

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

OTHERS: PC Jen Cornes

IN ATTENDANCE: A.J. Henson (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

No public in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declaration of any prejudicial/personal interests

Cllr Blanchard declared a personal interest in the BSLA, Cllrs Whitbread and Mackie declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Financial Matters (item 15)

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of January 2012

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Whitbread/seconded by Cllr Mackie The minutes were read and approved.

4. Police matters

PC Cornes noted that two crimes had been committed; one of burglary and one of theft non-specific(theft from vans). She advised that a vehicle with registration MT51 0UU is a suspicious vehicle. There had been no further crimes since 14th January 2012. Cllr Henderson asked about the speed checks - PC Cornes is to obtain the speed detection equipment for hopefully next month.

5. To receive the Clerk's Report (including the request for a representative on the Wetherby Crime Panel)

The Clerk informed the Council that she had been approached by Boston Spa to discuss the boundary change that had previously discussed last year. After discussion the Clerk was asked to reply to Boston Spa stating that in principle we are interested in looking at this issue again but would need a coherent approach with Clifford. It was agreed the matter would be given further consideration under the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk reported that she had received a number of requests from Wetherby Crime Panel asking for a volunteer. After some discussion the Council agreed that it would like to have a representative at the meeting. Unfortunately there was no one who could attend the February meeting but Cllr Mackie can attend on 10th May. The Clerk also reported that she would look into the availability of any funding for the playground refurbishment. The Clerk then invited the Chair to provide an update on the option agreement on Freely Lane. Cllr Batt was concerned that statements by Cllr Procter in the continuing negotiations on the purchase of the Freely Lane land have not always been either totally accurate or helpful. He cited the recent example in which the parish council was informed of the proposed split in the purchase of land belonging to the village by the BSLA, and not by a

representative of Leeds City Council was a case in point. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cllr Proctor.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Whitbread/Seconded by Cllr Batt the Clerk to write by email and state that in principle we have no objection to a split of the monies over two financial years, enquire if a 50/50 split of the monies is available and ask for more precise timeframe together with a request that future communications should be directed through the Council first.

6. To receive and consider the playground committee report and receive an update on the repairs undertaken

The Council received an oral update from the playground committee and noted that the playground equipment, through age, is showing signs of wear and tear. After discussion, it was decided to look at what items could be improved in the short term with a view to looking at a revamp of the whole area. Cllr Blanchard agreed to make the appropriate enquiries.

7. To consider the arrangements for the Queens Jubilee and gala

Cllr Innocent updated the Council on his plans for the issuing of jubilee coins to the children of the village, the plans for the Gala are ongoing and there had been progress in relation to the memorial stone discussed at the January meeting. The cost for an engraved memorial stone is circa £575. The stone could be situated in the gardens at the top of Lyndon Avenue which will be called the Diamond Jubilee gardens. Cllr Innocent had also investigated the cost of seating for placing around a tree which would be approximately £400.00. The overall anticipated cost would be approximately £1000 for the tree, stone and seating. **Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Innocent/seconded by Cllr Mackie the council will spend up to £1000 on the jubilee.**

8. To discuss further steps needed in the improvement of the Bramham websites

Cllr Whitbread updated the Council in relation to the different websites and it was concluded that, at the moment, little could be done to rationalise the number of different Bramham websites. It was noted that a new website company had been formed by a local resident and it was agreed that they could be approached to discuss what services could be provided for the Council's website.

Cllr Batt agreed to speak to local website designers and find out how they can help.

9. To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, including the minutes from the inaugural steering group meeting of January

Cllr Innocent updated the council on the steering group meeting held to start the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that it is likely that a better idea would be had on housing stock numbers after the Leeds Executive Committee meeting to be held mid February. The Core Strategy of the local authority is likely to be in place in 2014.

10. To consider arranging attendance by John Woolmer from Leeds City Council to the April parish council meeting

Cllr Whitbread gave the meeting a background as to who John Woolmer was - he is in charge of the environmental team. It was agreed he should be invited to attend the April meeting. The Clerk raised query of AWM and dog faeces being placed in the AWM bin on the sports field and asked the Council to note that this meant that the bin could not be emptied. After discussion, a Councillor volunteered to remove the dog faeces to enable the bin to be emptied.

11. To consider a request from the Parish Magazine regarding funding

The Council agreed to continue with the funding of the parish magazine. **Resolved: Proposed Cllr Whitbread/seconded by Cllr Innocent to grant £392.00 to the Parish Magazine and send a letter of thanks to the organiser, Gill Young.**

12. To consider the date and venue for the next parish council meeting

The Council discussed whether the meeting should remain at the OAP Shelter for next month. After discussion it was agreed to meet at the OAP shelter next month. The Clerk was asked to circulate a list of dates for meetings.

13. To discuss the Quality Status application due for review in March

After some discussion the Clerk was asked to discuss with Sheena Spence whether the CiLCA dates matched in with the quality status application.

14. Financial Matters

To pass the following accounts for payment:

A J Henson (Clerk's remuneration, recoverable expenses and tax)	£271.00
Invoice for use of Village Hall	£28.00
Election Charges for 2011 to be paid to Leeds City Council	£2210.59
Vacuum Cleaner for OAPs shelter	£79.99
Write Design and Print leaflet production	£125.00
P Simpson (repairs to playground)	£tbc (deferred until next month)

15. To receive the BSLA update from Cllr Gibson/the Clerk

The Council received an oral update from Cllr Gibson and noted that the pavilion work was on schedule, stone for the building had been chosen, the planning conditions were discharged, there had been some extra costs with drainage but these were manageable, the builder had applied for a new water connection, mains installation on 13 February for gas was taking place, no s106 monies received to date but there it was hoped that the £108,000 due from option would be received and a portable toilet had been installed. It was further noted that a Sports carnival to be held on 20 May was planned. There was some discussion relating to the current position of the portable toilet and the Clerk was asked to enquire with the football club if it could be accommodated nearer to the hedge or by the roller enclosure. A further query was raised regarding the trees to be planted by the roller enclosure and Cllr Rhodes confirmed he is to meet with the BSLA to discuss the planting of the trees.

16. Minor items and items for the next agenda

It was noted that the position of gardener was still vacant and the Council agreed to advertise the position in the Parish Magazine. Cllr Whitbread will check what qualifications are needed for the auditor. Cllr Mackie noted the instances of fly tipping were continuing and asked for people's vigilance in this regard. There was some discussion regarding the state of the pavements generally and the Clerk was asked to find out if a list of repairs was available. Cllr Innocent informed the Council that the request for Christmas street lights had been rejected by the Community Fund. Cllr Blanchard brought to the attention of the Council the fact that the post box on end of Clifford road had fallen over. Cllr Blanchard to investigate and report to the Post Office.

Cllr Gibson agreed to look into the cycle path near McCormicks Farm which has fallen into disrepair. Cllr Gibson also stated that if street lighting was not operating correctly residents needed to note the lamp number and report it to the SLCC.

Cllr Rhodes informed the Council that the gates on Coopers field are an eyesore and asked the Clerk to check whether they needed planning permission. Cllr Henderson chased the letter re the skate park.