

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall on 24 June 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Acting Chairman: Hilary Harris

Councillors : Amanda Lawrence, Diane Fox, Simon Cooper, Rob Haswell, Peter Lawson, John Howard, Billy Flynn, Anna Hollings

Kate Fraser (Clerk)

100/15 APOLOGIES

1.

There were apologies from Cllrs Denis Johnson, Joan Wood, Martin Fogel and Marion Rider

101/15 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTERESTS

2.

There were no declarations of interest

102/15 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2015

3.

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

103/15 MATTERS ARISING

4.

Two events from the Summer Festival programme had now taken place and been successful. Councillors were asked to support future events. A charity collection is being taken at all events with the proceeds being divided between Bramhope in Bloom and the Disasters Emergency Committee.

104/15 UPDATE FROM SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM

5.

No crimes had been reported in Carlton.

In Bramhope the following crimes had occurred in the last month:

- Theft of a brass house name plate on Breary Lane
- Burglary to an outdoor cupboard on Creskeld Drive where extensions leads were stolen
- Burglary to a garage at Hilton Grange where the roof of a garage was partially removed and champagne stolen.
- Burglary to a work site container where the padlock was cut and tools stolen from within.
- Theft of plants at Bramhope Methodist Church.
- Damage to a motor vehicle on The Parade where the door panels were scratched

There had been a speeding day of action on the 4th June with Moor Road at Bramhope being the main place of concern. Around 80% of vehicles were travelling in excess of the speed limit. Kings Road was also visited.

A meeting had been arranged in July with Cllr Anderson, Highways and PC Ingham to discuss speeding on Kings Road and the long term solution and way forward with this stretch of road due to ongoing complaints by residents.

Councillors had some queries regarding the No Cold Calling Zone in Bramhope. There had been concerns at residents being visited by representatives of charities. It was confirmed that charities are exempt from the restrictions of the zone. Disappointment was expressed at the lack of feedback from Trading Standards when they had been informed of a commercial company ignoring the No Cold Calling Zone.

105/15 CHARIMAN'S UPDATE

6.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Clerk reported that preliminary approaches had been made to the Planning Consultants with a view to the Council submitting a written representation at the forthcoming appeal by Miller Homes. Ratification of this decision will be sought at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

106/15 CLERK'S REPORT

7.

It was reported that the application for s106 funding towards the cost of the new footpath through Jubilee Copse had been successful.

107/15 CORRESPONDENCE

8.

- Letter from Commonwealth War Graves Commission passing responsibility for the upkeep of a War Grave in Moor Road cemetery to the Parish Council.
- A request from Bramhope Primary School PTA for sponsorship of a scarecrow in the 'Great Scarecrow Hunt'
- A letter from a resident suggesting an alternative site to the land at Breary Lane East that could be utilised for the Housing Allocations made by Leeds City Council in its Core Strategy.

The Council will reply thanking the resident for his letter but pointing out that the Allocations have already been made by Leeds City Council, and, although they may be liable to challenge, new sites will not be considered at this stage.

108/15 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

9.

9.1 A report of the Finance Group meeting was given. The Minutes had previously been circulated to Councillors.

9.2 The appointment of Ken Stevenson as internal auditor for 2016 was approved.

9.3 Sponsorship of a scarecrow in the 'Great Scarecrow Hunt' at Bramhope Primary School at a cost of £20 was approved

9.4 Payments as per the schedule were proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Hollings and approved by all.

109/15 PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

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10.1 Planning Issues

The report from the Planning Group was ratified.

10.2 Enforcement Issues

There were no new issues.

110/15 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

11.

11.1 The minutes of the group of 2 June 2015 were approved.

11.2 The Property Inspection had not raised any major areas of concern. Minor maintenance issues would be referred to the Village Caretaker.

11.3 A meeting had previously been held to discuss the future of the red telephone kiosks in Carlton and Bramhope. There had been a general feeling in favour of adopting the kiosks from BT but views had been raised that it was important to be aware of the costs that could be involved in this action. There was interest in installing a defibrillator in the kiosk in Carlton but no information had been obtained as to possible cost. A local business had expressed interest in using the kiosk at The Parade but there were again concerns about the long term viability of this. The meeting **AGREED** to take no further action at present.

111/15 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

12.

The next newsletter will be issued in mid- August and the deadline for receiving copy for this edition is 24 July. The editor made an appeal for any photographs of Festival events.

112/15 LEEDS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

13.

A local resident had raised concerns regarding a letter received from Capita acting on behalf of Leeds City Council. This implied that there were investigations underway into the validity of Council Tax discount received in respect of single occupancy. It appeared that similar letters had caused disquiet to many residents city-wide and as a result Leeds City Council were reviewing their procedures.

113/15 CARLTON VILLAGE REPORT

14.

An incident of fly tipping had been resolved after reporting it to Leeds City Council. Cllr Hollings thanked the Village Caretaker for maintenance around the planters in Carlton.

114/15 LIAISON GROUPS

15.

15.1 RCMH

No report had been received. Concerns were raised as to the efficacy of fire doors in the Hall. It was queried whether a regular Risk Assessment of the Hall was carried out.

15.2 BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Summer Fair and Scarecrow Hunt takes place on June 27th.

15.3 AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

A report of the recent meeting had been circulated to councillors. The presence of a representative from Bramhope and Carlton Parish Council on the Committee, which had been challenged at recent meetings, was confirmed.

115/15 PARISH ISSUES

16.

It was queried whether a sign advertising the Game Fair at Harewood which had appeared in a field near Kings Road required planning permission. It was felt this may be the case but that the sign would have been removed before any process requiring its removal could be completed.

It had been suggested that a brown 'tourist' sign indicating the location of the Puritan Chapel would be desirable. This will be referred to VMG

The Gullies in the Creskelds have now been cleared.

Benches at Breary Lane East and Tredgold Avenue are in a poor state. The Village Caretaker will be asked to report on their condition.

116/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 22 July 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm