

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 14th September 2021, 6.00pm at Bramhope Village Hall, Old Lane, Bramhope

Present:

Cllr Hilary Harris (Chair)
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr David Bryant
Cllr Campbell Cowan
Cllr Maria Gill

Comments and questions from residents may be taken before the meeting commences relating to matters on the agenda.

1. To receive apologies
Apologies received from Cllrs Anslow, Pickstock.
2. To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests
There were no interests declared.
3. To receive information on the ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary
 - 3.1 To receive an update on the new slide and steps project and decide further action
A quote and proposal for a stainless-steel slide and steps has been received. It was AGREED by ALL that the Clerk will draft a pre-planning application based on the proposal.
 - 3.2 To receive and update on the cemetery project
The gravel for the paths is on order.
 - 3.3 To receive an update on the planting of a tree by a resident to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and decide further action
No further update.
 - 3.4 To receive an update on boundary issues relating to Footpath No. 6

Draft letters and agreements have been sent. One response is outstanding. Another resident has requested a revision to the proposal regarding the existing fencing and a proposal for new fencing. The Clerk has asked them to formally make a request, including detail of the proposal for consideration.

A letter and agreement will be sent to a third property.
 - 3.5 To receive an update on the damage to the stone at The Cross and decide further action.
One quote has been received for a replacement stone. A second quote is expected. The insurance company have indicated that due to the specialist nature of the works that they will accept one quote. An excess of £250 will be payable. It was AGREED that the Clerk should ask that the insurance company pursue the excess from the drivers' insurers.

The metal cross can be straightened and repaired for £45. It was agreed that the existing cross should be repaired rather than a new one made.

- 3.6 To receive an update on the dementia friendly area proposed for Jubilee Copse.
Cllr Harris has visited the closest neighbour to the proposed area for the bench. They do not object to the bench being placed in the suggested location. Cllr Flynn has agreed to assist with funding for the bench. The Clerk will contact Cllr Flynn to discuss funding. Cllr Harris asked if a proposal for the Parish Council to fund the cost of installing the bench could be discussed at the next meeting.
- 3.7 To receive an update on the trees planted at Jubilee Copse and the additional planting agreed for Autumn 2021
Treescapes have asked if the area around the new trees can be weeded and suggested mulch as well, to assist with retaining water and to keep the mowers away from the trees. The Village Caretaker will weed and mulch the area. Mulch has been purchased at a cost of £37.
Treescape think that the damaged tree may heal itself but only time will tell.
Treescapes are in the process of sourcing the willow and hazel as previously agreed. There will be an additional cost as there will be additional visit needed to plant. A quote has been requested.
- 3.8 Clerks report
The Village Caretaker has now threaded a new rope through the flagpole as requested by the British Legion.
Path works on Jubilee Copse area completed.
A new bench for the Knoll has been ordered. Cllr Harris has made a donation to cover the cost of the bench. The annual RoSPA Playground inspection is booked for September. It will be an accompanied visit.
A request to hold a 2 day out of season match at the recreation ground has been declined as the football teams have already got matches booked for the weekend requested.
Tree inspection. A re-visit of footpath No 6 was due. The Clerk has contacted Treescapes to request a re-visit.
Treescapes have already made a visit when checking on the trees at Jubilee Copse and does not have any concerns about the trees on Footpath No. 6. There will be no charge for the visit.

4. To receive a report on work completed since 10th August 2021

Rebuilding the composting area at the chapel, repair gent's toilet, replaced rope on flagpole, cut back vegetation in ginnel between Wynmore Avenue & Meadow End, treating benches at the Recreation Ground and Cemetery.

Ask Juris to trim round trees that Hilary & Derek planted.

5. To receive a report from BiB

The Duke of Edinburgh volunteers have moved several bags of compost from the composting area at the Puritan Chapel. They have also weeded the well site and removed 15 bags of comfrey. More work will take place in both locations over the coming weeks. The memorial bench at the memorial will get a coat of cuprinol from one of the BiB volunteers.

It was agreed that an official letter of thanks is sent to Bramhope in Bloom for both the Duke of Edinburgh and Bramhope in Bloom volunteers.

6. To receive the Annual Property Inspection Report and decide further action

A copy of the report was discussed.

Following the Annual Property Inspection, it was agreed that the works for the preventative roadworks scheme on Hall Drive be brought forward as the repair is inadequate.

A list of jobs was identified and will be actioned in the coming weeks.

7. To receive the proposed outline plan for the Pavilion refurbishment and extension and decide further action
The outline plan for the Pavilion refurbishment and extension was discussed. The comments were that the windows were not symmetrical and lacked uniformity. The Clerk will check whether changing the window sizes following planning approval is feasible.
8. To receive information regarding PAT testing of Parish Council electrical appliances
The opportunity arose between meetings to have a joint visit with the village hall to have the Parish Councils electrical equipment PAT tested. The Clerk checked with Cllrs Harris, Howard and Anslow who agreed to go ahead and arrange as none of the equipment has been PAT tested for several years. The cost was £90. The only issue was with the wall

mounted radiator at the Pavilion which failed and has had the plug removed so it can't be used.
9. To receive information regarding a volunteer offering to re-paint the milestones and decide further action
A member of the public has offered to re-paint the milestones. Cllr Fox will send some information across.
There are 6 milestones on the A660 which would benefit from repainting.
It was agreed by ALL that the Parish Council will pay for any materials. There is no requirement for the member of the public to re-paint all the milestones. They can decide which they would like to do and the order in which they do them.
The Clerk will contact LCC Conservation Officer as it is a requirement to notify the Highways Authority prior to undertaking the works. The milestone society website has further information available.
10. To receive information regarding the annual playground inspection and decide further action
The annual RoSPA inspection takes place in September or October. The cost will be £117.50 which includes meeting the inspector.
11. To receive Parish Council Properties exception reports.

No exception reports.
12. Any items for discussion at a future meeting

Cycle racks at Tredgold Shops have been discussed previously. Cllr Flynn has raised previously with LCC but has not had a definitive response. A request will be made for Cllr Flynn to follow up on previously requests. If there is no funding available, it is something the PC could explore. The pavement is continuing to be blocked and obscuring the view from the bus shelter.

Footpath/bridleway between The Sycamores and Camp House Farm – Cllr Fox is collating information to have the paths registered as a definitive footpath on public rights of way map. An appeal will need to be made for people willing to sign a claims form. An agenda item will be included at the next meeting of Full Council to seek agreement to raise the matter at the annual meeting.

Meeting closed 7.23pm
Minutes by Nicola Woodward
Date published 15/09/2021