

Bramham Parish Council**EGM Monday 20 August 2012**

PRESENT: Cllrs: - V.M. Whitbread (Chairman), M. Batt, L. Blanchard, J. Halliday, S. Jones, A. Mackie

ABSENT: Cllr M. Rhodes

In attendance: M Lynch (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs and Henderson and Innocent

2. DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL/PERSONAL INTERESTS

None

3. TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT FOR THE 2012 LEEDS FESTIVAL

Cllr Whitbread advised the Council that because of the recent adverse weather conditions Festival Republic had reduced car parking provision at the 2012 Leeds Festival. Consequently the PC had only received 75 car parking passes for over 400 people. Cllr Henderson had written to Nick Lane Fox expressing her concerns that a 15 seater minibus would be insufficient to cope with the number of people who would need transport between the village and the festival site. However her request for additional transport had been turned down on the grounds that the Community Fund was already contributing to the cost of the bus and that the Community Fund needed to be distributed more widely.

Initially it had been thought that encouraging residents to car share and make use of the 770 service as well as the minibus would deal with the problem. However subsequent concerns about the safety of residents had resulted in a rethink.

As a result of Cllr Henderson's efforts, Festival Republic had agreed to increase the number of passes to 125, in addition the minibus operator had been asked to quote for an increased bus service which would be able to handle the estimated number of passengers.

The Community Fund had booked a 15 seater bus, which would operate between 3pm and 03.00am over 3 days at a cost of £1395. A quote of £1860 for a 35 seater bus which would operate between 11am & 03.00am over the 3 days had been received i.e. an increase of £465.

Cllr Whitbread stressed that the Council was being asked to consider meeting this additional cost to provide residents with safe access to the festival site but should not be regarded as a precedent for future years. This situation had arisen because of the late notification of the reduced number of passes and the Council would ensure that in future years

transport/car parking would be planned from the outset. Passes would be randomly allocated to residents although people living the furthest from the village or who had special requirements would receive priority. Residents who received a pass but who could manage without one would be asked to contact the Clerk so that passes could be reallocated.

Cllr Whitbread expressed her thanks to Cllr Mackie for highlighting the potential risks to ticketholders and also for enveloping tickets, passes and the covering letter. Cllr Blanchard was also thanked for volunteering to deliver the tickets to residents as well as the Councillors attending the festival who had withdrawn from the random allocation of passes.

It was **Resolved to:** meet the additional cost of the provision of a 35 seater bus to operate between 11am and 03.00am over the 3 days of the 2012 Leeds Festival, with expenditure set at a maximum of £500. Moved: Cllr Whitbread, seconded Cllr Batt.

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Chairman
5 September 2012.