

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

Tuesday March 1 2016, 6.00pm at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Martin Fogel

1) Matters arising from previous meetings

There were no matters arising.

2) Work completed since 2 February 2016

- Clearing overgrown path between Church Hill and Britannia Hotel
- Clearing Well Site
- Clearing leaves at Puritan Chapel
- Cutting back brambles at Knoll
- Painting shed at Cemetery

3) BiB Report

BiB had submitted a report on their current activities which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Items commented on:

The Parade beds – the Village Caretaker will varnish them.

Request to install stone at Memorial Garden – Approval given.

Refurbishment of Bramhope Signs – The Village Caretaker will inspect the signs and report back.

The meeting asked that BiB be thanked for the excellent spring planting.

4) Bramhope/Headingly Cricket Club

After the last meeting the Cricket Club were asked to provide details of their proposals in writing. Subsequent emails had been received from both John Heath (Chairman) and Will Clifton (Secretary). The meeting approved the request to clear the area between the pavilion and the storage shed provided none of the trees in that area were affected. The Parish Council will employ contractors to remove the football posts at the end of the football season.

Cllr Johnson and the Clerk will arrange a meeting with the Secretary of the club.

5) Opening Arrangements at Puritan Chapel

Traditionally the Chapel has been opened on Sundays through the summer months. The present curator has indicated he would be unlikely to return this year although this has not yet been confirmed. Last summer he was asked to

keep a record of visitor numbers each week. This averaged at 2 visitors per week.

In view of the low numbers of visitors the meeting agreed to discontinue the paid post of curator. Councillors volunteered to form a rota to open the chapel for 2 hours on one Sunday per month between May and September. It was suggested that an item be put in the next newsletter regarding the opening times.

6) Quotation for maintenance work at Cemetery

The quotation from Cutting Edge to cut back the shrubs at the Cemetery was accepted.

7) Request from Finance Group for a three year plan for future maintenance of council assets.

Councillors were asked to give thought to future maintenance plans for discussion at the next meeting of the VMG.

8) Parish Council exception reports

a) Puritan Chapel – Cllr Lawson had obtained three quotations for the replacement sign at the Chapel of very varied cost. He is to pursue the cheapest quotation

A 'Puritan' style service is due to be held at the chapel on April 17th at 4:00pm. A meeting with the organiser has been arranged for March 30th at 11:00am

It was decided to arrange for the removal of the electronic organ from the chapel. It had been determined that the organ had no saleable value.

d) Bus Shelters – The guttering at the shelter by the Puritan Chapel needs repair. The Village Caretaker will attend. The roof of the bus shelter at St Giles is covered in moss. The Village Caretaker will attend.

g) Car Park - The resident who locked and unlocked the public toilets at the car park on a daily basis has resigned. LCC has been informed.

h) Jubilee Copse – Additional shrubs will be planted at the boundary between Jubilee Copse and the privately owned land. Efforts are to be made to see if, following the refusal of planning permission for the privately owned land, the land owner would agree to the Parish Council maintaining it.

10) Recreation Property Reports

b) Recreation Ground – A contractor has been asked to attend to deal with the numerous mole hills that have appeared around the field. The fencing around the field still needs to be repaired.

9) Identify new jobs and agree budget

None

11) AOB

Concern was raised at the condition of a section of grass verge on Breary Lanes. Cllr Flynn as ward councillor will be asked if any measures can be taken to deal with its reinstatement.

A water leak on Breary Lane will be reported again to Yorkshire Water. (subsequent information – Yorkshire Water had inspected the leak and found it to be due to ground water. It was therefore referred to LCC)

12) Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 5 April 2016 at 6:00pm