

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE GROUP

Tuesday June 7 2016, 6.00pm at the Robert Craven Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr Simon Cooper
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr Hilary Harris
Cllr Denis Johnson
Cllr Peter Lawson
Nicola Woodward - Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Martin Fogel, Brian Taylor – Village Caretaker

1) Matters arising from previous meetings

- Examples of the replacement chairs and trestle tables for the Pavilion were considered. It was AGREED to purchase 10 chairs and 2ft x 6ft trestle tables of a robust quality.
- The cricket club have paid for the season in full.
- The goal posts have been removed. Due to corrosion the posts will need either repair or replacement. It was AGREED to obtain a price for replacement goalposts.
- Pruning of shrubs at The Knoll. A quote has been obtained. It was AGREED that the shrubs should be reduced in height and taken back from the boundary.

2) Work completed since 5 April 2016

- Re-painting of the planters at the Parade.
- Checked guttering and downpipe at the Chapel. Gutter-brush is in place. No obvious problem identified.
- The moss has been cleaned from the tombstones.
- Two graves have been levelled and the flower beds outside the cemetery have been edged.
- Put up the bunting at Tredgold shops.
- Two banners for the summer festival have been placed on Leeds Road and the grass trimmed in front of both.
- Made safe and replaced broken slat on a bench at the Knoll.
- The grass on Leeds Road, footpaths at Parklands Crescent had been trimmed and hedges have been cut at the car park on Old Lane.

3) BiB Report

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

Items commented on:

2000 Bench on Breary Lane: The Village Caretaker will assess the condition of the bench and ascertain whether refurbishment is appropriate or if the bench is beyond cost efficient refurbishment and requires replacing.

Concrete Planters, Rosemont Flats – VMG considered the request but could not determine a suitable location for the planters. It was raised that they could present a potential hazard due to their construction.

Barrels on Church Hill – the barrels on Church Hill are not the property of the Parish Council, so VMG is unable to comment on their refurbishment.
Request for Grant - Bramhope in Bloom formally requested a grant. This will be taken to the Full Parish Council meeting for approval.
Refurbishment of Bramhope signs – the condition of the Bramhope sign at the Puritan Chapel is considered to require refurbishment. The other sign will be inspected and quotes will be obtained as appropriate for the refurbishment of the signs.

5) Festive Lights – it was AGREED that the two additional festive motifs will be located to extend the display on Eastgate.

6) Parish Council exception reports

- a) Puritan Chapel** – work is required on 3 floodlights at the Chapel. It was AGREED this work would be undertaken.
- b) Jubilee Copse** – one of the small saplings planted at Jubilee Copse had been damaged when the grass had been cut. The Village Caretaker will strim around the saplings to help prevent further damage.
- c) Cemetery** – the cemetery shed has been sold. Arrangements will be made for its removal. A replacement will be agreed at the June FPC meeting.
- d) Red Telephone Boxes** - The contract has not yet arrived from CHT.

7) Properties Exception Report

The Recreation Ground

It was agreed that the showers should remain under review.
A request will be made for the Cricket Team to move the cricket nets in order for the grass to be cut.

9) Identify new jobs and agree budget

A low branch on the footpath from the Knoll to Parklands requires pruning.
The ginnel from The Parade has overhanging branches that require pruning.
A large pot hole in the road between Walker Smale and The Cross will be reported to LCC.

11) AOB

The new caretaker of RCMH will be given a key to the Parish Council office.

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