

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

Tuesday 5 January 2016, 6.00pm at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr Simon Cooper
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr Denis Johnson
Cllr Hilary Harris
Cllr Martin Fogel
Brian Taylor – Village Caretaker
Kate Fraser – Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Lawson

1) Matters arising from previous meetings

There were no matters arising

2) Work completed since 3 November 2015

- Repaired notice board at Hilton Grange
- Assisted with installation of Christmas Tree
- Sprayed weeds at The Cross
- Cutting back shrubs at the Cemetery
- Tidying up damage caused by road traffic incident at Breary Lane East
- General duties

3) Report from Bramhope in Bloom

- Mounting Block at Breary Lane East – It was decided to refer this back to BiB and for them to ask their contact within the village to remedy the situation.
- Litter bin at Opticians - The Parish Council will make a request to LCC for a replacement.
- Planter at Creskeld Lane – This land has been established as being under the control of Highways. The VMG, therefore, were of the view that this was an issue for BiB to pursue at their own expense, including obtaining a licence for its installation.
- Bramhope Sign – The Parish Council will apply for a licence for the Bramhope sign. However VMG did not support the proposed design for increasing the size of the flowerbed around the sign.

Concerns were raised by the group as to possible problems arising from uncertainties over the exact areas of responsibility of BiB and the Parish Council. It was suggested that a meeting between representatives of the two groups to discuss and clarify this would be helpful.

4) Licences for planter at Creskeld Lane and Bramhope sign by Puritan Chapel

This was discussed under item 3 above.

5) Tree works at The Knoll

Three quotations had been received for this work. The quotation from TreeWorld was accepted.

6) Future of red telephone kiosks

Cllr Fogel presented a report on his recent meeting with representatives of the Community Heartbeat Trust regarding the installation of a defibrillator in the kiosk at Carlton. Cllr Fogel was asked to obtain the views of Cllr Hollings (Carlton councillor) and the issue will be decided at the next Full Council meeting. Cllr Fogel will also determine whether the CHT carry out maintenance on kiosks that they have adopted but which are then taken over by Parish Councils for uses other than defibrillators.

7) Bench at The Sycamores

A request had been received for the Parish Council to carry out refurbishment of a memorial bench at The Sycamores. The Village Caretaker was asked to carry out an audit of all benches in the village including photographs in order to prepare a general maintenance schedule.

6) Parish Council exception reports

- a) **Puritan Chapel** – Cllr Fox will research possibilities for the replacement of the sign outside the chapel. The Village Caretaker will see if he can replace the non-working external floodlight bulb.
- c) **Memorial Garden** – BiB has completed the new planting work.
- g) **Car Park** – The Village Caretaker will try to clear the blocked drain in the car park. He will also fill the hole in the tarmac near the entrance.
- h) **Jubilee Copse** – It was reported that the new drainage work, undertaken when the new path was constructed, has resulted in there being no recurrence of previous problems with flooding despite the recent very heavy rain fall.
- i) **Cemetery** - Cllr Harris continues to progress the rotunda.

7) Recreation Property Reports

Nothing to report

8) Identify new jobs and agree budget

No new jobs at present

9) AOB

The new resident of 1 Parklands Gate has signed a Licence to Rent for the garden plot and paid the first year's rental

10) Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 6:00pm