

Bramley Parish Council Meeting, 14th March 2023

Bramley Parish Hall, Cross Street, S66 2SA

Meeting commenced at 7:02pm.

Chair welcomed Cllr McVann back.

1.00 Public Forum and Crime and Disorder in the Community

- 1.01 Clerk R Thomson read out a letter from a member of the public requesting a tarmac footpath along the edge of the community green behind Laceby Close, Bramley. The lady had also requested a grit bin nearer that same area for residents to be able to use.
- 1.02 The Clerk confirmed she has requested the grit bin from RMBC, but noted she doesn't think the footpath comes under Bramley Parish Council as its RMBC owned land. She suggested asking Redrow as they have a community fund to enquire whether they are prepared to do it.

2.00 To receive apologies for absence

- 2.01 Apologies received:
Cllr R Holyhead
Cllr D Sayner
- 2.02 Present:
Chair M Brown
Vice Chair D Hardwick
Cllr J Bradwell
Cllr D Tattersfield
Cllr J McVann
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr J Simmons
Cllr C Makin
Cllr J Moore
Cllr I Handley
Cllr A Cooke
- 2.03 Staff present & guests
Clerk R Thompson
Assistant Clerk E Harris

3.00 To place on the agenda any urgent item that requires debate or decision at this meeting

- 3.01 Cllr D Jackson asked for a discussion around building an Archive. Chair agreed to place this under item 15.

4.00 To note any declarations of interest (pecuniary or otherwise) on items to be discussed at this meeting

None

5.00 To discuss matters arising from the previous minutes, for information only

- 5.01 Clerk R Thompson noted the hall hire correction would be moved from expenditure to income, and clarified that RMBC payment that was made twice, one was arrears from 2022.
- 5.02 Cllr C Makin asked for item 12.02 regarding the new bench to be discussed; Chair confirmed it would be
- 5.03 Cllr D Jackson asked for an update on 11.03. Clerk R Thompson confirmed she has emailed but not yet had a response regarding the traffic routes or road plans.

6.00 To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

- 6.01 Cllr C Makin proposed the minutes of the February 2023 council meeting to be a true and accurate record thereof. Cllr A Cooke seconded the proposal. Majority favour. Cllr I Handley, Cllr J Bradwell and Cllr J McVann abstained.

7.00 Parish Council and Bramley Village Trust finances

- 7.01 Clerk R Thompson mentioned that the precept comes in at the end of the month
- 7.02 Cllr I Handley noted the date stated next to 'Interest Account' is incorrect, and also the date listed under 'Department' is also incorrect.
- 7.03 Vice Chair D Hardwick proposed the finance statement as submitted to the meeting be approved, following the corrections being made. Cllr D Tattersfield seconded. Unanimous agreement.

8.00 Committee Updates

a) Events Committee

- 8.01 Chair M Brown noted that Cllr J Moore would be joining the committee and gave an update on recent events.
- 8.02 Cllr C Makin commented on how well the indoor car boot sale in particular had gone. Clerk R Thompson agreed and stated that she has received lots of emails from people asking about the next one.
- 8.03 Vice Chair D Hardwick updated on the community café. Chair M Brown mentioned that friendships have really formed.
- 8.04 Chair confirmed the pie and peas night is coming up, and noted the events committee need to arrange to meet up to discuss the other upcoming events. The meeting was agreed for 12pm Wednesday 22nd March.

b) Cemetery

- 8.05 Vice Chair D Hardwick noted that due to the recent weather not much has happened on the whole however he stated that Dave has done a good job trimming up the paths.
- 8.06 Clerk R Thompson noted that the grave digger had been in touch regarding filling in the depression; he had mentioned that with the amount of chipping needed to cover he didn't think it was financially beneficial.
- 8.07 Clerk R Thompson also gave an update regarding the bench and stated it would be placed near the new cremation plots where there is a slight gap in trees. Cllr C Makin proposed we purchase the bench and have it installed. Cllr J Bradwell seconded. Unanimous agreement.
- 8.08 Cllr J McVann mentioned that some of the grave plots have started to put on unofficial adornments again that extend out in front of the gravestone. Clerk R Thomson noted that when the grass cutting happens these can be taken off.

c) Youth Club

- 8.09 Cllr J Simmons noted that some of the equipment was bought by the Ward Cllrs for the youth club, and the girls' group is now picking up numbers as well.
- 8.10 Clerk R Thompson stated that Active Regen have agreed to do 2 days a week; Shaz is covering 2 days and the café can continue on the Wednesdays without overlapping.
- 8.11 Chair M Brown noted it would be worth looking at doing a youth council. I Handley asked whether we could specify a request for a younger person to come and represent on the full council.

d) Allotments

- 8.12 Clerk R Thomson gave an update; she confirmed that all but two members have now signed up. She confirmed that the grange signed had a break in. It was reported to her by a holder that the shipping container was broken into as well but appears nothing was taken. She explained it looks to be more vandalism than a theft attempt and confirmed the police had been informed.
- 8.13 Cllr A Cooke noted the fencing/wire is easy to cut through so could potentially look at some stronger fencing.
- 8.14 The Clerk mentioned she has continued to ask B Shaw for the waiting list, but as yet still hasn't been sent through. She also noted that the church had requested Bramley Parish Council take over the allotments they hold as well; she noted there are 3 large ones that can be turned into 6.
- 8.15 Chair M Brown proposed that if the waiting list hasn't arrived by tomorrow morning at the start of the workday, then we go ahead creating a new waiting list. Cllr C Makin seconded the proposal. Unanimous agreement.
- 8.16 Cllr J Bradwell proposed we take over the church allotments under the management of Bramley Parish Council. Cllr D Tattersfield seconded. Majority agreement. Cllr J Moore abstained.

