

Bramham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 10 April 2013

Present: Cllr Whitbread (Chair), Cllrs: Henderson, Innocent, Jones, Mackie and Silverwood

Others: 8 residents

In attendance: M Lynch (Clerk)

Public Session: Cllr Whitbread congratulated Cllr Silverwood on his election and welcomed him to his first meeting.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Batt, Blanchard and Halliday
2. Disclosure of disclosable pecuniary interests or declaration of any other significant interests which may be in the public interest - none
3. Police matters. None - taken at APM
4. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 March 2013 accepted as a true record subject to the following amendment : Item 20 'Cllr Jones left the meeting during this item' moved: Cllr Jones, seconded : Cllr Mackie
5. Clerk's Report: LCC have advised that Spen Common Lane will be included in the programme of works for 14/15. However work will be subject to priorities and availability of budget. In the meantime interim repairs would be considered. The Clerk had received a reply to her email 7 March to the BSLA directors on 2 April with an offer to meet on 5 April. However this had been too short notice to convene a meeting. The BSLA had not replied to the PC's letter of 7 March seeking clarification of statements in the BSLA March update. The precept payment of £20k for 13/14 has been received. LCC have advised that it no longer supports the installation of speed awareness signs. Cllr Jones confirmed that Bramham School did not wish pupils to be involved in speed awareness campaigns. Cllrs approved the attendance of the Clerk at a training day for newly appointed Clerks **£115**. Cllr Henderson to confirm her availability for the 'Being a Good Employer' 27 April. Correspondence received:
(i) Website terms & conditions: 9a) the apparent use of the Guardian's t&c's and (b) the perceived restrictive controls of t&c's which had replaced the initial t& C's . The Clerk requested to draft a reply advising that informal permission had been received from the Guardian for the use of their terms & conditions on the new website but in view of comments received, these t & c's had been replaced pending formal approval from the Guardian. However, in view of further concerns raised by this resident about what he considered to be restrictive controls, Cllr Mackie would be meeting with Social Square to review the t& c's. Cllr Innocent suggested that the website should include a statement to the effect that should the PC remove content from the website; the PC should be required to offer an explanation if so requested. It was agreed that a further holding letter be sent to the resident regarding clarification of 'the Pavilion being given 'area priority status' by LCC. It was agreed that the PC's solicitor should be asked to advise on correspondence received from a resident opposing the lease of the playing field to the BSLA .An enclosure appeared to indicate that in 1972 the PC had committed future PC's to the non sale of the Playing Field.
6. Planning Matters Ref no: 11/01279 Laurel Farmhouse High Street LS23 6QQ: non material change noted. **Ref No: 13/01248/FU** Erection of 14 dwelling houses land adjoining Bowcliffe Rd. The Clerk was asked to submit the following comments to LCC: The PC objects to the application on the following grounds: Proposed style, type of housing and mix of materials not in keeping with village setting.

The adverse visual impact of the proposed roofline. The PC wished to see a development which included a mix of size including smaller properties. The PC is surprised to read that no crayfish had been found in the beck and also disputes the claim that there has been consultation with the PC.

7. 5 Year rent reviews. Following a review of the leaseholds by Thomlinson's it was resolved that the following values and annual rents would apply wef 1 April 2013:
 Playing fields: A Parish asset for us by residents and cannot be sold Value = £1, Rent = £1
 Alms House Hill – annual increase in line with RPI
 Red Lion Way leave: Currently £15 pa. Value is 10 x rentals. It is suggested that a more realistic value would be £450 giving an annual rent of £45.
 The Pinfold: 80sq yds with a value of £2000, = increase from £180 to £200 pa.
 Windmill Gdns: 0.2 acres of general but poor agricultural land rent to be increased from £25 to £35 pa.
 Allotments: rent based on LCC allotments rent. LCC has not increased its rents therefore no increase for Bramham.
8. Update on the neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Innocent advised that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group would take place on 22 April. Further consultation with residents was planned with a view to holding a community event in September.
9. Joint review of Polling Arrangements & Community Governance Review of Parish/Town Councils. It was **Resolved** that: the Council would support the transfer of **Low Mills Farm Tadcaster Rd** from within the boundary of Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish Council to that of Boston Spa Parish Council. Cllr Innocent confirmed that the residents had been consulted and reassured that they would still be entitled to receive Festival tickets.
10. Update on the option agreement. The solicitor has written for a third time to LCC.
11. BSLA update. None – taken at the APM
12. Play area matters: Cllr Henderson confirmed that no issues to report.
13. Old People's Shelter it was resolved that (i) with immediate effect the Old People's Shelter would be renamed the Bramham Senior Citizen's Centre and that a new sign be commissioned. Cllr Silverwood to obtain a price.(ii) that the offer of the village historic pump for the garden be accepted.(iii) That the quotation of £120 from K& P Simpson Builder's be accepted to carry out repairs to the Centre. Future movement would be monitored. Moved: Cllr Henderson, seconded Cllr Jones
14. Brainstorming: Cllr Mackie advised that the summary had not yet been produced because during the 'brainstorming' the BSLA build committee had advised that once the pavilion was completed, the current members of the committee would no longer be involved. Therefore, Cllr Mackie was unsure how the PC would progress the outcome of the session. Accordingly she proposed to a brief summary and issue to the BSLA Directors. **SO Suspended:** moved Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Silverwood. Moira Pool said that the BSLA would like to see some output and assured the PC that it would be passed on to the appropriate people. **SO resumed.**
15. Playing field lease. The date of the EM to discuss the draft lease was confirmed as 16 April 2013.

16. Financial Matters(i) It was **Resolved to:** grant £400 towards the production costs of the Parish Magazine, moved Cllr Mackie , seconded Cllr Henderson

(ii) the following accounts were passed for payment:

Clerk's remuneration	199.90
Clerk's expenses (Postage Oct – Mar)	7.80
Caretaker	23.52
Cleaner	23.52
Gardener	23.52
Gardener's expenses	35.96
HMRC (TAX & NI)	202.20
YLCA annual subscription	379.00
Village Hire (APM)	36.00
APM expenses (Cllr Whitbread)	34.43

17. Minor items and items for the next agenda

- Cllr Mackie asked what arrangements were being made to acknowledge Cllr Rhodes' long service as a Parish Cllr. The Chair advised that it was understood that Cllr Rhodes did not wish for anything other than the thanks which had been extended at the March meeting of the PC and at the APM earlier that evening
- The Clerk confirmed to Cllr Henderson that a copy of the electoral roll is available for use by the festival committee
- Cllr Jones raised the concerns of a resident about the amount of litter close to the village shop. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that such matters could be reported via LCC's website which would reduce the timescale for dealing with problems. Cllr Mackie offered to locate and photo all litter bins in the village. The Clerk offered to report any which required action to LCC. Cllr Jones also raised the outstanding issue of the installation of dropped kerbs near the old shop. The Clerk agreed to pursue with LCC.
- The Chair advised that as requested by Cllr Jones she would be arranging an EM to discuss the content of a letter which he had sent to her and the vice Chair.

18. To agree the date, time & venue of the next meeting

Wednesday 1 May 2013 Bramham Senior Citizen's Centre 7.30pm