

PRESENT : Cllrs :- Whitbread (Chair) Blanchard, Halliday, Henderson, Innocent, Jones, Rhodes

Others :- 13 residents and PC Alan Stead WYP

Public Session

:- A resident suggested that the BSLA article in the annual newsletter had been censored in that a statement about adult gym equipment permission had been removed. The Chair explained that she had agreed the removal of the statement, that she considered inaccurate, with the BSLA representative, who subsequently removed it. She had not censored it.

:- A resident asked for more police support re youths in the area behind the old peoples shelter and at the top of Tenter Hill at night (deferred to item 3) he also pointed out missing kerb stones outside the Red Lion

:- Update from Bramham Football club they are playing at Boston Spa and Changing in Clifford. The council offered their support and invited them to write to the council to ask for further support. They were assured by the council that it was not responsible for the delay in the completion of the pavilion.

:- A resident pointed out that the council have not been asked by the BSLA to be guarantor for the outstanding £108,000 needed to complete the pavilion

:- A resident requested that the council check it had had the latest information during the tender process for the new web site

:- A resident asked about the noise reporting during Leeds festival he was informed that it would be covered in the council update.

:- A resident queried why the July minutes simply stated that the Clerk's report had been noted. The Chair explained that this was because in that month the report contained only minor items to note, and no discussion had taken place, therefore none had been recorded.

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Batt and Mackie

2 Declaration of any prejudicial/personal interests

Cllr Blanchard and Cllr Henderson re financial issues

3 Police matters

During the month of August 2 criminal damage, 2 theft from motor vehicles, 1 Burglary other, 1 burglary dwelling. PC Stead noted the issues raised by the resident at the public session and also advised that 101 calls should be responded to within 30 minutes.

4 Minutes of meeting held 4th July 2012

Cllr Proctor had asked the Chair and Vice Chair to remove the last paragraph as he considered it defamatory. **Resolved: remove temporarily pending advice from the monitoring officer.** Subject to this change the minutes were approved as a true record. Moved Cllr Rhodes seconded Cllr Blanchard

5 Minutes of meeting held 20th August 2012

Change the wording 'festival Britain' to 'Festival Republic' . Subject to this change the minutes were approved as a true record. Moved Cllr Whitbread seconded Cllr Henderson

6 Clerks report

The report was noted. A resident's letter regarding the venue change and 'divide in the village' was discussed and a reply agreed. The reply explained the reasons for the change of venue (space for residents/facilities) and that any feedback on reasons for a divide would be welcome.

Cllr Jones asked to be copied in to the clerk's correspondence. Cllr Innocent pointed out that the clerk's report states that copies of correspondence can be received on request.

A residents had pointed out overgrown trees/foliage in the path from Folly Lane to the playing field. A polite letter will be sent to the resident whose garden is overgrowing onto the path.

7 Appointment to Archive and Allotment committee

Archive Committee :- Cllr Whitbread

Allotment Committee :- Cllr Blanchard Cllr Jones and Cllr Mackie

8 Planning matters

For information only - all noted

9 New Guidance from DCLG

New guidelines were noted. These are that if a councillor has an interest they must not take part in the discussion or vote.

10 Finance committee response

Chair explained that the proposed Government change to the 2 signature rule will enable councils to move forward with online banking. Cllr Henderson informed the council that the finance committee had met and it had been decided moving forward to have a monthly finance statement and 3 monthly finance committee meetings to ensure that finances are closely monitored.

11 To adopt amended Finance regulations 2012

The chair asked and confirmed that all councillors had a copy of the new finance regulations. Changes allow the clerk to make payments during August (subject to consultation with chair/vice chair / finance committee) rather than wait for the September meeting and to provide a monthly financial statement.

Resolved: To adopt the new financial regulations. Moved by Cllr Whitbread Seconded by Cllr Halliday

12 Up date on July Town and parish Forum

Cllr Whitbread had attended 2 meetings. The first included a presentation by the Sports and Active Life panel. The second was on highways issues, it gave some useful information which she would issue to Councillors to consider for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.

