

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall on 24 February 2016 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman: Denis Johnson

Councillors : Amanda Lawrence, Diane Fox, Hilary Harris, Marion Rider, John Howard, Peter Lawson, David Bryant, Rob Haswell

Kate Fraser (Clerk)

One member of the public was present

20/16 APOLOGIES

1.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Martin Fogel, Billy Flynn, Anna Hollings, Simon Cooper.

21/16 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTERESTS

2.

There were no declarations of interest.

22/16 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2016

3.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Fox and signed by the Chairman.

23/16 MATTERS ARISING

4.

Preparations for the Summer Festival of events continues. It will be known as the Queen's 90th Birthday Summer Festival.

The owner of a shop close to the red telephone kiosk at The Parade had approached councillors concerned that any plans for the kiosk by the Council could lead to anti-social behaviour in the area.

Recruitment for the new Clerk continues. There had been a very good response to the advertisements with 20 applications forms returned to date.

24/16 UPDATE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

5.

In the last month there had only been one incident, a theft of a motor vehicle from the Britannia Hotel

In response to the request for patrols to visit the Recreation Ground in the evening, officers had been stopping there. They had found a number of persons in parked cars but there was no activity apparent to cause concern. Patrols will continue to stop there if any cars are seen in the car park.

25/16 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

6.

In response to a request from Cllr Flynn (as Ward Councillor) it was agreed that a letter be sent asking for consideration to be given to the installation of Speed Indicator Devices at locations in Bramhope.

The appeal by Bramhope Assets against the refusal of planning permission for the land adjacent to Jubilee Copse had been dismissed. Previous approaches to the landowner by the Parish Council with offers to purchase the land in question had been rejected. It was suggested that new contact be made with an offer for the Parish Council to maintain the land. Cllr Flynn will be asked if he could undertake this.

It was queried whether the Village Design was in need of updating.

26/16 CLERK'S REPORT

7.

The local resident who has undertaken the locking and unlocking of the public toilets in the car park at Old Lane will no longer be able to undertake this duty. Leeds City Council has been informed.

27/16 CORRESPONDENCE

8.

- Extract from a forthcoming history of Otley Chevin concerning the history of Carlton
- Emails regarding the future development of Rosemont flats
- Copy of response by Rawdon Parish Council to consultation on proposed airport link road
- Survey from Robert Craven Hall

28/16 DEVELOPMENT OF ROSEMONT FLATS

9.

LCC had indicated that it cannot finance the redevelopment of Rosemont flats itself and will be looking to market the site to developers. It has committed to retaining sufficient flats as social housing only for those previous tenants who wish to return to the new development. All other flats would be put on the open market. The PC had requested that at least 8 of the new units be retained as social housing. Greg Mullholland MP has been contacted and is writing to the head of Housing to support this position.

It was reported that in fact there is only one tenant who may wish to return to the flats and this is uncertain. After discussion it was agreed that, although the Council still felt very strongly that 8 units should be retained as social housing, this was unlikely to be achievable. The Council would continue to press that units should be retained for any former tenants who did wish to return.

29/16 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

10.

10.1 Payments as per the schedule were proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Bryant and approved by all.

10.2 2016/7 Budget – Cllr Howard presented the draft budget for 2016/7 to councillors. Due to proposed expenditure on capital projects, the budget showed a projected deficit for 2016/7 and a consequent sharp reduction in reserves. If all the planned expenditure was incurred and no

other sources of funding, such as grants, were available, three year projections indicated that an increase in the precept would be necessary in order to maintain adequate reserves. To assist in future planning VMG was asked to prepare three year projections for expenditure on maintenance of the Council assets.

Some minor changes to the format of the budget sheets were proposed.

The draft budget was **APPROVED**

10.3 Grant to St Giles Mother's Union - The Mothers' Union had asked for a grant of £400 to cover the cost of coach hire to take members to a talk celebrating the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union. Finance Group recommended the grant be given. The grant was **APPROVED**.

10.4 Annual Parish Meeting - The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 18th. The venue will be Robert Craven Hall or St Giles Church Hall subject to availability.

10.5 Airport Link Road – Council approved the content of the report prepared by Cllr Fox. The Parish Councils preferred road option was Option C but it was agreed that an additional sentence will be added to the report indicating that the Council's overall preferred option would be the construction of a rail link to the airport as an alternative to any link road.

30/16 PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

11.

11.1 Planning Issues

The report from the Planning Group was ratified.

11.2 Enforcement Issues

There were no new enforcement issues.

31/16 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

12.

12.1 The minutes of the group of 2 February 2016 were approved.

32/16 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

13.

The next newsletter should be issued w/c 11 April. The editor appealed for suggestions for items to be included.

A meeting has been set up with representatives of West Yorkshire Super Fast Broadband to discuss the poor level of broadband service being experienced by residents.

33/16 LEEDS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

14.

There was no report

34/16 CARLTON VILLAGE REPORT

15.

There was no report

35/16 LIAISON GROUPS

16.

16.1 RCMH

The Hall Manager is retiring at the end of April. The post will be advertised.

The management committee is hoping to set up a 'Friends of Robert Craven Hall' group to assist with the raising of funds for the hall.

The hall is hoping to run some events as part of the Summer Festival and it was felt this was indicative of an improvement in relations between the Parish Council and the Hall management.

16.2 BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Interviews for the post of headteacher are still to take place. The current headteacher has agreed to the inclusion of an article about her time in Bramhope in the next newsletter.

16.3 AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

An extraordinary meeting of the ACC had been held to report on the Airport Master Plan. No details could currently be given as there was embargo on any disclosure. It will be published on March 3rd with a consultation period lasting until 30th April. The airport is willing to present the plan for discussion at local meetings if requested.

36/16

17. PARISH ISSUES

The missing road sign at The Poplars has still not been replaced. It has been reported again to LCC

Water had been observed coming through the pavement at Breary Lane. Cllr Bryant had reported it to Yorkshire Water.

It was suggested that the Summer Festival be included as an agenda item for the next few monthly meetings.

It was requested that a copy of the appeal refusal relating to the land adjacent to Jubilee Copse be put on file.

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18.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 23 March 2016

The meeting ended at 8:50pm

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