

BRAMHOPE & CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 27th September 2022, 6.10pm at Bramhope Village Hall, Old Lane, Bramhope, LS16 9AZ

Present:

Cllr Alan Anslow (Chair)
Cllr Hilary Harris
Cllr Diane Fox
Cllr David Bryant

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 Cllr Cowan, Gill and 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 progress of installing cycle racks to be located in front of the Tredgold noticeboard.
No installation date received so far. The matter has been chased with Leeds City Council.
 - 3.2 To receive an update on the repainting of the milestones.
There has been a delay in the repainting of the milestones, but the volunteer who is undertaking the work has confirmed that they are still planning on doing it when they are able to.
 - 3.3 To receive an update on the Pavilion project
Two options have been received from the architect. A meeting of the working group will be arranged to discuss the options.
 - 3.4 To receive an update on the surfacing of the entrance to the ginnel between The Poplars and Southfield
The re-surfacing will take place on Friday 30th September and Saturday 1st October. Notices have been displayed and letters sent to the two neighbouring properties.
 - 3.5 To receive an update on the new slide and steps at The Knoll

The slide has been ordered. PWA and Smeedons are collating the paperwork for the planning conditions. The costs for the additional assistance with the planning conditions are £450 for PWA and £800 for Smeedons, plus any expenses for additional site visits, well within the £2000 budget set by Full Council.
 - 3.6 To receive an update on a request to LCC for a bin with a closed top at the Breary Lane entrance to The Knoll

Cllr Flynn is dealing with this matter. It has been chased and a response from LCC outstanding.

- 3.7 To receive an update on a proposal to install Welcome to Carlton signs at the entrance to Carlton Village and decide further action.

Cllr Pickstock and the Clerk have been to look at suitable sites, taken photos and sent to Cllr Flynn who has subsequently forwarded them to Cllr Sandy Lay to pursue with Highways.

The suggestions to Highways are a stone sign on the approach to Carlton near to the kennels, and a metal sign attached to an existing pole at either the start of the 30mph area, the junction with Cemetery Road, or just after the junction to cemetery road.

The Clerk will pursue the matter with Cllr Lay.

- 3.8 To receive an update on the removal of the build-up of soil behind boundary fencing at The Knoll and decide further action.
No update.

- 3.9 To receive an update on the cemetery benches and decide further action.
A discussion took place regarding the benches, some of which are in very poor condition. Attempts have been made to find the relatives of the people to whom the benches are dedicated. A further attempt will be made by the Clerk to contact the relatives of the three that are in the worst condition.
It was PROPOSED by Cllr Harris, SECONDED by Cllr Fox and AGREED by ALL that if a bench is beyond reasonable repair, then it should be removed from the cemetery and any memorial plaques retained should a family member make contact. At this stage there are no plans to provide a replacement as there are sufficient benches in the cemetery.

- 3.10 To receive information regarding clearing the area of ground adjacent to the rebuilt cemetery wall and decide further action.

The trees have now been removed and will be replanted when the area has been cleared. The area should be cleared in the next couple of weeks.

- 3.11 To receive an update on a request from a resident to plant a commemorative tree for the late Queen Elizabeth on Parish Council land and decide further action.
The resident who would like to plant a commemorative tree for the late Queen Elizabeth II has indicated that she would provide a 3.5-metre-high hornbeam.
A discussion took place regarding location.
It was AGREED by ALL that in principle a tree could be planted, subject to a suitable location being agreed at either the Recreation Ground or on Jubilee Copse. The Clerk will circulate suggestions for the location.

- 3.12 Clerks report
Works have been completed to clear silt out of the culvert on Jubilee Copse.

The first visit for Legionella monitoring has been made by Aquatrust. The report was circulated for information.

A request for a wedding blessing on 25th August 2023 has been received. Confirmation awaited.

- 4 To receive a report on additional work completed since July 2022
Repair to noticeboard at Tredgold shops, strimmed/cut grass at the bug hut, replace bolts on vandalised swing at The Knoll, cutting back laurel at The Knoll, mend shelving in the book exchange, replace top rail of fencing at The Knoll,

5 To receive a report from BiB

The In Bloom award ceremony has been rescheduled for 6 October and will be held in the Riley Smith Hall Tadcaster. Two Bramhope in Bloom volunteers will be attending. A request for the result to be sent by email on the original date was refused.

The issue of water availability has been discussed and more shops are to be asked if we can attach a water butt to their drainpipes.

The condition of the barrel planters is currently being reviewed and it has been agreed that shops will be asked to sponsor them, when they are replaced next year.

The wildflower notices on the LH side of the footpath leading to Parklands need removing as none of the wildflower seeds we sowed have grown.

5 DoE's swept leaves off the lawn at the Puritan Chapel, trimmed the hedge at the back, washed the Bramhope signs and our sign, swept the path inside and beneath the outside wall from the bus stop up to the end of the chapel wall in preparation for the heritage day opening.

6 To discuss planting of the hayracks for winter bedding and decide further action.

A discussion took place. It was AGREED by ALL that the hayracks should be planted up again for winter. Estimated cost £280.

7 To discuss the area of the cemetery due to be re-landscaped and the possibility of installing a memorial bench and tree for the late Queen Elizabeth II and the late Duke of Edinburgh

Due to limited time, it was agreed that this agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.

8 To discuss engaging a gardener to maintain the planted areas within the cemetery boundary

The centre circle of the cemetery needs some proper management as the shrubs are getting bigger and need to be trimmed correctly, along with some regular weeding.

It was AGREED by ALL that costs should be sought for a quarterly visit by a gardener to assist with maintaining the centre circle of the cemetery.

9 To receive Parish Council Properties exception reports.

None

10 Any items for discussion at a future meeting

No additional items were identified.

11 Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 6.00pm