

Bramley Parish Council Meeting – 14th February 2023 **Bramley Village Hall, Cross Street, Bramley**

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

Chair opened the meeting and sent condolences on behalf of Bramley Parish Council to Cllr J McVann and the family with regards to her husband.

He congratulated Assistant Clerk E Harris on her engagement, and confirmed there were no submitted questions to discuss.

1.00 Public Forum and Crime and Disorder in the Community

None

2.00 To receive apologies for absence

2.01 Apologies received:

Cllr J Bradwell

Cllr J McVann

Cllr D Sayner

Cllr I Handley

2.02 Present:

Chair M Brown

Vice Chair D Hardwick

Cllr C Makin

Cllr D Tattersfield

Cllr A Cooke

Cllr J Simmons

Cllr J Moore

Cllr D Jackson

Cllr R Holyhead

2.03 Staff Present and Guests:

Clerk R Thompson

Assistant Clerk E Harris

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

3.01 Cllr D Jackson asked for the speed limits on Sandy Land to be discussed. Chair agreed to place under item 15.

3.02 Vice Chair D Hardwick asked for the Electrical Cable Trunking to be added. This was placed under item 15.

3.03 Cllr D Tattersfield asked for a discussion around moving the War Memorial Lantern. This was added 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 any matters arising from the previous minutes, for information only

None

6.00 To approve minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

6.01 Cllr J Simmons proposed the minutes of the January 2023 Parish Council Meeting to be a true and accurate record thereof. Cllr D Jackson seconded the proposal. Majority favour, with Cllr J Moore and Cllr D Tattersfield abstaining due to absence.

7.00 Parish Council and Bramley Village Trust Finances

7.01 Chair M Brown noted under the Village Trust payments made section, the £95.00 listed as 'Hall Hire' should be under income not expenditure.

7.02 Cllr A Cooke pointed out that the payment to RMBC for the Grange Allotments is listed twice at £31.25. Clerk R Thompson agreed to check up on this and the amount as it is usually higher.

INPUT FINANCE ONCE CORRECTED

8.00 Bramley Village Trust Accounts

None

9.00 Committee Updates

a) Events Committee

9.01 Chair M Brown confirmed the indoor car boot sale is Sunday this week, and Clerk R Thompson mentioned that Dave would be setting up.

9.02 Vice Chair D Hardwick confirmed himself and Cllr J Simmons would talk about organising refreshments for that tomorrow.

- 9.03 The Clerk noted that the craft fair on March 5th is fully booked.
- 9.04 Cllr J Moore asked about the team size for the Pie/Peas and Quiz night. Clerk R Thompson stated that the tables will be laid out in sixes, and noted we have tickets left with 20 already sold.
- 9.05 Chair M Brown mentioned that the coffee shop is going well and there are lots of new faces each week, so seems to be increasing.
- 9.06 The Clerk gave an update on the circus; she confirmed she has been sent lots of resources to help with the advertising, and noted they have been up to check the gate width already to confirm the vehicles will fit through.
- 9.07 Regarding the Lost Chord event, Chair noted we have received lots of letters from the children of Bramley Grange school expressing their thanks so the Clerk has written to each pupil individually.

b) Cemetery

- 9.08 Vice Chair D Hardwick gave an update and commended Dave for the work he's been doing.
- 9.09 Cllr D Tattersfield noted a parishioner had complimented the cemetery and noted the difference with the older graves is amazing. Chair agreed he had also received lots of compliments from people about the cemetery.
- 9.10 Clerk R Thompson noted there is currently no update with Mr X. She also noted that Mr Z had produced a hand written receipt with the cost and so she confirmed she is waiting on an official receipt of the full price from the stone masons before any payments are made.
- 9.11 Vice Chair noted someone had commented on dog fouling in the cemetery so new signs are going to be put up. Chair M Brown stated most of it is likely wildlife.

c) Youth Club

- 9.12 Cllr Simmons noted the youth club has been well attended on Thursdays, and the feedback from parents and young people has been positive. She stated the police attended a few weeks back which went well, and confirmed plans to run a first aid course with them in March.

Cllr J Simmons left the meeting at 7:22pm.

- 9.13 Chair M Brown gave an update on Active Regen and expressed concerns on how the previous holiday club was run previously and noted the full week club didn't run as well as the one spread out across the weeks.
- 9.14 Cllr A Cooke mentioned that it was discussed previously at the meetings about asking whether Active Regen could do a couple of days a week. Clerk R Thompson noted she had approached this already with them and they had declined.

Cllr R Holyhead left the meeting at 7:26pm.

