

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 12th October 2021, 6.00pm at Bramhope Village Hall, Old Lane, Bramhope

Present:

Cllr Alan Anslow (Chair), Cllr Diane Fox, Cllr Campbell Cowan, Cllr Hilary Harris, Cllr Anne-Marie Pickstock

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 Gill and Bryant.
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.
No update. Will start the pre-planning application later this week.
 - 3.2 To receive and update on the cemetery project.
No update. Waiting for a date from Dalesway for them to do the gravel.
 - 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 update.
 - 3.4 To receive an update on boundary issues relating to Footpath No. 6 and decide further action
Responses have been received in response to the boundary issues relating to Footpath No 6.
It was agreed that the amendments to the agreement suggested by the neighbouring properties be accepted with a limit on the height of the fencing.
One response is outstanding.
A third issue has been resolved. The Clerk will write and clarify the position with the trees and dry stone wall.
The Clerk will arrange for one of the trees on the boundary which a resident has raised concerns about to be inspected.
 - 3.5 To receive an update on the damage to the stone at The Cross and decide further action.
A second quote is outstanding. The Clerk is aware that the supplier is experiencing long delays in fulfilling existing contracts. It was AGREED by ALL that the quote already received be accepted and the works completed.
The insurers have indicated that they will make every effort to recover the excess of £250 from the third party.
 - 3.6 To receive an update on the annual playground inspection and decide further action.
The playground inspection took place on 5th October. A formal report is outstanding. The main issue raised during the inspection is the deterioration of the surfacing in some areas. A discussion took place. It was agreed that quotes to replace sections of the surfacing around the carousel, swings, basket swing and multi-play unit be obtained. The recommendation is to use wet pour surfacing which is more durable than the rubber mulch for high traffic areas.
 - 3.7 To receive an update on the proposed re-painting of the milestones.
The LCC Conservation officer has been in touch. A method statement for each type of milestone is required by the Conservation Officer for signing off. Highways have been contacted via the Conservation Office and a response is outstanding.

3.8 Clerks report
No report.

4. To receive a report on work completed since 14th September 2021

Composting area at the chapel, weeding round new trees on Jubilee Copse, hedge trimming and weeding at the cemetery, strimming wild flower area, culvert and around trees on Jubilee Copse.

5. To receive a report from BiB

Volunteers have spent a morning preparing and re-staining the bench at the memorial garden. Permission has been requested to repaint the bench on Breary Lane and also to plant wildflowers in front of the stone trough. This was agreed. A request has been made to replace wooden benches with recycled plastic benches to reduce future maintenance.

The Parish Council bench policy was discussed. Any Parish Council owned bench reaching the end of its life will be replaced with a recycled plastic bench. This will be done as and when it is required. Old benches will be disposed of. A memorial bench policy is in place in which a donation can be made towards the cost of a new bench.

6. To discuss the creation of a Dementia Friendly area on Jubilee Copse, including the funding to support the installation of a bench, and decide further action.

Cllr Flynn is funding a grant for the purchase of a bench, by the Parish Council for the Dementia Friendly area using MICE funding.

It was AGREED by ALL that the Parish Council will fund the installation costs of the bench. The Clerk will discuss the best method of creating a base with the village caretaker.

7. To discuss the size of windows on the proposed outline plan for the Pavilion refurbishment and extension and decide further action.

A discussion took place. It was agreed that the plans will include larger windows on the planning application and full width rather than stepped back extension.

8. To discuss the offer of a free Christmas Tree from St Helenas Caravan park and decide further action

St Helena's have been in touch to say they have a large Christmas tree at the caravan park that needs to come down and have offered it for use at The Cross.

It was agreed that the offer should be accepted subject to the size (needs to be approx. 9ft), diameter of the trunk and assistance with transporting and erecting the tree being available.

9. To receive Parish Council Properties exception reports.

9.1 Noticeboard at Tredgold shops – The Clerk has contacted Cllr Flynn to chase up with LCC Highways the possibility of installing cycle racks in front of the noticeboard to prevent parking on the pavement in that area, which obscures the view from the bus shelter and also blocks access to the noticeboard.

9.2 A request has been received from a Carlton resident to install a planter in the vicinity of the phone box. This would require a license from Leeds CC at a cost of approximately £205. It was agreed no further action at this time.

10. Any items for discussion at a future meeting
Cycle racks at Tredgold Avenue.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm
Minutes by Nicola Woodward
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