

PRESENT: Cllrs:- V.M. Whitbread (Chairman), L.D. Blanchard, R.A. Gibson,
J. Halliday, F. Henderson, K.W.J. Innocent, A.J. Mackie,
M.R. Rhodes.

OTHERS: B. Jackson & N. Morley (Police), I. Dalton, S. Jones,
T. Silverwood, M. Lynch, S. Rothery, C. Gibson.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Batt.

2. DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL/PERSONAL INTERESTS

All councillors have now completed their Register of Interests document.

Cllr Mackie declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the draft plans for Bramham House.

3. POLICING MATTERS

The belated report from April was received. There had been the theft of a tractor and trailer from the lay-by on Toulston Lane. This compared with 2 crimes in 2010. In May there were a Theft from dwelling on Milnthorpe Way, theft from vehicle on Front Street and theft of window boxes and hanging basket from Front Street. There were 4 crimes in the same period in 2010.

Members asked about the position on travellers. The situation is apparently quite complex depending upon the ownership and use of the land. For example an immediate eviction can take place on a Site of Scientific Interest, whereas in many cases a court order is needed.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 11 May having been circulated to all members, were **agreed** as correct subject to the following corrections:

It had been resolved that Cllrs Blanchard and Mackie be appointed to the Allotments Committee. The date for the Leeds Festival Ticket Meeting was 18 May, not 17.

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

Resolved to exclude the press and public to discuss a confidential item.

Resolved to readmit the press and public.

NHS West Yorkshire

NHS had queried the response last month to the pharmacy application. The Clerk had responded that the Council understood that the latest application was for a pharmacy at the Medical centre which would replace the current dispensary and therefore there would not be two competing facilities. NHS had replied that this was not the case and the Clerk had re-checked the situation with Dr Nicholls who had said that he supports the latest application. It was **agreed** that the Council did not need to modify its response.

An earlier application from Mr Hussain has been rejected.

Training

Cllrs Batt, Mackie and Whitbread are to attend the course in Poppleton and Cllrs Halliday and Henderson in Aston. The Chairman is to attend "In the Chair".

Bottle Bank

A resident had complained about glass around the bottle bank and the Clerk had tidied up the main fragments and requested a road sweeper from LCC.

Firbeck Road trees

A resident had contacted the Council to state that she had just left hospital and was unable to trim her trees. It was suggested that the offending trees might be outside the Firbeck Road gardens and therefore on LCC Highways' land. Cllr Mackie said she would take this up with Highways.

YLCA

Notification of Leeds Branch meeting. The Chairman said she would be attending.

Playing Field Fence

Several rails had been removed from the fence. Because of the proximity of the travellers, the Clerk had organised an emergency repair from Mr Simpson. Mr Simpson had suggested that the gate hinges be welded to prevent theft of the gate. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should ask Mr Simpson to do this. It was also suggested that it would be useful to have a pedestrian entry near the gate. Clerk to ask Mr Simpson to quote for this.

Police vehicle

Wetherby Town Council is currently contributing over £4000 pa to support a Community Police vehicle and is looking for annual contributions from the villages at a rate of 5p per elector starting in 2012/13. For Bramham this is less than £70. **Agreed** that the Council will be willing to make this contribution. Clerk to reply to Wetherby TC.

Service 923 Otley-Tadcaster

The Clerk had seen a letter stating that the future of this bus service was under review. One possible option would be to divert it through Clifford and Bramham to give a link to Tadcaster for connection to the Coastliner. Clerk to contact WY Metro and lodge the Council's interest.

6. LEEDS FESTIVAL TICKETS

Cllr Henderson reported back on the meeting on 18 May. Applications for the 400 tickets totalled 464. Of these some 402 were totally valid applications and the rest were in some way non-compliant. The meeting had reduced this to 429 and a request had been made to Festival Republic to increase the allocation to this figure. This was accepted. Subsequently one cheque had been dishonoured and it was **agreed** that these tickets be reallocated to one family who had perhaps been erroneously excluded at the meeting. Clerk to offer tickets to this family. Cllr Henderson said that Cllr Procter had indicated that he would be asking Festival Republic for additional tickets. The Clerk expressed his reservations about the Council getting involved in a multi-stage process as once news about additional tickets was circulated there could be additional administrative problems.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr Mackie said that she had been researching this and found the Council Communications toolkit which gave examples of methods by which Councils could communicate with their electorates. She outlined some of her ideas such as newsletters, meetings, flyers and emails. She also suggested that copies of Council documents such as the minutes could be held in files in strategic locations such as the Post Office. It was **agreed** that Cllr Mackie should put together some proposals for consideration at a future meeting. Cllr Blanchard said he would be prepared to assist in this activity.

