

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

Monday 6 July 2015, 6.45pm at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Joan Wood

1) Matters arising from previous meetings

- The new anti-dog fouling signs have been ordered
- An invoice has been sent to WYCA for the 'rent' of the bus shelter at Hilton Grange
- The phone apparatus has now been removed by BT from the three red phone kiosks in Bramhope and Carlton
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2) Work completed since 2 June 2015

- The external lights repaired at the Puritan Chapel
- Path completed at Jubilee Copse
- Wire on steps at Knoll removed
- Maintenance on loose step at Knoll
- Reseeding and maintenance at Cemetery
- Replanting of trees vandalised at Recreation Ground
- Repair to bench at Recreation Ground
- Replacement of light bulbs at Pavilion
- Strimming
- Painting of notice board at Memorial Garden
- Tree cut back at Knoll

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. Memorial Garden

The meeting asked if BiB could provide a plan of suggested planting for the RH side of the Memorial Garden and indicative costs. It was suggested also that the planting might mirror that carried out on the LH side.

2. Plaques

The meeting was happy for the plaques to be fixed to planters at The Parade and commented on the attractiveness of their design.

3. Surface at The Parade

The ownership of this area appears to be in many hands and efforts a few years ago to establish the names of owners (even with the assistance of LCC) proved impossible. Whilst recognising the poor condition of the surface, VMG did not think they could assist.

4. Other pavement issues

If more details could be given of the locations, these could be reported to LCC.

5. Hanging Baskets and Hay Racks

VMG asked that prices be obtained from Riverside Nurseries so that a price comparison could be made with Red Hall.

6. Other business

VMG asked if BiB could provide a list of all the sites that they maintain for Council records

4) Request from Leeds Play Network to use the Recreation for one two hour play session over the summer holidays.

The meeting approved the request.

5) Parish Council exception reports

a) Puritan Chapel – A budget of £100 was approved for the purchase of glass candle holders and candles for the chapel.

b) Cemetery – A contractor had visited the cemetery to investigate drainage problems. However these were not then apparent due to the dry weather. A further visit will be arranged after a spell of wet weather to illustrate the problem.

i) Jubilee Copse –Possible designs and costs of 'Jubilee Copse' signs to be placed at the entrances to the area will be researched.

6) Recreation Property Reports

a) The Knoll – Another step at the Knoll requires maintenance. The Village Caretaker will deal with this.

There has been no response from the Arboriculturist engaged to carry out a tree report at The Knoll. An email will be sent indicating that if the report is not received within two weeks, his services will no longer be required.

b) Recreation Ground – Bin by shelter needs re-siting. Village Caretaker to attend. Possible costs of removing the goal posts during the Cricket season will be sought.

7) Identify new jobs and agree budget

- It was suggested that the shed at the Cemetery would need replacement in the next financial year.

8) AOB

- An email had been received from LCC regarding the North West Country Park and Green Gateways initiative and suggesting that a presentation be given to councillors. Before responding to this request information regarding the length of the presentation will be sought.
- A suggestion had been made that a brown 'tourist attraction' sign would be beneficial in attracting visitors to the Puritan Chapel. Research had found that the lack of suitable parking and visitor amenities resulted in the chapel not fulfilling the criteria for these signs

9) Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 4 August at 6:00pm