

# **BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018, 6.00pm at the Bramhope Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

**1) To receive apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Anslow

**2) To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interest**

No interests were declared.

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

**3.1 To receive an update on the replacement of Bramhope signs**

The licences from LCC for the signs have been received, signed and returned. Work on the stones has commenced.

**3.2 To receive an update regarding drainpipes at the Puritan Chapel and decide further action where necessary**

The Clerk has sourced a company that can produce suitable downpipes. A second company will be approached. A contractor will be sought to install the downpipes. The Clerk has written to the Conservation Officer for advice regarding the replacement and is awaiting a response.

**3.2 To receive an update regarding tree husbandry at the cemetery**

The Laurels have now been cut back and will be more easily managed going forward. There has been some damage to the gate post which the contractor will resolve.

**4) Work completed since 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**

Spraying of weeds on various footpaths, the Knoll  
Spraying of path clear product at the Puritan Chapel  
Strimming of path on Old Lane towards Hilton Grange.  
Cleaning of bus shelter roofs  
Temporary repair to slide

**5) To receive BiB Report**

BiB sent thanks for the grant awarded by the Parish Council. Without it they would not be able to achieve the same results around the village.

Turf will be lifted in 2-3 weeks time in order to sow poppy seed. Suggested areas are on the bend past the chapel on Leeds road, in the beds against the wall at the chapel, on the grassy area opposite the roundabout,

around the Memorial on the recreation ground, on the Jubilee copse near the road, at the junction of Creskeld Lane and Leeds Road. There were no objections to the proposed locations.

Bluebells in the green have been planted beneath trees on the top of the Knoll. Additional bluebells and also snowdrops will be planted in the same area.

A request was made for a suitable tap to be installed at the Cemetery with a hose fitting. This will be arranged.

16 of the 30 barrels will be treated with a preservative.

Summer judging day is 17 July 2018.

## **6) To receive Parish Council properties exception reports**

### **6.1 Memorial Garden**

- (i) The Clerk will contact Bramhope in Bloom to express thanks for work they have done on the Memorial Garden, as it is looking very good at the moment.

### **6.2 Bus Shelters**

- (i) The bench in the Cairns & Hickey bus shelter has had initials scratched in the wood. No further action at this stage until information regarding the start of highways works on the A660 is received.

### **6.3 Ginnels/Footpaths**

- (i) The Clerk shared an email from a resident regarding solar lighting for The Birches/Southfield Ginnel. This was noted. A response from LCC regarding mains powered lighting costs is still outstanding.

### **6.4 Jubilee Copse**

- (i) The Clerk shared an email from a resident raising concerns about the possibility of travellers parking on Jubilee Copse. This has been raised in the past but has been considered to be low risk as the ground is unsuitable for parking large vehicles.

## **7) To receive Recreation Properties report**

### **7.1 The Knoll**

The condition of the slide has started to deteriorate and is no longer in a safe condition to be used.

As the slide does not conform to current legislation, a repair cannot be undertaken on it, as it would immediately be condemned. The Committee proposed that the slide should be removed from the playground as soon as possible. In the meantime the Village Caretaker will prevent access to the slide and warning signs will be displayed that the slide should not be used. The Clerk will arrange for removal and commence research for a suitable replacement. The steps will also require rebuilding or removing when a replacement is agreed.

### **7.2 The Recreation Ground**

#### **(i) To discuss liaison between users of the Recreation Ground and Parish Council**

Cllr Cooper thanked Cllr Fogel for raising the issue of communication with the users of the ground and the idea to have a liaison Councillor. Councillor Fogel indicated that he would be happy to be the liaison with the cricket club and will arrange to meet a representative from the club. The Clerk will remain the contact for the Football Club.

The Clerk had received a note of thanks from the Football Club for her assistance with responding to issues raised by the football club during the season.

## **8) Identify new jobs and agree budget/Any other business.**

- i) There were no other new jobs identified in addition to the ones already raised previously in the meeting.
- ii) A discussion took place regarding the meeting day for the Village Maintenance Committee, which has become problematic for one member of the Committee. All other members of the Committee AGREED that the day of the meeting could be moved from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month.
- iii) The Annual Parish Inspection had been scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Due to annual leave this will be changed to a date in July tbc.
- iv) Cllr Harris has taken photographs of the daffodils on Leeds Road and the bus shelters that are due to be replaced, in order that a record is kept of planting before the highways works. The Clerk will retain the photographs on file.

## **9) Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6:00pm.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Minutes taken by Nicola Woodward, Clerk to Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council  
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