

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 10th March 2020, 6.00pm at the Bramhope Village Hall

Present:

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

Nicola Woodward – Clerk

1. To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Bryant

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 planning application has been submitted and accepted by LCC. To date there have been no further queries raised. The outcome of the planning application is anticipated for the second week in April.

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

The planning application and Listed Building Consent application has been submitted, however LCC have asked for some additional information.

Cllrs Fox and Haswell are assisting with the additional information that has been requested. The Clerk expressed her thanks for their help.

3.3 To receive an update on the Puritan Chapel pointing.

The re-pointing works commenced on 2nd March. All is going well to date.

Cllr Anslow will be the contact point for LCC restorations. Cllr Anslow will collect the key at the end of the works and return it to the hotel.

Cllr Anslow will take photographs of the completed works for the Clerk to complete the report required for the grant funding application.

3.4 To receive an update regarding the laurels at The Knoll

The works have now taken place to coppice the two clumps of laurel nearest to the boundary to ground level and reduce the height of the remaining laurels to a more manageable height.

3.5 To receive and update on parking restrictions for the village car park and decide further action

The Clerk has forwarded a request to LCC for advice on possible options for excluding vehicles such as caravans from parking in the village car park overnight. Still awaiting a response.

4. To receive a report on additional work completed since 11th February 2020

Additional work completed since 11th February includes the installation of wild flowers area sign on Jubilee Copse, removal of damaged noticeboard at Wynmore Avenue, maintenance to potholes in recreation ground car park, installation of plaque at the cemetery, distribution of grit to snow wardens.

5. To receive a report from BiB:

There was no report from Bramhope in Bloom.

6. Matters arising

6.1 To discuss planting of a commemorative tree for V.E. day on Jubilee Copse.

A general discussion took place regarding planting of additional trees on Jubilee Copse. Concerns were raised about the recent theft of the free trees provided by Woodland Trust being stolen and any future larger specimens that may also be taken.

It was agreed that there wasn't a strong interest on planting a commemorative tree.

Cllr Hoff suggested approaching Woodland Trust to see if they can replace the stolen trees.

Cllr Cooper suggested that the theft should be reported to the police.

Cllr Fox has researched the prices of some replacement trees with a possibility of planting some additional trees in the bare root planting season later in the year.

A further discussion will take place at the July meeting of VMC.

6.2 To discuss refurbishment/replacement of the Pavilion and decide further action.

Cllr Cooper has done some research into replacing the Pavilion. Quotes varied between £200,000 for a ready built option, up to £500,000.

A refurbishment of the existing building would be in the region of £100,000.

Members of VMC agreed that a new facility would be too expensive when the amount of usage is taken into consideration, therefore VMC would recommend to FPC that it refurbished the existing building.

A separate building for the caretaker should be considered. This needs to be secure. Cllr Cooper will investigate further into a smaller 'site safe' as a possible option and a cost for refurbishment of the Pavilion.

It is anticipated that the project will take around six months, possibly longer, therefore consideration needs to be given to the facilities provided to sports clubs and a temporary solution whilst the works are taking place.

Cllr Cooper suggested completing the Village Caretakers accommodation first, which could then be used as a changing room and provide portaloo facilities.

It was agreed that a project manager would be required to oversee the process.

It was suggested that if there is sufficient funds available this could be used for effective drainage on football pitch.

Some attention will need to be given to the garage.

The car park requires levelling but not necessarily re tarmacing. It was suggested that concrete lattice with grass growing through could be used.

Cllr Harris will report back to Full Parish Council in March on behalf of VMC.

6.3 To discuss the start time for future Village Maintenance Committee meetings and decide further

action.

This agenda item was deferred to the April meeting of VMC.

6.4 To discuss energy suppliers for the Pavilion and Puritan Chapel and decide further action.

A discussion took place regarding the options available. It was agreed that a renewable energy contract fixed for a period of 2 years will be taken with SSE.

6.5 To discuss future planting on Jubilee Copse and decide further action.

This agenda item was discussed as part of agenda item 6.1. See above.

Cllr Fox will send prices to the Clerk.

6.6 To discuss the culverts on Jubilee Copse and decide further action.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that works recommended by LCC Flood Management department should be actioned to mitigate against future flooding of residents gardens on The Rowans.

In the Clerks absence Cllr Harris will liaise with LCC Officers and residents to progress this as quickly as possible.

6.7 To discuss a general safety comment from LCC Highways with regards to the gateway between The Knoll and Breary Lane

A discussion took place regarding the safety comment and the new location for the slide being nearer to the open entrance of the park.

Options considered were a gate or staggered barriers near the entrance or a safety barrier on the kerbside opposite the entrance to park.

A safety barrier was the preferred option. The style would need to be sympathetic to the conservation area. The Clerk will explore options with LCC officers in the first instance.

6.8 To discuss the waste management contract and decide further action

The Clerk highlighted that the waste management contract price has been increased again. The Clerk will seek some alternative contractors and report back the terms of the existing contract and other possible options at a future meeting.

6.9 To receive information regarding measures to prevent parking on the pavement adjacent to the Tredgold noticeboard.

Cllr Flynn is exploring the possibility of a cycle rack next to the noticeboard to prevent parking, which prevents access to the noticeboard and restricts the view from the bus shelter of approaching buses.

6.10 To discuss the replacement of the Wynmore Avenue noticeboard and decide further action.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the noticeboard will not be replaced. The area looks much tidier without it.

Consideration will be given at a future meeting with regards to the replacement of other noticeboard which are all coming towards the end of their life.

Cllr Hoff and the Clerk reminded councillors that legally the Parish Council only requires one noticeboard.

6.11 To discuss the cleaning contract for the Pavilion and decide further action.

This agenda item was no longer required.

7 To receive Parish Council Properties exception reports.

7.1 Bus Shelters

Refurbishment of bus shelters should be given consideration at the same time as the replacement of noticeboards.

7.2 Carlton Water Hole

BIB have asked if the Parish Council would allow them to install a plaque acknowledging the work of the person who uncovered the waterhole at the waterhole. This was AGREED by ALL.

8 Any other urgent business not on the agenda

There was no other urgent business.

To arrange the date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 14th April at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 19.27pm

Minutes by Nicola Woodward

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