8. UDATE OF PARISH PLAN

Cllr Gibson outlined the process that led to the production of the Parish Plan in 2005. There had been general agreement in the Council for some time that the Plan needed updating, but

the main issue was the shortage of volunteers to engage in the activity. Cllr Mackie said that she was interesting in leading this activity and said that she would start by pulling elements from the Communications programme into the activity and look into what was needed to be done. The Clerk said that as a result of the Localism Bill, there might be a need to produce a Neighbourhood plan, and the Council should consider whether the Parish Plan could form part of that. He confirmed that Mr Robinson of DPP had agreed to attend the September meeting.

9. BRAMHAM SPORTS & LEISURE ASSOCIATION

The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr John Procter has advised that the sale of Bramham House is likely to be imminent, and that monies available from it would enable the situation re funding of the pavilion to be discussed in the wider context of the village as a whole, taking into account needs of other bodies such as the Village Hall. Because of this he had advised deferring this agenda item for a month. It was **agreed** to do so.

10. COUNCIL MINUTES

Resolved that the process for the production and publication of minutes should continue as previously. The Clerk will produce the draft minutes and copy them to the Chairman to check for errors and omissions. Then will then be posted on the Council website and subject to approval at the following meeting.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

A resident had queried the design brief for the development at Bramham House. In particular she was concerned that the site would be over developed and that it would not be in keeping with the Conservation Area guidelines. The Council view was that the site had been identified as a brownfield site in the LCC Unitary Development Plan and the Council had never objected to the site being developed for housing. The Council had not been consulted over the Design brief, but nor had it expected to. The next opportunity for the Council to lodge any objections will be when the developer submits a planning application. Members commented that there did seem to be a large number of trees being retained. The Council also noted that it stands to benefit financially if the development goes ahead. Clerk to respond to the resident.

The Planning Working Group set up to discuss the Biomass application had met on 13 May and a comprehensive objection written mostly by Karen Duxbury had been lodged with LCC on 27 May. This objection which is also on the website has been copied to Alex Shelbrooke MP, Nigel Adams MP, the Ward Councillors, Tadcaster TC, Aberford & District PC and WARDEN. Ms Duxbury is contacting Tadcaster Grammar School, Leeds University Farms and Humphrey Smith and Cllr Innocent Cater Jonas and the Bramham Park Estate. He said that there was little interest from the Wetherby News as they were generally in favour of “green” initiatives. It was **agreed** that the group should convene again soon to review its actions and consider the next steps. It was **agreed** that the Council should write and thank Ms Duxbury for her invaluable assistance.

The following applications have been approved by LCC:

P/11/00662/FU/NE – Highway maintenance compound, Spen Common Lane – Single storey extension to office

P/11/01309/FU/HE – 24 Firbeck Road – Single storey extension to side/rear.

P/11/01279/FU/HE – Laurel Farmhouse, High Street – Single storey extension to garden store.

There were no new applications to consider.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved that the following accounts be passed for payment:

AWM Ltd (Waste disposal)	£73.57
Broker Network Ltd (Annual Insurance)	£1721.95
YLCA (Training for Cllrs Whitbread, Batt, Mackie)	£105.00
YLCA (Training for Chairman)	£115.00
SLCC (Clerk training)	£24.00
K & P Simpson (Playing field fence repair)	£45.00

13. MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Dogs

The Chairman had received a letter from a resident about dogs which was too late for inclusion on the agenda. Clerk to put on the agenda for July and send a letter to the resident pointing out that LCC policy is to allow dog waste to be put in any of their bins.

Playing Field

One of the new signs has been screwed into a tree. Mr Jones was asked to have it removed.

BSLA

Cllr Mackie said that she would now be available to attend some meetings of the BSLA on behalf of the Council. The Chairman said that contrary to rumours she was not against the building of a pavilion.

Election

Cllr Gibson said that there were rumours circulating that the Police were involved over the recent election. The Chairman said that a complaint had been made to the police because addresses had been missed off the campaign leaflet of the newly elected members. The police advised in a letter that this was an “imprint offence” and that no action is being taken. It was made clear that LCC had failed to give the guidance to the candidates re the addresses being needed.