

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

Date: 29th Sept 2011

Present: Stephen McBarron (chair), Cllr T Hanley, S May (Minutes), C Gruen, N Gibson, P Ward, S White, J & M Houseman, K Ritchie, B Coutts, S Withers, B Doughton, P Simpson, S Longley, R Verity, R Cliff, J Quimby, B Hunt, J Convey.

Apologies: Cllr D Atkinson, Cllr N Taggart, J Jose, J Lockett, C Eaton

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 Stephen McBarron welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 SMc noted that Cllr Atkinson is to stand down from the Council at the next election. The forum paid tribute to Cllr Atkinson for all her work in Bramley and a resounding thank you and best wishes were sent. The forum hopes that Cllr Atkinson continues to be active in Bramley.
- 1.3 SMc asked for any updates from the previous minutes.
- 1.4 Q) Gritbins (6.3) are there locations which are needier than the 8 noted last meeting?
A) There are 32 gritbins in Bramley, 16 new bins were requested but Area Committee money could only fund 8 and advice was taken from Officers.
- 1.5 (6.5) Officers in Highways would not support padlocking the gritbin at Ganners Shops as they should remain open to Public access at all times.
- 1.6 (6.8) War Memorial – NG was noted as able to update the group however NG can add no more than was stated at the last meeting. Cllr Hanley will ask for a new meeting with Mike Britland as there is still interest in the memorial. Cllr Hanley asked for the views of the group about the Memorial and several suggestions were discussed including –
 - As there is money available for Bramley Park, the memorial could be included in the rose garden perhaps with a plaque?
 - The memorial could be included in St Peter’s Church/Churchyard. Although this may not be suitable as the memorial would not be non-denominational.
 - The memorial could be developed in the park where there is a current memorial although the current memorial is not war related; could it be adapted?
 - The memorial should be in the central of Bramley – near the Unicorn would be suitable and would follow the precedent of other towns however it would require a new memorial building.
 Cllr Hanley will take these suggestions to the proposed meeting.
- 1.7 (Q) Is there an update about Bramley Park? (6.7)
(A) Cllr Hanley updated the group. There has been money put aside for Bramley Park which is currently with Parks and Countryside this is in the region of £160k; the money can be spent on procuring new furniture etc... although this will be subject to delivery delays. Marie Millward set up Friends of Bramley Park which has had several meetings with around 40 people attending with ideas suggested such as improvements to the gates, rose garden, footpaths, seating, playground and trees. Marie has stepped down as Secretary but hopefully will return to the group.
(Q) When would works start?
(A) Prior to the end of the financial year.

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(Q) What about Rodley Park?

(A) Rodley Park has around £70k available although Bramley Park will be tackled first and then Rodley Park.

(Q) Why isn't money shared equally between parks? Calverley Park appears to have a lot more money spent on it than Bramley and Rodley Parks do.

(A) Cllr Hanley is meeting with Sean Flesher, Chief Officer Parks and Countryside, and will ask him for an official response and a breakdown of spends on Bramley, Rodley and Calverley Parks as a comparison.

(Q) Why has the fence at the Bowling Green in Bramley Park been removed? It is now being used for football etc...

(A) Cllr Hanley will look into this.

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2.0 Police Feedback, combined PACT meeting

2.1 No Police representative attended the meeting and no apologies were heard.

2.2 SMC noted that no update had been received about the resident drug dealing, also the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBUT) have not been in contact.

3.0 Environmental Services (Claire Copley)

3.1 No Environmental Services representative attended the meeting and no apologies were heard.

3.2 The forum requested that a representative attend the next meeting.

4.0 Highways (Chris Way)

4.1 A resident thanked Highways for reacting quickly to a pothole on the junction of Ganners Lane/Mount. The pothole was filled within a few days.

4.2 CW noted that there is a 48 hour after report target and this does happen when possible.

4.3 CW updated the group on Bramley which has been quiet this financial year due to budget constraints.

4.4 The islands on the Leeds-Bradford Road have been completed. The after survey shows that average speeds have dropped within the speed limit and are now 30.3mph and 33.3mph; the limit is 40mph.

4.5 Intake Lane School access – please let CW have any feedback on the new access Chris.Way@leeds.gov.uk. Cllr Hanley noted that the residents opposite the school have asked for permit parking and he will be meeting with them to discuss this.

4.6 (Q) Is Intake school full?

(A) The school is more than ½ full, the main car park is at the side of the school; the front parking is for visitors.

4.7 (Q) Can extra litter bins be provided as there are more young people in the area? Currently the young people are expected to pick their own litter up but there are no bins available for them to do this.

(A) There is a new litter bin at the front of the school and the old bins are still present.

4.8 A resident noted that the bottom bus stop by the dry stone wall needs a litterbin. Cllr Hanley agreed to look into this.

4.9 The railings on Leeds-Bradford Road where St Benedict School used to be are bending onto the footpath and are dangerous. CW agreed to check although they are likely to be the property of the wall owner but LCC can take action to request action.

4.10 Thanks were given for the two bins in the park which are camouflaged and fit in well.

4.11 CW agreed to look into the streetlamp in the park which is within a tree and therefore constantly on.

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- 4.12 (Q) Will the PFI pay for street lighting and maintenance?
(A) Yes
- 4.13 (Q) Won't having the PFI pay for the maintenance cost a lot of money?
(A) The contract with Southern Electric is very tight and installation is very good leading to less maintenance needed.
- 4.14 A resident noted that the ginnel at Ganners Close leading onto Broad Lane is disgraceful with overgrown trees and nettles. CW stated that this would be a Housing issue and it is believed to have been reported.
- 4.15 The Islands on Rodley Town St by the Crown and Anchor, the road has subsided and the islands are prone to flooding. CW will look into this.
- 4.16 CW explained there will be limited budgets for 2012/13 and asked for any issues that the forum would like to look into. Residents suggested the following –
- Broad Lane opposite the Black Lion there is nowhere to cross safely.
 - Caller Lane – Intake Lane to Rodley High Street there is a speeding problem here which the Police monitor but a possible scheme may help
 - Rosfield Drive – there have been 2 crashes here so speed reduction may help.

CW

5.0 A O B

- 5.1 SMC invited Caroline Gruen to introduce herself to the Forum. CG is the prospective Labour Party candidate for Bramley when Cllr Atkinson stands down. CG paid tribute to Cllr Atkinson and noted that they had known each other several years. CG has already seen several familiar faces in the room and commented on the strong sense of community spirit that is evident within the forum group. CG thanked the group for allowing her to hear local issues and views.
- 5.2 A resident asked about the efficiency of council staff looking at issues after a resident has reported it. Cllr Hanley explained that there are many different teams and the right people need to be involved to solve a problem. All staff try to find solutions. There are lots of things which have been done in Bramley and each success has a lot of staff involved working in the background.
- 5.3 A 9 year old resident has asked why Moorside hasn't got a 20mph kids zone. Could an officer answer this officially for the young person at the next Moorside meeting? At the previous Bramley Forum the pilot for the role out was explained. Someone from the relevant team will attend the next Moorside meeting.
- 5.4 The staircase from Horton Rise to the Westminster needs cleaning. Cllr Hanley will ask Housing to pick this up.
- 5.5 (Q) Is the Police Officer at the Intake School an additional resource or are Bramley resources paying?
(A) An additional resource coming out of the school budget.

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Next meeting

24th November 2011

Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens,
off Waterloo Lane, Bramley