

Bramham cum Oglethorpe

Minutes of the Annual Parish at

6 pm on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at the Bramham Parish Centre

In attendance 6 Cllrs, 4 members of the public, Ward Cllr Harrington, Ward Cllr Lamb and Bramham Parish Council clerk.

1. The minutes of the Parish Meeting on 16th May 2023 were received.
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Huggins and Ingham
3. Annual Crime Report
 - Updates from the monthly PACT meetings are included in the minutes of the council meetings. Speeding remains a concern for many residents and the 3 static SIDs funded by the council have now been ordered from LCC.
 - There has been no significant change in the number of crimes reported in Bramham over the last year. There are 3 sites in Bramham with potential issues because they are accessible
 - Bramham House which is monitored by a private security company .
 - Alms House Hills which is accessible as the hoarding has been removed. Incidents there have been reported to the police and LCC Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.
 - Church Hill – whilst no offences have been reported there the site is unsightly.
 - Burglaries and thefts are low compared with other area in the Wetherby Ward.
 - An additional PCSO is in post in the Wetherby Ward.
4. The Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council was received. This has been published in the Annual Newsletter which is on the website. The chair hi-lighted the following issues which have had a significant impact in the village over the last year.
 - Bramham House development – this has caused residents a lot of concern. LCC have not received a further planning application for the site following the refusal of the previous application. There are issues with the tree works as they may or may not have been undertaken under the terms of the previous planning permission.

Cllr Lamb advised that a Pre-application notification has been received by LCC last week from the developers. No information about the nature of the proposed application is available.
 - Bramham Post Office and shop. When there was a risk of the shop and Post Office closing councillors contacted the Post Office about the option of opening an outreach Post Office at the Parish Centre. Councillors had discussions with the owner of the premises to encourage them to continue the premises as a shop and Post Office. It is positive news that the shop and Post Office have remained in the village and seem to be thriving.
 - Parish Centre redevelopment. It took many years to redevelop the site but now it is open and working well. It is currently used during the day on an open access basis and most evenings Monday to Friday it is hired by a range of organisations in the village. Ward Councillors, The Community Fund and the Parish Council were thanked for funding the work. Cllr Mark Tozer was thanked for his work coordinating with the architect and the builder. The Community Fund for also

thanked for providing funds for the hard and soft landscaping. Thanks were given to Jane Paterson for her work in planning and planting the Parish Centre garden. Jane has now set up a group of volunteers to maintain the garden

In the coming year:

- Cleaning of the War Memorial should start at the beginning of June. There will be parking restrictions in place while the work is being undertaken
- 3 Static SIDs will be installed shortly
- There has been some minor antisocial behaviour at the Parish Centre including damage to 3 of the tables. The council will be discussing measures to limit this. It was noted that the more the centre is used during the day the lower the risk of further incidents.

5. Presentations from community groups

- A representative of the Village Hall confirmed that a report from the Village Hall was contained in the Annual Newsletter.

6. Matters to be raised by the Electorate

- A resident noted that the Neighbourhood Plan is due for review. The queried:
 - How will the council engage with the community in establishing the priorities of the review?
 - How will the council look ahead to the future of the community as part of the review?
 - Will the council use examples of other communities who have reviewed their Neighbourhood Plan?

Cllr M Corrigan confirmed that a Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group has been set up with Terms of Reference. The first step will be to establish where it can obtain advice from before beginning the process of the review. Cllr M Corrigan confirmed that it will not be an introspective process and will ensure that external groups become involved. The plan should, hopefully, be tailored to all age groups.

The resident queried who the council will involve younger residents. Ward Cllr Lamb noted that Wetherby Town Council used schools and youth forums to do this. Cllr Lamb advised that the review should ensure that the language in the plan is tightened up to ensure that it is clear what the policies are.

- A resident thanked all the councillors for the time and effort they have put into their work on the council

In conclusion Cllr M Corrigan thanked all the councillors and the clerk for their work during 2023/2024.

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The meeting concluded at 6.45 pm

