

PRESENT: Cllrs:- P.D. Evans (Chair), A.S. Ellis, K.W.J. Innocent, M.A. Fox,
L.D. Blanchard, J.E. Dickson, K.J. Duxbury, R.A. Gibson,
M.R. Rhodes

OTHERS: S. Craven, D. Easby, I. Dalton, C. Suddaby, A. Mackie,
V. Whitbread, PCSO R. Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:- C.C. Pool (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL/PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cllr Blanchard declared an interest as the relative of a recipient of one of the payments.
Cllr Fox declared an interest as a resident of Bramham Park Estate (Leeds Festival licence application).

3. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO Jackson said that the crimes in December were a Burglary (other) at the Meadow Lane allotments, a theft of milk from the Post Office and Criminal Damage to a window on Bowcliffe Road . An arrest had been made in connection with the burglary. There had been no notified crimes in December 2010.

4. YOUTH CLUB

The Clerk said that in addition to the letter presented at the last meeting and subsequently circulated to members, a further email had been received from Mr Macklin. He had consulted with Ms Tansey and Ms Hudson which supported the claim that LCC had not taken the equipment which is alleged to be missing. He does say that some items were disposed of at the request of the Village Hall committee but these were damaged and thought to be of little value. He is willing to return all the ex-Bramham equipment in his possession. A letter had also been received from Mrs Craven which had been circulated to members.

Resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to address the meeting on a Notified Agenda Item. Mrs Craven said that her recollection was different from that of LCC in that she handed over X-boxes, playstations and games and a £50 float for the tuck shop. There was considerable debate about how and where the equipment disappeared. It was thought unlikely that any of the equipment would ever be recovered. It was also unclear whether the equipment concerned was covered by the insurance of the Village Hall, the Youth Club or LCC. In any event, it was not thought likely that a successful insurance claim could be made without involving the police which could be damaging within the community. **Resolved** to resume Standing Orders. Cllr Dickson said that his view was that this was not a Council issue. The Council did not own the equipment, and had not been involved directly in the running of the club. Whilst Parish funds had been donated to the club, this had been done without reservation. **Resolved** that the Council should not pursue this matter further. It was thought that there was still a need for some organised activity for the youth of the village and that Mr Macklin be approached for his suggestions. Clerk to contact Mr Macklin.

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 8 December having been circulated to all members, were **agreed** as correct, save that it was noted that there was no Minute 8 as the Youth Activity had been covered under Minute 4.

6. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE (not covered by Agenda items)

Leeds City Council

Minutes of Strategic Housing Market meeting 15/12/10.

Preliminary information on Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations 2012. Clerk to copy to Cllr Innocent.

Minutes of the Allotments Working Group 10/10/10.

New Electoral roll.

Invitation to send 2 delegates to a Planning Conference on 1/3/11. **Agreed** that Cllrs Evans and Innocent should attend, with the Clerk as reserve.

YLCA

Briefing on Draft Localism Bill

Change of date of Leeds Branch meeting

Adverse weather conditions

Complaints from residents in several villages including Bramham that LCC was failing to clear snow from minor roads and suggesting that local farmers be contracted to clear them. There are some key issues, including the implications of Double Taxation and Insurance. Cllr Robinson of Harewood Ward had led a delegation to LCC Highways who are now looking at options.

Dropped Kerbs

Permission is required from LCC. Clerk to check whether private contractors can be used and whether there is a specification.

Church Hill

LCC is to send a letter to residents informing them that resurfacing is imminent.

7. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Cllr Blanchard reported back on the meeting to discuss the work needed on the playground. It was **agreed** that the Council should first address the Medium risk item and any which can be easily accommodated at the same time.

The metal gate mechanism needs adjustment to make action less violent. Clerk to ask Mr Simpson to adjust.

Clerk to circulate a list of the Low risk items and proposed actions.

The report had identified a risk with the disused goalposts. The Football Club has been asked several times to remove them. **Resolved** that as the issue is now threatening the Council's insurance position, that the BSLA/Football Club be given 4 weeks to remove them otherwise the Council will hire a contractor to remove them and pass on the costs. Clerk to advise them.

8. TREES ADJOINING ORCHARD COURT

Cllrs Rhodes and Dickson were scheduled to look at the sycamore tree and the blackthorn hedge on 6 January and report back at the February meeting.

9. LEEDS FESTIVAL

Festival Republic has applied to amend the licence for the Festival to progressively increase the numbers by 5000 a year in each of the next 5 years. It was thought that the only impact on Bramham would be an increase in the traffic, although it was pointed out that more of this

now seems to be using the entrances on the A64. **Resolved** not to lodge an objection to the application.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following new application:

P/10/05508/FU/HE – Blackfen House, Almshouse Hill – Repositioning of outbuilding

– No Council objections.

An application is imminent for an extension at 1 The Knoll which will need to be considered under the delegated arrangement. As the next door neighbour, Cllr Innocent declared an interest and it was **resolved** that Cllrs Evans and Gibson be consulted on the proposal.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved that the following accounts be passed for payment:

C.C. Pool (Clerk's remuneration Oct-Dec)	£970.00
C.C. Pool (Clerk's expenses Oct-Dec)	£150.64
J. Butler (Caretaker remuneration Sep-Dec)	£59.00
S. Blanchard (Cleaner remuneration Oct-Dec)	£44.00
M. Nichols (Gardener remuneration Oct-Dec)	£88.00
K & P Simpson (Allotment fencing)	£630.00

12. MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

O.P. Garden Mr and Mrs Nichols have now relinquished their responsibilities. Cllr Innocent said that he would approach Mr Howland.

Christmas tree Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr Lane Fox for donating the tree.

Future meetings The Clerk had circulated the dates for 2011. It was noted that the May meeting will be on the second Wednesday because of the election.

Freely Lane Parking Cllr Fox reminded the Clerk that a letter had yet to be sent to the Football Club about using one of their members as a warden.