

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall on 22 July 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman: Denis Johnson

Councillors : Amanda Lawrence, Diane Fox, Hilary Harris, Martin Fogel, Marion Rider, Peter Lawson, John Howard, Anna Hollings

Kate Fraser (Clerk)

117/15 APOLOGIES

1.

There were apologies from Cllrs Billy Flynn, Rob Haswell and Simon Cooper

118/15 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTERESTS

2.

There were no declarations of interest

119/15 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2015

3.

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

120/15 MATTERS ARISING

4.

It was reported that an obsolete red phone kiosk had been seen being used as a village information point and it was wondered if this could be a suitable use for the red kiosks in Bramhope and Carlton. This was referred to the VMG for further consideration

121/15 UPDATE FROM SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM

5.

There had been a number of crimes in the past month including thefts from garages, thefts of garden furniture, thefts from vehicles, attempted entry into houses. There was also the report of an instance of criminal damage involving eggs being thrown at a house. A theft of a trolley was also reported from the Parish Council's compound at the Recreation Ground. Councillors commented on the perceived increase in the number of criminal offences in the locality in recent months. There had been no arrests or promising lines of enquiries as yet in relation to any of the offences.

122/15 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

6.

In the light of recent thefts of plants from beds tending by Bramhope in Bloom it was suggested that consideration be given to the installation of CCTV at certain spots. This was referred to VMG.

123/15 CLERK'S REPORT

7.

The Clerk confirmed the resignation of Cllr Joan Wood from the Parish Council and said the process for advertising for a replacement would be undertaken.

The external hard disk used to back up the Parish Council's data appeared to have stopped functioning. Approval was given for the purchase of a new device. It was also suggest that data be stored on the Cloud.

124/15 UPDATE ON SUMMER FESTIVAL

8.

Cllr Harris thanked all those helpers who had made the events so far a success. She especially thanked Cllr Fox for her exceptional assistance and the Clerk. Cllr Harris asked for volunteers to assist at the fireworks even on Friday 24th July. The final event of the Festival, the Brass Band Concert, was said to be nearly sold out.

125/15 CORRESPONDENCE

9.

- The Knoll Tree Report – VMG commissioned a tree report for The Knoll following the removal of a diseased tree – **VMG will review**
- Request for use of Puritan Chapel for a 'puritan style service' –**VMG to discuss**
- Information on the Northwest Leeds Country Park & Green Gateway Initiative and request to give presentation on the scheme – **to be asked to attend prior to September full council meeting**
- Information on the discontinuation of paper plans being sent to the Planning Group by LCC
- Correspondence from Waltons re Miller appeal – **see 10.4 below**

126/15 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

10.

10.1 The Clerk asked for approval of two additional payments - £60 to St Giles PCC and £1200 to Northern Fireworks. Payments as per the schedule were proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Fogel and approved by all.

10.2 The appointment of The People's Pension as the Council's pension provider was approved.

10.3 The award of a Community Grant of £500 to the Bramhope Art Club was approved

10.4 The Council, taking in to account views expressed by residents at the recent APM, approved the option of the Parish Council commissioning Waltons (Planning Consultants) to produce written representation for the appeal hearing by Miller Homes against the refusal of planning permission on land at Breary Lane East at an estimated cost of £13700.

127/15 PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

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11.1 Planning Issues

The report from the Planning Group was ratified.

11.2 Enforcement Issues

There were no new issues.

128/15 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

12.

12.1 The minutes of the group of 6 July 2015 were approved.

129/15 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

13.

The production of the next issue of the newsletter is in progress.

130/15 LEEDS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

14.

In the absence of Cllr Flynn there was no update.

131/15 CARLTON VILLAGE REPORT

15.

An email from a concerned resident had been received regarding the news that Leeds City Council was proposing the 'release' of 36 hectares around Leeds Bradford airport for development. Further information on this was being sought.

Following the removal of the telephone apparatus from the phone kiosk in Carlton (along with those in Bramhope) it was asked that the future of the kiosks be referred to VMG again.

132/15 LIAISON GROUPS

16.

16.1 RCMH

Following the resignation of Cllr Wood, Cllr Rider was appointed as Liaison Councillor.

16.2 BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A number of end of term events had taken place which had reinforced the high standards prevailing at the school.

16.3 AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Following on from item 131/15, it was reported that there had been items in the local press relating to the issue of the release of land for development around the airport. The Airport Master Development Plan was due for release in the autumn and there would then be a period of consultation.

133/15 PARISH ISSUES

17.

An enquiry had been received regarding the creation of a 'History of Bramhope' facility. Charity collections at Summer Festival events had so far produced £242 which will be divided between Bramhope in Bloom and the Disasters Emergency Committee.

It was suggested that the Parish Council needed to produce a consolidated email listing for residents.

A further request had been received from the Cricket Club regarding the removal of the football goal posts during the cricket season. The VMG will discuss again.

134/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 26 August 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm