

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 7th March 2017, 6.00pm at the Bramhope Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Simon Cooper (Chair)
Cllr Hilary Harris
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr Peter Lawson
Cllr Martin Fogel
Cllr David Bryant
Brian Taylor – Village Caretaker
Nicola Woodward – Clerk

- 1) To receive apologies:** No apologies received.
- 2) To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interest**

None declared.

- 3) To receive information on the ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary**

3.1 To discuss and agree next steps for the replacement of the Bramhope signs

There was no update on whether grant funding can be obtained to assist with the replacement of the Bramhope signs. The Clerk will continue to pursue this with Cllr Flynn.

A discussion took place regarding suitable replacements which are low maintenance to reduce costs long term. The Clerk will speak to Highways to explore the possibilities of what they would approve and also approach the team undertaking the refurbishment of the roundabout to discuss whether a new sign could be incorporated to the design.

Subject to cost it was proposed that there would be three new signs, one outside the Puritan Chapel, one at the roundabout or Golden Acre Park and one on Moor Road.

3.2 To receive an update on pot-holes and solar lighting for the ginnel between Southfields and The Birches and agree next steps.

LCC have confirmed that the area of path which has potholes belongs to the Parish Council. The Village Caretaker will repair the potholes.

A discussion took place regarding the use of solar lighting in the ginnel. It was AGREED that lighting would not be installed as it was felt to be an unnecessary expense and would be of little benefit as the streets in that area are all unlit.

3.3 To receive an update regarding the signs at The Cross

A discussion took place regarding the repainting of The Cross and signs. It was AGREED that the Clerk would obtain an estimate for the next meeting.

4) Work completed since 7th February 2017

- The new shed at the Cemetery has had a coat of oil applied. A second coat is required
- The noticeboards have had a coat of stain.
- The noticeboard at the Memorial garden has been taken down for repair.
- Salt has been taken to snow warden volunteers.
- Chalk spray paint has been collected for marking dog fouling

5) To receive BiB Report and Annual Grant Application

BiB will no longer qualify for a Yorkshire in Bloom grant. Spring judging will be between 3 – 23 April. (Confirmed as 4th April following the meeting).

There is no update on the area of grass at Tredgold shops.

There will be a meeting regarding the roundabout refurbishment on 8th March. Councillors are invited to attend if they wish.

Various plants and containers are to be replaced.

The bench at the Memorial garden should only be washed and have teak oil applied rather than Cuprinol.

The stone flags at the Memorial require cleaning and algae treatment.

The Annual Grant Application has been received. It was AGREED that this matter will be referred to the Finance Working Group for discussion and recommendation for Full Parish Council.

6) To receive Parish Council properties exception reports

6.1 Puritan Chapel

(i) To receive an update on path cleaning

An estimate for cleaning the path has been calculated. Other suggestions included a working party to clean and treat the flags.

It was AGREED that a working party will clean the path and chapel prior to the first booking on 26th March. The Clerk will send out a request for volunteers. If the algae treatment to be used by BiB at the Memorial Garden is successful, the same treatment will be used on the path at the Chapel. (Date confirmed as 17th March at 10.00am following the meeting)

(ii) To receive an update regarding the Chapel Openings Summer 2017

The agreed dates for the opening of the chapel and volunteers are:

Sunday 7 th May – 2 to 4pm – Cllr	Fox,
Sunday 4 th June – 2 to 4pm – Cllr	Harris or
Sunday 2 nd July – 2 to 4pm – Cllr	Rider (specific date tbc)
Sunday 6 th August – 2 to 4pm – Cllr	Lawson
Sunday 10 th September – 2 to 4pm – Cllrs	Lawrence & Cooper

6.2 Noticeboards

The Village Caretaker has re-stained all the noticeboards. An inventory of the current condition of the noticeboards will be made to assist with monitoring any deterioration in their condition.

Brian Taylor left the meeting at 6.33pm

6.3 Jubilee Copse

(i)The issue regarding two sawn off fence posts on the private land at Jubilee Copse has been raised with the Public Rights of Way Officer. The Clerk has had an acknowledgement but awaits a formal response.

(ii)to discuss damage to the grass verge and decide any further action required.

A discussion took place and it was AGREED that the Village Caretaker will put in a temporary measure of some wooden posts donated by Cllr Cooper at the edge of Jubilee Copse. This area may be affected by the proposed new roundabout and a request for a footpath and kerb when the roundabout is installed can be made to Highways.

6.4 Cemetery

The issue of excess surface water at the cemetery has been raised by a relative, who has asked if additional soak away drainage could be installed when the work is undertaken on the 'Octunda'. A discussion took place regarding previous investigations into additional drainage at the Cemetery. It has been determined previously that due to the level of the water table in the surrounding fields, putting in additional soak away drainage would have little impact on the water present at the cemetery.

6.5 Red telephone boxes

A discussion took place regarding any ideas for the use of the phone box on Breary Lane. The most popular option currently is an information point, but further thought and a request for ideas in the newsletter may generate additional ideas. The phone box on Breary Lane will be refurbished by a local volunteer. The Parish Council will pay for any materials used.

A meeting will be arranged with Cllrs Fogel, Hollings, the Clerk and CHT to discuss the defibrillator for Carlton.

(ii) Properties Exception Report

7.1 The Knoll

An estimate has been obtained for a tree report at The Knoll.

It was AGREED that the company should be engaged to undertake the report.

A discussion took place regarding recent complaints about the increase in dog fouling at The Knoll. Dogs are not allowed in the playground but reports have been received of a dog fouling in the playground in the evenings. It was AGREED that a letter will be sent to residents in the Parklands area to raise awareness and inform residents how they should report dog fouling if they are an eye-witness to it.

7.2 The Recreation Ground

- (i) **To discuss and agree the grass cutting contract for 2017**
VMC will recommend that the same contract used in 2016 should be used in 2017. There will be no increase in cost for 2017 and the

contractor provided a good service in 2016.

(ii) **To receive an update on the season overlap between the football club and cricket club.**

The issue of the overlap between the football season and cricket season is still to be resolved. The football club need to speak to the league but are having problems contacting them. The Clerk will continue to pursue this.

(iii) **To receive an update on the removal of the split cherry tree at the recreation ground.**

A second quote has been obtained for the removal of the cherry tree with the split trunk at the recreation ground. The Clerk will obtain permission from LCC to have the tree removed and arrange for the tree to be removed.

(iv) **Football posts**

It was AGREED that the football post in the centre of the recreation ground will be removed at the end of the season and attached to the other post.

8) Identify new jobs and agree budget

There were no additional jobs, other than those already mentioned.

9) Any other business

9.1 One of the brackets for the baskets at The Cross is broken. LCC have offered to replace it.

9.2 There have been two complaints about the increase in dog fouling in the village. The dog warden has been contacted and advice that if any member of the public sees a dog fouling and the owner not cleaning it up that they obtain the owners details and write a detailed account of the incident and report it to LCC Dog Wardens who will investigate.

9.3 A resident has raised that the bench at The Birches is poor condition and the one at The Sycamores requires a coat of oil. The Village Caretaker & Clerk will ascertain the condition of both benches and make a recommendation for appropriate action.

9.4 The Tennis Club are holding 2 summer camps in July & August and have asked if they can use the recreation ground and Pavilion (if the weather is inclement) in the afternoons. It was AGREED that the Tennis Club can use the facilities free of charge, subject to a security deposit in case of damage, and leaving the Pavilion clean and tidy at the end of each week.

9.5 A request has been received by the Summer Festival to use the recreation ground for a family picnic. It was AGREED that this can take place and there will be no charge.

11) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 6:00pm.