- 9.15 Chair M Brown shared his thoughts about asking Shaz and Cllr J Simmons to run the club instead. Clerk R Thompson read out thoughts from Cllr Simmons stating that she felt best to ask Shaz due to concerns over last years low staff numbers with Active Regen and the age bracket of 5-16 all being combined.
- 9.16 Clerk mentioned she had spoken with Shaz and she had confirmed she could do 2 days a week throughout the summer holidays bar the final week, and mentioned the Parish Council could apply for the youth provision fund.
- 9.17 Cllr D Jackson noted the week in one block doesn't work for Bramley.
- 9.18 Chair proposed that we ask Shaz and Cllr J Simmons to go ahead with the holiday club on a 2 day a week basis spread out through the 5 weeks. Cllr C Makin seconded. Unanimous favour.

Cllr J Simmons re-entered the meeting at 7:30pm.

- 9.19 The Chair mentioned we have been given a full sized tennis table.

10.00 To consider applications for planning permission

None

11.00 Chairman's report to the Parish Council

- 11.01 Chair M Brown confirmed he is continuing to liaise with the schools and support the coffee shop. He noted he had attended the Church coffee morning on Saturday and expressed that it is important to support them as they have massively support the council. Clerk R Thompson gave an update regarding the break in at the church.
- 11.02 He thanked the Clerks daughter for her help and support at the last coffee morning.

Cllr R Holyhead re-entered the meeting at 7:36pm.

- 11.02 The Chair confirmed he has emailed the Chair of the planning board as a resident, without the Cllr title, to ask about the strategies for traffic management on Flash Lane/Sandy Lane for the Warehouse building. He noted there are already large vehicles using those roads so has asked them for an update on the management measures they are/will be implementing.
- 11.03 Chair M Brown also noted we have had no contact from Redrow yet regarding traffic for the new housing development.

12.00 Clerk's report to the Parish Council

a) Allotment update

- 12.01 The Clerk confirmed herself, the Chair, Vice Chair, Cllr C Makin, Cllr A Cooke and Cllr J Bradwell attended the meeting with the allotment holders recently to discuss the hand over and answer public questions. She noted lots of the allotment holders were only made aware by the Allotment Association of the changes in January, despite Bramley Parish Council giving notice in October.

- 12.02 Clerk R Thompson noted the Allotment Association secretary has been emailing her a lot stating they are unsure of the next steps and the reasons for them, despite these being made very clear already. She mentioned she has asked for the date and time of their AGM but he is yet to confirm that.
- 12.03 She confirmed the head of the National Allotment Society has drawn up tenancy agreements, rules and created handover packs for the Parish Council to use.
- 12.04 Chair M Brown stated in the meeting that the allotment land was not being taken over by Bramley Parish Council to be sold for building, it is staying as an allotment site; he noted that nothing is changing for the allotment holders except who the management is being done by and who rent is paid to. The idea of Bramley Parish Council retaking control of the management of the site was to more fairly manage the lists, and holders.
- 12.05 Chair M Brown stated the main issue currently is that we don't have contact for the current allotment holders as the secretary hasn't yet sent them. Clerk noted we have names, but not the contact details or which plot they hold.
- 12.06 Cllr A Cooke expressed concerns over the lack of communication from the Allotment Association with the current holders and the misguided information they appear to have been given in some cases.
- 12.07 Clerk R Thompson confirmed we have the proof of ownership deeds for Wadsworth Road allotment site.
- 12.08 Chair M Brown noted we have to vote on whether to continue the process of taking back management. Cllr J Moore proposed Bramley Parish Council continue with the process of reclaiming management of the Wadsworth Road allotments. Cllr D Tattersfield seconded the proposal. Majority favour, Cllr R Holyhead abstained.

b) Jubilee Hall Funding

- 12.09 Clerk R Thompson noted the roof replacement quotes are high but confirmed she has looked into and applied for some funding that covers the replacement of the roof to allow fitting of solar panels, which would cost around £14,900, as opposed to the £27,000+ the council would pay otherwise. She stated there is a deal on solar panels that we can claim as well to buy and fit them at a fraction of the cost, which covers electrical wiring, a new eco friendly boiler, and anything else required. Due to the tight turn around she noted she had already applied for this.
- 12.10 Vice Chair D Hardwick proposed that the application made by the Clerk for the Jubilee Hall Funding be approved and agreed. Chair M Brown seconded the proposal. Unanimous agreement.

c) Cemetery

- 12.11 Cllr J Moore asked about wheelchair access in the cemetery. Chair M Brown confirmed they can get through the side gate. Cllr J Moore asked whether another path could be put in; Vice Chair D Hardwick agreed to look at the area where the depression is being filled in and levelled to see if it would be possible to put a path there.

12.12 Clerk R Thompson noted we received a request for a bench near the new cremation plots as currently there is no where to sit at that end.

d) Playground

12.13 Clerk R Thompson noted the seesaw failed the inspection due to the internal bearings being worn, however she confirmed it is still under warranty so we have the parts for replacement for free. Dave and the RMBC inspectors are going to fit them.

e) Summer Planting

12.14 Clerk confirmed she has spoke with Hobsons about the cost of hanging baskets and noted a cheaper option would save around £1,000. She also noted we pay Hobsons to maintain the square planters fortnightly.

