

# **BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP**

**Tuesday 2 June 2015, 6.45pm at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall**

### **Present:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Denis Johnson

### **1) Matters arising from previous meetings**

- It was reiterated that the view given at the last meeting that the proposed planting at the Memorial Garden should consist of low maintenance shrubs rather than box trees and conifers was taken on the grounds of ease of future care rather than any financial considerations.

### **2) Work completed since 5 May 2015**

- Strimming
- Hedge trimmed at car park
- Regular flushing of showers at pavilion.
- Timing of light at Cross adjusted
- Reseeding at Cemetery
- Repositioning of stone at Cemetery following dislodging by car
- Tap repaired at Cemetery

### **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. *Bramhope Sign***

A plan had been presented to define and enlarge the area around the Bramhope sign near the Puritan Chapel. As the land in question belongs to Highways and not the Parish Council it was the view of the meeting that it was not in a position to give any permission for such work.

## **2. Spraying at Cross area**

The village caretaker has already undertaken this work.

## **3. Tap at Cemetery**

The village caretaker has already undertaken this work

## **4. Theft of plants**

The VMG deplored the theft of of plants from the Knoll but did not consider the installation of CCTV to be practicable.

## **5. Memorial Garden**

The VMG commented on the condition of the water butt at the Memorial Garden and the necessity of providing it with a more stable base than currently existing. The VMG offered any assistance that may be require with this.

## **4) New Anti Dog Fouling Posters**

Dog fouling continues to be a subject of great concern in the area. A budget of £250 was approved to purchase new signs from Keep Britain Tidy as part of their "We're Watching You" campaign.

## **5) Parish Council exception reports**

**a) Puritan Chapel –** The electrician is attending on Friday to investigate the floodlights and internal lighting.

**b) Cemetery –** Following representations from a member of the public, a contractor will be asked to investigate the possibility of improving the drainage in the top right corner of the cemetery.

**e) Bus shelters –** The acceptance of the offer from West Yorkshire Combined Authority regarding the bus shelter at Hilton Grange had been communicated to them. Further correspondence was awaited.

**h) Car Park –** BiB are to be asked whether they are intending to do any planting around the trees in the car park

**i) Jubilee Copse –**The construction of the new footpath in underway.

## **6) Recreation Property Reports**

**a) The Knoll –** The village caretaker will examine the state of the wire mesh attached to the steps at the playground.

The tree report is still awaited.

**b) Recreation Ground –** The Cricket Club had again requested that the football goal posts be removed during the cricket season. The VMG maintained their previous view that this was not financially possible or necessary for the continued use of the ground.

## **7) Identify new jobs and agree budget**

- The litter pick at the field on Harrogate Road will take place, weather permitting, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Volunteers to meet at the Recreation Ground at 11:00am. The village caretaker will inform LCC when the rubbish is ready for collection.

## **8) AOB**

- A meeting had been held to discuss the future of the red telephone kiosks in Bramhope and Carlton. The general consensus had been that the

kiosks should be retained and that, since BT were unwilling to carry out any maintenance, adoption of the kiosks by the Parish Council could be a way forward. It had been suggested that the kiosk at Carlton could be used to house a heart defibrillator. The matter will be discussed at Full Council.

- The refurbishment of the bench at The Parade was viewed as a great success. The gentleman who had carried out the work will be approached to see if he would consider further work on other benches with the Parish Council meeting the cost.

**9) Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6:45pm. – date changed from the 7<sup>th</sup> due to clash with Summer Festival event.