9.00 To consider the Civility and Respect Pledge

- 9.01 Chair M Brown read out an email from Cllr D Sayner that he had asked to be read out during the meeting asking that the discussion of the pledge and decision on such to be arranged for a different time to give Cllrs more time to read through and think about.
- 9.02 Clerk R Thompson gave an overview on what the pledge is; she noted 1066 councils are already signed up and out of the entire borough there are only 4 councils, including Bramley, not signed up to it. She confirmed that BPC already does all of it and it is more a matter of how the council behaves.
- 9.03 Cllr A Cooke noted his opinion that he didn't feel postponing the decision was necessary as the statements seemed standard behaviours. Cllr J Bradwell agreed.
- 9.04 Cllr J McVann stated that the pledge is purely internal behaviours and includes no external accountability, it is an internal set of agreed behaviours that the council should be following anyway so doesn't require much in the way of discussion because by signing we aren't committing to anything external or being held to it.
- 9.05 Clerk R Thompson stated that for Bramley Council nothing would change as all staff and Cllrs adhere to these standards anyway; it makes people involved internally accountable.
- 9.06 Vice Chair D Hardwick mentioned that if it doesn't hold anyone accountable and the badge doesn't mean anything there isn't much point signing it in the first place.
- 9.06 Cllr J Bradwell proposed Bramley Parish Council sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge. Cllr A Cooke agreed. Majority agreement. Vice Chair D Hardwick voted against. Cllr D Tattersfield abstained.

10.00 To consider applications for planning permission

- 10.01 Clerk noted the planning was for an 18m tower for telecommunications.
- 10.02 Chair M Brown stated his issue was less with the mast, and more with the boxes that would be at the base, and expressed concerns that they would block the visibility of cars pulling onto Bawtry road from the slip road.
- 10.03 The Clerk read out an email from Cllr R Holyhead stating his views that the boxes will add to the already obstructed view and suggested that the Parish Council objects on the basis of safety concerns. Chair M Brown agreed as there had already been accidents on that junction.
- 10.04 Clerk R Thompson confirmed the company have agreed to come out and have a look with her after she suggested an alternative spot for it.
- 10.05 Cllr J McVann suggested making it known to RMBC that they approached the planning for it with complete disregard for the safety of residents.

11.00 Chairmans report to the Parish Council

- 11.01 Chair M Brown noted that himself and the Clerk attend meetings with other Parish Councils and is a good way to connect and discuss ideas. He mentioned that they had recently attended a CAP meeting; Flash Lane traffic and speeding was discussed.
- 11.02 He highlighted that Assistant Clerk E Harris and Assistant Clerk J Sayner had both completed and passed their ILCA training.
- 11.03 The Chair also stated that Dave had cleared the bottom end of the field. Cllr J McVann confirmed it looks much better.

12.00 Clerk's report to the Parish Council

a) Trees

- 12.01 Clerk R Thompson noted that Cllr I Handley has marked the trees planting points on one side of the area, and Dave had asked if he can do the other side as well.
- 12.02 The Chair mentioned he wanted to involve the school children with the planting once that is confirmed.
- 12.03 The Clerk highlighted that she has been in contact with the development on Cumwell Lane and had asked for 4 large stones to use as signs; 2 for Jubilee Walk, and 2 for Bramley Signs. She also confirmed that we have 13 sponsorships for the trees out of the 26.

b) Grants

- 12.04 Clerk R Thompson noted she has not yet received an answer with regards to the funding grant for the annexe but has received lots of questions about the hall usage; she confirmed they need assurance and proof of hall usage predicted if the grant was given and had questioned whether financially the Parish Council could run another building.

c) Update from recent CAP meeting

- 12.05 The Clerk mentioned that at the recent CAP meeting it was mentioned that they are going to look at putting a camera for fly tipping on Slacks Lane. The Flash Lane crossing was also highlighted, as it was noted there is some funding. Clerk R Thompson highlighted that there was a recent accident involving a child crossing from the playground.
- 12.06 She confirmed there would be some speed monitoring signs on Flash Lane.
- 12.07 It was also highlighted at the CAP meeting that the crime data for the area is relatively low; she noted there was an assault on the MUGA recently, but the police have checked the CCTV for that and identified the people involved.

d) Youth Club Internal Wall

- 12.08 It was suggested to reopen the internal wall between the main hall and the café area with concertina doors so when events are running it can be opened up to accommodate. The Clerk shared it is quoted at £2216 including VAT to complete the work.
- 12.09 Cllr D Jackson proposed the work on the internal wall should go ahead and concertina doors be installed. Vice Chair D Hardwick seconded the proposal. Unanimous agreement.

13.00 Double Yellow Lines

- 13.01 Cllr J Moore noted that Cllrs should look around the village at the areas where cars are parking dangerously and then seek to double yellow line them, particularly on corners.
- 13.02 The Clerk noted she could speak with M Hill about these and see if he can come out and assess. Cllr I Handley asked for Bentley Road to be looked at within that as well.

13.03 Clerk R Thompson noted that Old Hall Drive had requested resident permits for parking on there as there are concerns that when the new development is completed, nonresident cars will end up parking there.

14.00 Items of confidentiality not for publication

None

15.00 Urgent items placed on the agenda from item three

15.01 Cllr D Jackson highlighted that we were left with a large archive of photos by an elderly lady and requested that we look into having a Bramley Parish Council archive to preserve these documents and photos.

15.02 Cllr J McVann agreed it would be useful to have them all saved and suggested scanning them internally first to digitise them.

15.03 Chair M Brown stated that for the history of the village it would be worth doing.

16.00 Matters of information and report from councillors' present

None

Meeting concluded at 9:13pm

Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record:

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