12.15 Chair M Brown stated that he receives lots of compliments about the hanging baskets around the village, so expressed his opinion to keep them as they are. Clerk R Thompson recommended the council keep the hanging baskets but relook at the bedding plants; she explained lots get thrown away usually and there are some being planted where members of the public can't see them.

12.16 Cllr C Makin proposed we maintain the current hanging baskets and purchase as normal, but cut back on the amount of bedding plants. Cllr J Simmons seconded the proposal. Unanimous approval.

f) Other

12.17 Clerk R Thompson confirmed the newsletter is printed and that she would be collecting it tomorrow ready for them to be sent out with Rotherham Life on the 20th.

12.18 The Clerk noted that the Buckingham Group, developers for Cumwell Lane, have agreed to look at new fencing for the scouts.

13.00 To receive an update from Cllr Tattersfield

13.01 Cllr D Tattersfield gave an update on the meeting he had with Nat Porter and Andrew Moss regarding a proposed crossing on Cross Street, and noted timescales would be looking at 2025/2026. He confirmed Aldi have been approached about their community fund too.

13.02 The Chair expressed concerns that the crossings there will lead to more congestion in the village and would also be more dangerous for people crossing if cars are turning. He noted that even if the left turn is removed, cars are still likely to make the turn illegally.

13.03 Cllr A Cooke noted that there isn't a very number of people attempting to cross at that part of the road, usually people move further down Cross Street where it is far easier. He also mentioned that in general people don't tend to use the crossings that are currently there on the cross roads, making reference to the idea that the majority of the local people know the

sequence of the lights and cross without ever using the pelican crossing buttons. He stated the crossing if put in would likely not be majorly used.

- 13.04 Cllr C Makin noted the priority would be a crossing on Flash Lane near the playground and Youth Centre.
- 13.05 Chair M Brown noted that public opinions would need to be gathered, and that the general consensus among Cllrs currently is that more information would be needed.

14.00 Items of confidentiality not for publication

None

15.00 Urgent items placed on the agenda from item 3

- 15.01 Cllr C Makin asked for the Parish Council to write regarding the speed limits on Sandy Lane. Cllr Jackson noted the 50mph speed limit on the lower part of Sandy Lane comes into part of the residential areas, so should be dropped to 30mph. The Clerk noted on the new plans for that road the speed limit is listed as 40mph but agreed that it is too high.
- 15.02 Cllr C Makin asked about the speed display boards and whether we could apply for some on Flash Lane and Sandy Lane to attempt to deter cars from going over the limit. Cllr A Cooke mentioned that those signs are not enforceable and so expressed that unless high speeds can be followed up on people won't take much notice of the signs.
- 15.03 Cllr D Jackson highlighted that Bramley doesn't have signs when entering the village. Cllr A Cooke asked whether the Cumwell Lane development has unearthed any large pieces of stone that could be engraved with 'Bramley'.
- 15.04 Cllr J Moore asked for double yellow lines on corners to be added to the next agenda.
- 15.05 Cllr D Tattersfield mentioned that when pulling onto Church Lane from Westfield Road you cannot see up the lane due to parked cars so could do with requesting a mirror to be attached across the street.
- 15.06 Vice Chair D Hardwick mentioned the electrical wire trunking in the youth centre main hall needs redoing; he not they are overheating due to being overcrowded so wires need splitting up. He confirmed the cost at £675. Clerk R Thompson confirmed we have someone to do the job, and needs to be done as it's a matter of safety.
- 15.07 Cllr D Tattersfield asked for the moving of the Memorial Lamp to be rediscussed and revoted upon. Vice Chair D Hardwick expressed his opinion that the lamp would be better in the war memorial with the cenotaph.
- 15.08 Chair M Brown noted that at the minute people in cars can see the lamp when driving however that wouldn't be the case if it was moved as it would be much lower down. Cllr J Simmons and Cllr C Makin agreed generally people walking by or driving by wouldn't be able to see it.
- 15.09 Vice Chair D Hardwick proposed the war memorial lamp be moved from its current place into the War Memorial garden area. Cllr J Moore seconded the proposal, Cllr D Tattersfield

in favour. Cllr A Cooke, Cllr C Makin, Cllr J Simmons and the Chairman against. Cllr D Jackson abstained.

16.00 Matters of information and report from councillors present

16.01 Cllr J Moore expressed his thanks for the cards and the support from Cllrs.

16.02 Cllr D Tattersfield mentioned the blood kits and highlighted the recent stabbing near the cemetery. Chair M Brown noted that the council was advised by a Cllr, a registered nurse, that they were a waste of time and money.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record:

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