13 Update on new PC web site

The chair suggested standing orders to be suspended to allow Simon and Becky Zimmerman to update the council on the new web site , moved Cllr Whitbread seconded Cllr Halliday .

SO suspended The council were shown a preview of the new web site and were very happy with what they saw. They were informed that new data was still being collected and asked for more pictures to include with the web site. Inclusion of a directory of Bramham Businesses was discussed and a resident advised that his is available on wetherbyweb.net. They were informed that the launch date will be the council meeting in October. **SO resumed**

14 To consider grass cutting and Mole catching

Deferred awaiting quotes

15 repairs to the children's play ground

Cllr Halliday shared with the council the quote from Streetscape to repair the highlighted areas of the playground. **Resolved: if the second quote was not received within the next 7 days to delegate authority to chair and vice chair to authorise streetscape to carry out repairs** moved Cllr Halliday seconded Cllr Blanchard

Cllr Blanchard confirmed that the new swing plate had been installed to repair the gate.

Cllr Jones to contact Mr Simpson re painting issues

16 Update on the children's play ground

No new issues

17 Update on the option agreement

No update has been received from LCC. The clerk has requested an update and the Chair will pursue this further.

18 BSLA update

No further update since the meeting between the council and BSLA 28 Aug.

Cllr Jones would like more information on the due diligence information received from NLCA and YLCA

19 Funding for Bramham parish magazine

Resolved: Pay the £200 donation previously agreed for the annual newsletter under section 137. Moved Cllr Whitbread seconded Cllr Rhodes.

The Parish Church Magazine serves the whole village and its costs are not met by the advertising revenue. A discussion followed and it was agreed in principle to cover the shortfall. Cllr innocent asked that the chair find out how much the church pay towards it.

20. Village recognition awards

Postponed

21 parish gardening / caretaking

Employee arrangements were agreed.

22 Leeds festival update

Cllr Henderson informed the council that there had been many issues over the whole of the weekend and was awaiting a full meeting with festival republic to discuss these issues.

In brief the bus had been very successful and there had been no issues with car parking. Unfortunately 3 tickets had been sold on the internet and these residents will not get tickets again. There had been issues with stricter enforcement of rules regarding alcohol and food being taken into the bar areas and this had caused bad feeling amongst residents. Noise levels have been reported by residents as higher this year.

Cllr Henderson assured the residents and council that all these issues would be discussed with festival republic.

23 Financial matters

The following payments were approved:

Village Hall room hire - 2 x £24.00

LCC – for Parish Council election - £5,683.13

Wetherby town Council – sponsorship of police vehicle - £69.15

Write & Design – annual newsletter - £534.00

Mrs P Harrison – Internal Audit - £64.70

K & P Builders – Play area repairs - £145.00

SLCC enrolment fee - £30.00

Hunter Coaches - £465.00

Clerk's expenses (May to Aug) - £350.29

Clerk's remuneration (July & Aug net) - £507.34

Mrs Blanchard remuneration (July & Aug) - £58.64

Mr Butler remuneration (May – Aug) - £119.36

Festival Expenses (Cllr Henderson) - £77.95

Picture Framing (Cllr Mackie) - £75.00

P35 late payment (HMRC) - £300.00

24 Minor items and items for next meeting

Cllr Rhodes was asked by a resident can the council please remind residents to bring their bins in after they have been emptied. To be noted in the Parish Magazine update.

Cllr Jones reported that the bins had not been emptied in the village square 2 weeks ago.

Cllr Innocent gave the council the cheque from the allotments and confirmed that they are covered under the council's public liability insurance.

Cllr Jones will enquire into PAT testing for the old peoples shelter he also informed the council that his telephone number is incorrect in the council notice board.

Cllr Blanchard gave an update on the sale of the village shop

Cllr Blanchard asked can the council contact the environment agency to look at the state of the beck

Also he pointed out that 1 council member is missing off the list each month in the parish magazine.

No update on neighbour hood plan due to summer break

Cllr innocent to arrange new keys for the old people's shelter

Date and time of next meeting

Wed 3rd October at 6.30 Village hall