

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 11th February 2020, 6.17pm at the Bramhope Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Simon Cooper (Chair)
Cllr Hilary Harris
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr Lesley Hoff
Cllr David Bryant
Cllr Alan Anslow

Nicola Woodward – Clerk

The meeting started at 6.17pm.

1. To receive apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest

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

3.1 To receive an update on the replacement slide and steps at The Knoll

The Clerk has met with the playground equipment suppliers and the contractor undertaking the works on the steps and discussed an alternative location for the steps. A discussion took place regarding moving the location of the steps to the side of the Knoll, off the public footpath. Building the steps in this area will have less issues with tree roots. It has been recommended that a hawthorn bush be removed from the area and replacement trees planted once the steps and equipment are in place.

There will be a small increase in the cost of the steps due to an increase in length.

The cost of the slide has reduced slightly since the original quote and will offset the increase in the cost of the steps.

A discussion took place and it was AGREED that the proposed new location of the steps should be accepted and the planning application amended accordingly.

The Clerk will submit the planning application prior to the end of the week.

3.2 To receive information regarding gates for the Puritan Chapel and decide further action.

The planning application and Listed Building Consent application for the proposed design will be submitted this week.

The Clerk has struggled to obtain a third quote for the gate to date but will seek an additional supplier.

A decision regarding the contractor will be made following the outcome of the planning application.

3.3 To receive an update on the Puritan Chapel pointing.

The sample patch of the pointing has been approved by the LCC Conservation Officer on the proviso that the contractors aim to maintain the finest lines possible, where the condition of the stone permits, for the remaining pointing.

A start date of 2nd March, subject to weather conditions has been given. The works will take approximately two weeks to complete.

In the Clerks absence Cllr Anslow will be the contact point for LCC Restorations and will take photographs of the finished works for the Clerk. The Clerk will complete the report for the release of the funding agreed by the Outer North West Committee prior to the deadline of 31st March 2020.

The remainder of the cost will be accounted for from capital reserves.

3.4 To receive an update on the sign for the wild flower area

The replacement sign had been received and will be installed shortly.

3.5 To receive information regarding the laurels at The Knoll and decide further action

A discussion took place regarding the laurels at The Knoll. A long term solution is required to manage the laurels planted in the immediate vicinity of the boundary, as they are too close to the boundary. It was AGREED by ALL that the laurels closest to the boundary will be coppiced to ground level and be managed at a low level going forward and to reduce the height of the remaining laurels.

4. To receive a report on additional work completed since

Leaf clearing
Cleaning of path at Puritan Chapel

5. To receive a report from BiB:

Additional white heathers and primroses have been planted at the cemetery..

6. Matters arising

6.1 To receive information regarding the Parklands grit bin and decide further action

A discussion took place regarding the grit bin at Parklands. There are no funds available (this year) from LCC to distribute grit to the community grit bin. Cllr Barry Anderson has indicated that residents should fill the bin themselves.

LCC offered to deliver a bulk load of grit to the Parish Council, with costs attached, to refill the grit bin. This was discussed but the offer presented the issue of a suitable storage location and resources to move the salt to the grit bin, therefore the offer will be declined.

6.2 To discuss parking of caravans in the village car park and decide further action

A discussion took place regarding a proposal to investigate the banning of overnight parking of vehicles, other than cars (e.g.caravans/trailers etc) in the village car park.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will seek advice from LCC Highways regarding a ban on overnight parking.

7 To receive Parish Council Properties exception reports.

7.1 Noticeboards

The noticeboard at the corner of Wynmore Avenue has fallen down in the high winds. It is beyond economical repair and will be removed.

Some of the shingles could be retained for use on other noticeboards.

7.2 Jubilee Copse

Following the recent torrential rain there have been some issues with flooding of gardens and garages on The Rowans/ Birches/ Poplars and Sycamores.

There was also an issue with the sewer cover on Jubilee Copse being displaced by an excess of water. Yorkshire Water have been on site to clean up the area.

Cllr Harris met Highways Officers looking at issue with sewer cover on Jubilee Copse. She accompanied them to look at the culvert and also visit residents on The Rowans to see the issues that they had been experiencing. As a result of this Cllr Harris has requested a meeting with LCC Officers to discuss the culverts running across Jubilee Copse and any measures that the Parish Council/LCC can put in place to improve the functioning of the culverts and this issues experienced by residents during periods of heavy rainfall.

A meeting will be arranged shortly.

Cllr Fox will forward some information regarding Riparian responsibilities.

The culvert on the Wynmore Avenue/The Poplars side of Jubilee Copse does need clearing but LCC advised that the water level needs to go down prior to that work taking place. A request has also been made to add the two culverts on Jubilee Copse to be added to the culvert cleaning list in the future.

8 Any other business not on the agenda

8.1 Cllr Cooper asked the Clerk to remind the Village Caretaker to wear a high viz vest when working on council business. .

8.2 Cllr Harris raised the issue of no road markings on Parklands and signage that is still in place since the surfacing was done in around August last year. The Clerk has already reported this following a request from Cllr Hoff.

8.3 Cllr Harris has received a complaint that there appears to be an increase in the amount of litter in the village. The Clerk will monitor the situation.

8.4 Cllr Fox has been researching maps of the pump site at Cross Sykes. To date she has discovered that the pump site disappeared between 1916 and 1934. There may be some further information in the old minutes as to what happened to ownership of the land where the pump site was situated.

To arrange the date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 10th March at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 19.02pm
Minutes by Nicola Woodward
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