

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

Monday 4 August 2015, 6.00pm at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr Peter Lawson
Cllr Simon Cooper
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr Hilary Harris
Cllr Martin Fogel
Kate Fraser – Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Denis Johnson
Brian Taylor – Village Caretaker

1) Matters arising from previous meetings

- The first instalment of payment from WYCA for the 'rent' of the bus shelter at Hilton Grange has been received
- Leeds Play Network had held a successful session at the Recreation Ground attended by over 50 children
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2) Work completed since 6 July 2015

- Concreted top step at Knoll
- Re-sited bin at Recreation Ground
- Removed grass and weeds from Churchgate
- Cut back overhanging hedges on Leeds Road
- Straightened goalpost at Recreation Ground
- Cut back bushes around football pitch
- Checked water pressure in showers in pavilion
- Attended with pest control firm at pavilion
- Reinstated No Cold Calling Zone on Tredgold Garth.
- General duties including strimming

3) Report from Bramhope in Bloom

Bramhope in Bloom had submitted a report prior to the meeting and it had been circulated to Councillors. The meeting commented on the following items in the report:

1. Cllr Lawson will help to cut down someone more of the clematis on the sign at the Opticians.
2. Permission given to plant more bulbs on Leeds Road
3. The VMG were of the view that the Memorial Garden was already looking very attractive and queried the need for extensive additional planting in this area. They will be interested to see what the plan for this area will involve.

BiB were thanked for providing the list of areas under their care.

The planter located at the junction of Breary Lane and Leeds Road had been damaged, probably as the result of an attempt to steal the plants in the planter. BiB had suggested replacing the wooden planter with a stone trough. The meeting queried the dimensions of the trough which were given as 3m x 3m. Councillors also wondered if planning permission would need to be obtained for the installation of a stone trough. They suggested that a wooden trough or tubs would be preferable.

4) The trolley used by the Village Caretaker had been stolen from the compound at the Recreation Ground. The meeting agreed to the purchase of a new trolley (of an alternative design) and two wheelbarrows as replacements. The cost of these three items was less than the cost of a new trolley of the previous design.

It was suggested that measures be introduced in the area around the pavilion to protect against further thefts.

5) The tree report on The Knoll had been received and contained recommendations for work to be done. Cllrs Harris and Fogel will meet with the arboricultural consultant to discuss this. Full Council will be asked to approve a budget of £3000 for this work.

6) A request below for the use of Puritan Chapel for a 'puritan style service' had been received. VMG approved this request but suggested the organiser was reminded of the lack of parking facilities around the chapel

7) The Cricket Club had again asked for the temporary removal of the football posts during the cricket season to ask about this. A quotation for the removal and storage of one post has been obtained. However the VMG continued to be of the view that this could not be agreed to because of the overlap between the cricket and football seasons.

8) By a majority the group agreed to pursue the adoptions of the red telephone kiosks at The Parade and Carlton. It was suggested that the kiosks could be used as information centres. Cllr Fogel will make further enquiries into the process for adoption and renovation.

9) Parish Council exception reports

a) Puritan Chapel – the Village Caretaker will be asked to look at repairs to the Chapel sign

i) Jubilee Copse – A quotation for a stone sign at the entrance to Jubilee Copse had been obtained. A budget of £500 was approved and Cllr Harris will pursue this.

10) Recreation Property Reports

a) The Knoll – The annual RoSPA report has been commissioned and this year Cllrs will be able to attend the inspection.

b) Recreation Ground – A plumber will be asked to inspect the showers in the pavilion and determine the cause of the low water pressure.

The Village Caretaker will be asked if he can repair the broken fence between the recreation ground and the adjacent field.
The section of fencing around the recreation ground removed for the Fireworks event remains to be re-instated.

7) Identify new jobs and agree budget

- None other than discussed under other items at the meeting

11) AOB - None

9) Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 1 September at 6:00pm