

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall on 23 September 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman: Denis Johnson

Councillors : Amanda Lawrence, Diane Fox, Hilary Harris, Martin Fogel, Marion Rider, Simon Cooper, Billy Flynn, Anna Hollings, John Howard

Kate Fraser (Clerk)

150/15 APOLOGIES

1.

There were apologies from Cllrs Rob Haswell and Peter Lawson

151/15 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTERESTS

2.

There were no declarations of interest

152/15 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2015

3.

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

153/15 MATTERS ARISING

4.

Cllr Harris had completed the charity walk in aid of The Alzheimer's Society raising over £500. She thanked councillors for their support

154/15 UPDATE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

5.

There had been three burglaries in the past month in Bramhope. Investigations were proceeding. There had been no reported crime in Carlton and no other matters of note.

155/15 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

6.

The Chairman had been contacted by a property developer wishing to demolish the flats in Hall Rise and replace with new accommodation. He had also been contacted regarding a proposed development near the Old Modernians site at Cookridge. In both instances he had replied confirming the Parish Council's position of not commenting on proposed developments until a formal planning application has been submitted.

Bramhope Assets have appealed against the refusal of planning permission for the site on Leeds Road. The Parish Council needs to consider if wishes to add to the objection it lodged to the original application.

The Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Harris had attended the Centenary Tea Party given by the Bramhope WI (Rolling Scones) which had been enjoyed by all.

156/15 CLERK'S REPORT

7.

The Clerk asked for a volunteer to take charge of arrangements for the Annual Parish Carol Service on 16th December. Cllr Lawrence agreed to take on this role.

157/15 CORRESPONDENCE

8.

- Information regarding the consultation process for Leeds Housing Allocation plans.
- An invitation to Service of Dedication for the refurbishment undertaken at Bramhope Methodist Church – Cllr Rider will be attending
- An invitation to a Road Safety Workshop
- Information regarding the future of Rosemont Flats
- An invitation to Planning workshop – Cllr Harris indicated she would like to attend.
- Information regarding recent road safety matters

158/15 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

9.

9.1 The quarterly report from Finance Group was received

9.2 An application had been received for the annual grant to Robert Craven Hall. Councillors recognised the great importance of the Hall to the Village but, in the light of possible large capital expenditure that may be required to maintain the Hall, it was **AGREED** to accept the Finance Group's recommendation that the Hall should be asked to produce a three year projection for income and expenditure before approving the annual grant. Particular emphasis was given to the Hall looking to obtain grant funding from other bodies to provide funding towards capital expenditure.

9.3 A community grant of £147.50 was **APPROVED** to provide 50% of the start-up cost for a new Indoor Curling Group.

9.4 An application had been received for a Community Grant from Bramhope Tennis Club for a new bench as a memorial to a former Parish Councillor. It was **AGREED** to accept the Group's recommendation that the Parish Council policy of not funding memorials to individuals precluded the Council from approving this application but that funds could be available for alternative projects.

9.5 The draft Statement of Internal Control was **APPROVED**

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

9.7 The Chairman agreed to organise the installation of the Christmas tree.

159/15 PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

10.

10.1 Planning Issues

The report from the Planning Group was ratified.

10.2 Enforcement Issues

There were no new issues.

160/15 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

11.

11.1 The minutes of the group of 1 September 2015 were approved.

161/15 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP REPORT

12.

An article had appeared in the Wharfedale Observer regarding the Bramhope Assets appeal. Following concerns at the difficulty of obtaining Super Fast Broadband installation in certain areas of Bramhope, enquiries are being made to BT.

162/15 LEEDS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

13.

Further information had been received regarding the redevelopment of Rosemont Flats. It was estimated that work would begin in April 2016 and be completed in April 2017. Negotiations are underway to rehouse the remaining 8 residents. The new building will probably contain 10 units and it is likely that the intention is that, in time, they will be sold off to private buyers. The Parish Council reiterated its view that as many units as possible should be retained for social housing needs.

Following Government policy, it was likely that the other remaining social housing in Bramhope would also be sold.

Cllr Flynn had recommenced street surgeries and was aware of continuing problems with blocked gullies.

163/15 CARLTON VILLAGE REPORT

14.

A resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding litter in Carlton. Cllr Hollings will try to organise a litter pick in the area and asked for it to be advertised in the next newsletter. Grass verges in Carlton had been cut by LCC contractors but with a poor result. VMG will consider what further action could be taken.

164/15 LIAISON GROUPS

15.

15.1 RCMH

The Tennis Club had expressed concern that the roots of a tree in the car park were causing damage to the tennis court. This was referred to VMG

The Hall is looking at the installation of a new kitchen.

The Bramhope Show generated less money than in previous years.

Cllr Rider asked that her role in attending meetings of the Robert Craven Hall Committee be clearly defined.

15.2 BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Parish Council had received complaints from a local resident regarding the roofing work that had taken place at the school over the summer holidays. He had also contacted Ward Councillors because of the unsocial hours that the work was being carried out at and problems with obstruction caused by lorries. The School will be contacted for their view. Concerns were also expressed that the work may not be of a good quality following problems at another local school.

15.3 AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

A report (see attached) giving information about proposals for land to be released by LCC for development around the airport was presented. It was asked that the information could be made available to residents of Carlton in case they wished to lodge objections

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16. PARISH ISSUES

Cllr Hollings asked for more items for the council's Facebook page.

Cllr Rider reported on concerns from some residents regarding the surface of the new path through Jubilee Copse. The concerns were noted but the path conforms to PROW standards and alternative routes are available.

Cllr Howard and Cllr Fox are producing a letter to be delivered to all residents about the forthcoming consultation of Housing Allocation sites. A public meeting is to be held on 27th October at St Giles Church Hall.

Cllr Lawrence has raised concerns with Yorkshire Water about sewage leaking on to footpaths in the Creskeld area.

Cllr Fox will attend the drop in exhibition in Otley regarding the Housing Allocation sites

One of the trees recently planted in Tredgold Avenue has died.

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17.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 28 October 2015.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm