence.

2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests of other interests**

None.

3. It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair.

4. **Crime Report**

The report from the June 2026 PACT meeting was received. There has been an increase in incidents of violence without and with injury mainly associated with the two custodial institutions and also an increase in domestic incidents. Across the Wetherby Ward there has been a decrease in anti-social behaviour incidents and an increase in public order offences.

5. **Tenter Hill Allotments**

There are some potentially unsafe structures and scrap metal on two vacant plots. The plots will need to be cleared before they can be re-let. This may need to be done by a contractor rather than volunteers for safety reasons.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Jones will inspect plots and take pictures of the structures before the council agrees an action plan. It was **resolved** to install signs prohibiting anyone, for safety reasons, from accessing the plots.

6. **Assets & Amenities Committee**

6.1 The Annual Playground Inspection Report was received.

The report identified issues with the trampoline, which even if repairs are undertaken, present a medium safety risk. Defects were also noted with the double swing which has loose and worn fixings. It was **resolved** to decommission the trampoline and obtain quotes for replacing the bar/bolts on the double swing.

6.2 It was **resolved** to approve the quote of £140.00 to connect the Parish Centre CCTV to the mains electricity supply.

6.3 There have been issues with the Pavilion alarms being triggered by any power cuts. Cllr M Corrigan will produce a guide for users on how to reset the alarms.

6.4 Replacement warning stickers for the height restriction barrier at the Pavilion carpark has been ordered at a cost of £75.

6.5 A contractor has been instructed to spray the weeds outside the Pavilion.

7. The Leeds Festival starts on Thursday 27 August until Sunday 30 August. The Bramham shuttle bus will run from 5 pm on 27 August. The Traffic Management will be published on the Council website as soon as it is received from LCC. Volunteer litter pickers will be clearing litter after the event.

8. Cllr Richards attended the Better Wetherby Public Meeting on 28 May 2026 where the impact of up to 5000 additional houses on the North Yorkshire boundary around Wetherby was discussed. The LCC leader has contacted NYC about the likely impact on Wetherby services. A recording of the meeting is available on the Tempo FM website.
9. The data from the SIDs for April and May 2026 was received. There is very little change in the overall number of speed violations.
10. It was **resolved** to appoint Elkerlodge Bookkeeping as the council's Internal Auditor for 2026/2027.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 The receipts for May 2026 were noted as £5,538.37

11.2 The following payments were noted

			Amount (net)	VAT	Total	Sec 137
1	BACS	Salaries Incl HMRC	836.16	0	836.16	
2	BACS	Team Clean Cleaning	216.00	0	216.00	
3	DD	ID Mobile	4.17	.83	5.00	
4	DD	BT (Parish Centre Broadband)	31.95	6.39	38.34	
5	DD	YGP (Pavilion Electricity)	101.30	5.07	106.37	
6	DD	YPG (Parish Centre Electricity)	72.72	3.64	76.36	
7	DD	Unity Trust (Bank fees)	9.25	0	9.25	
8	DD	Business Stream (Parish Centre water rates)	56.82	0	56.82	

11.3 The following payments were approved.

			Amount (net)	VAT	Total	Sec 137
1	BACS	L Fern (Pavilion deposit refund)	100.00	0	100.00	
2	BACS	Post Office Ltd (Postage)	8.56	0	8.56	
3	BACS	YLCA (Training – clerk)	37.60	0	37.60	
4	BACS	K Alston (Pavilion deposit refund)	100.00	0	100.00	
5	BACS	ESS (Pavilion security alarm – annual contract)	290.00	58.00	348.00	
6	BACS	ESS (Pavilion fire alarm – annual contract)	160.00	32.00	192.00	
7	BACS	The Play Inspection Company Ltd (Playground Inspection)	96.50	19.30	115.80	

11.4 The bank reconciliations as at 31 May 2026 were noted as:

Unity Trust Current Account	40,231.15
Unity Trust Deposit Account	33,142.31
Hinkley and Rugby Building Society	61,468.38
Total	134,832.59

12. Planning Matters

12.1 Decisions received

26/00676/FU Demolition of existing bungalow and attached double garage and erection of one detached house with detached double garage, conservatory to rear and open porch to front and one detached house with attached single garage and open porch to front; widening of existing vehicle access to accommodate additional house and associated landscaping at The Gables, Freely Lane, Bramham. Refused.

26/00868/FU Demolition of outbuilding to rear, erection of part two storey part single storey side and rear extension, replacement windows, retiling of roof, extension of front hardstanding, new gate to side at 5 Croft Drive, Bramham. Approved.

26/01387/FU Change of use of land to domestic garden and erection of decked area, retaining wall and steps; first floor extension and conversion of existing garage below to a habitable room; single storey side extension to form new garage with balcony; single storey rear extension with external steps; alterations to existing fenestration; alterations to side garden including creation of two parking spaces, removal of wall and ground to be levelled to form a driveway; removal of existing stone boundary wall and erection of retaining wall to other side at Stonewood, Almshouse Hill, Bramham. Refused. It was noted that an appeal has been lodged against the decision.

26/02408/FU Consent, agreement or approval of condition 4 (Bell-mouth resurfacing) of planning application 24/03345/FU -at Spen Farm Spen Common Lane Bramham. Approved.

26/02031/CLE Certificate of Existing Lawful Development for an equestrian barn as constructed (not in accordance with planning permission 09/01205/FU), together with the equestrian use of adjoining land as an outdoor exercise area and associated hardstanding. - Hope Hall Thorner Lane Bramham. Approved.

12.2 Applications received

26/03208/LI Listed building consent for Single storey side extension and new fencing and gates to front; installation of new EVCP to existing garage at Manor House, West High Street, Bramham. It was **resolved** to visit the site before commenting on the application. The clerk will request an extension of time from LCC Planning to respond to the application.

26/02104/LI Retrospective listed building application for the removal of chimney stack, landscaping to the front of property at Heygate Farm, High Street, Bramham

12.3 Update regarding ongoing planning matters

None

13. Clerk's report

- Cllr M Corrigan and Cllr Prest's signed Acceptance of Office Forms have been received.
- The next LCC Highways meeting is on 1 September 2026 not 7 July 2026 as previously advertised.
- The clerk has attended a YLCA Training course a YLCA Project Management course.
- Councillors were reminded to advise the clerk of any amendments to their Register of Interests.

14. Correspondence

1066 West Yorkshire Vision Zero Road Safety – receipt noted.

1067 Resident querying the location of police speed camera vans. This was raised at the June PACT meeting.

1068 LCC offering trees to be planted and managed by LCC. It was noted that there are no suitable locations in Bramham.

1069 Resident re potential planning application at The New Bungalow Back Lane – noted under the public participation session.

1070 Resident re anti-social behaviour at the Parish Centre and Bramham beck – the clerk has responded.

1071 Resident on Council's priorities – the comments were noted and the clerk will acknowledge receipt.

15. Minor Matters

- A further pillar around the War Memorial has been knocked over. The driver has not provided their details so a claim will need to be made under the Council's insurance. The clerk will obtain quotes for reinforced pillars to be installed.

- Cllr Ingham and Cllr Jones will be removing the Bramham entrance signs which are unstable.

16. The date of the next meeting was noted as 8 July 2026. Any agenda items or reports to be sent to the clerk by 30 June 2026.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 pm

Signed

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