

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 6th June 2017, 6.00pm at the Bramhope Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Martin Fogel (Chair – items 1 – 5)
Cllr Simon Cooper (Chair – agenda items 6 - 10)
Cllr Hilary Harris
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr Martin Fogel
Cllr David Bryant
Cllr Peter Lawson
Cllr Richard Ellis
Brian Taylor – Village Caretaker
Nicola Woodward – Clerk

Two representatives from Bramhope in Bloom, Janet Hobson and Lisa Youngman were also in attendance.

- 1) To receive apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Fox.
Cllr Cooper sent apologies for a late arrival (Arrived at 6.25pm).
Cllr Harris gave apologies to depart at 6.50pm
Cllr Bryant gave apologies to depart at 7.20pm

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 The replacement of the Bramhope signs

The Clerk has obtained a quote from a local supplier for a stone sign. It was AGREED that the proposal should be taken to the next Full Parish Council meeting for discussion and decision.

Bramhope in Bloom asked if they could provide planting around the new signs. This was AGREED.

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

18 households (34 people) have responded positively to a letter sent by a resident to householders living in the vicinity of the ginnel. The issue was discussed at length and a solar light was considered. It was AGREED that providing a light in the ginnel was still not supported by the Village Maintenance Committee for the reasons previously discussed.

3.3 To receive an update regarding the signs at The Cross

No further progress has been made since the last meeting.

3.4. Removal of split cherry tree at the recreation ground.

Planning permission to remove the tree has now been received. The Clerk will arrange for its removal.

3.5 Tree Report for The Knoll

A report on the trees at The Knoll has been received.

Recommendation from the report is the removal of one tree, remedial work to 4 trees, monitoring of 4 trees and re-inspection of 2 trees following the removal of ivy and further ultrasound analysis of 1 tree. It was agreed that a quote should be obtained for the recommendations.

4) Work completed since 4th May 2017

- Removed damaged Perspex from seating shelter at the recreation ground.
- Repaired loose stone at the memorial garden
- Repaired damaged bench and disposed of a bench vandalised beyond economical repair.
- Weedkiller has been applied to paths at the cemetery
- Ivy has been removed from the roof of the public toilets
- The hedge in the car park has been cut and weeds strimmed.
- Two areas of the rubber surface at The Knoll have been repaired.
- A new security light has been fitted at the recreation ground
- The holly tree next to the cemetery hut has been removed
- The leak on the ladies toilet at the pavilion has been repaired

5) To receive BiB Report

Bramhope in Bloom expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for the grant for 2017. The results of the Spring judging were another Gold Award for Bramhope in Bloom. VMC offered their congratulations and thanks for all the hard work the Bramhope in Bloom group do round the village.

Weedkiller has been applied in the compost heap area at the rear of the chapel.

Bramhope in Bloom raised the possibility of having an information sign installed at the Puritan Chapel, which Bramhope in Bloom would organise and pay for. This will be an agenda item at the July VMC.

A stone trough will be installed next week in place of the barrel planters on Church Hill.

Summer bedding plants are being delivered this week and will be planted out as soon as possible.

Bramhope in Bloom asked permission to place posters in the noticeboards. Permission was granted. The Clerk will place notices in locked boards where possible.

Bramhope in Bloom will be holding a litter pick on 1st July at 10.30am starting from The Parade, Breary Lane. All volunteers are welcome.

Summer judging will take place on the afternoon of 7th July.

Cllr Cooper joined the meeting at 6.25pm and took over as Chair of the meeting from Cllr Fogel

6) To receive Parish Council properties exception reports

6.1 Puritan Chapel

(i) The Chapel opening was open to the public on Sunday 7th May and 4th June. The next opening will be on 2nd July. The next wedding blessing will take place at the Chapel on 15th July. Cllr Harris or Lawson will open and close the chapel.

Cllr Harris noted that there is Cotoneaster growing over the lettering of some headstones and indicated that she would trim it back.

6.2 Jubilee Copse

(i) To discuss landscaping at Jubilee Copse

A discussion took place regarding the existing planting at Jubilee Copse and whether any additional tree planting is required. It was AGREED that no further planting is required at this time.

6.3 Cemetery

(i) The front wall of the cemetery has a crack and is bulging. The village caretaker will monitor the condition of the wall.

6.4 Red telephone boxes

(i) No additional quotes have been sought to date as additional information is awaited from CHT. The Clerk will obtain prices for laminated/toughened glass. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of obtaining sponsorship from local business for the replacement glass which would be etched with the sponsors details. It was AGREED that this should be pursued.

6.5 To discuss the condition and action required for the Benches at The Birches and The Sycamores

It was AGREED that the 2000 bench at The Birches bus stop is beyond economical repair and will be disposed of. The Clerk will obtain prices for a replacement bench.

The Village Caretaker will mend/oil the bench at The Sycamores.

6.6 To discuss the condition of the mini crosses at The Cross and agree action

The mini crosses are in a poor state of repair. It was AGREED that any that are in an unsafe condition should be removed.

8.0 To receive Recreation Properties report

8.1 The Knoll

The replacement swing is on order and should arrive this week.

The picnic bench has been stolen from The Knoll.

8.2 The Recreation Ground

- (i) **To discuss recreation ground charge for 2017/18 season**
A discussion took place regarding the charged for the 2017/18 season. It was AGREED that the fees would increase by 5%

- (ii) **To discuss anti-loitering measures and decide further action**

A discussion took place regarding anti-loitering devices. It was AGREED that advice be sought from the Neighbourhood Police Team regarding possible preventative measures to deter vandals and anti-social behaviour that has been occurring recently at the Recreation Ground.

- (iii) **To receive information and decide further action regarding vandalism of the shelter at the recreation ground.**
A quote for the replacement of the broken Perspex has been received. It was AGREED that the Perspex should be replaced. Prior to ordering the replacement the Clerk will speak to the insurance company to determine whether to make a claim.

8) Identify new jobs and agree budget

- (i) A discussion took place regarding vegetation belonging to private properties overhanging the footpaths in various areas of the village. It was AGREED that the current practice of LCC writing to residents will continue.

- (ii) The Village Caretaker will clear vegetation on the footpath between Old Lane leading to the Ebor Way.

- (iii) The laurels and various shrubs at the Cemetery require trimming. The Clerk will arrange a working party at the Cemetery.

9) Any other business

- (i) **Sale of land – Gurnal Flats and land bordering Harrogate Road**
The Clerk has been approached by the current tenant of Gurnal Flats and land bordering Harrogate Road with a request as to whether the Parish Council would consider selling both pieces of land. The Clerk has checked that the Parish Council have the power to sell the land and this has been confirmed. The Clerk will obtain valuations in order for the matter to be considered at the next Full Parish Council meeting.

11) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 6:00pm.