



Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council
Lands & Maintenance committee meeting minutes

Wednesday 3 April 2024
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Nigel Denison (Chairman), Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Peter Mitchell, and Roger Clements (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received from Blake Edwards.
2. Declarations of Interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and declarations from co-opted members of any conflict of interest
 - 2.1. No declarations were made.
3. Chairman reported:
 - 3.1. The committee still needed to identify an additional co-opted member with an appropriate skill set.
 - 3.2. A gardener had come forward to tend the east and west borders outside the St Peter's lych gate.
 - 3.3. The lych gate border along the bank may be tidied along its edges by the churchyard maintenance team, and otherwise be left untended for this year with a decision as to its future taken in the autumn.
 - 3.4. Clerk to investigate whether it would be feasible to hire and position a skip allowing the Raskelf Road allotment tenants to clear their plots of rubbish.
 - 3.5. Clerk asked to report the state of the Raskelf Road and pavement east of the Oak Tree to North Yorkshire Council.
4. Clerk reported:
 - 4.1. The Cobbles Care pamphlet had been distributed to those households which overlooked council owned cobbles.
 - 4.2. The Helperby surgery rear entrance was unsuitable for use by wheelchair users.
 - 4.3. An additional stretch of fencing had been added at the Back Lane allotments.
5. Public Participation – no members of the public were present.
6. Vehicle Activated Sign data
 - 6.1. Data from the VAS was continuing to populate the Council's record at each road entrance to the village and it would form part of the Council's case to for improved traffic calming measures.
7. Improvement plan for the St Peter's lych gate track
 - 7.1. The work was dependent upon funds being available and the next NYC Community Infrastructure Levy tranche should make the project viable.
 - 7.2. It was agreed that the work should be tackled in 2 phases – the first to flatten/reshape the grass surface and install drainage. The second to relay the track such that 8 Bridge Street could be accessed in a manner that avoided vehicles crossing the grassed area and provide pedestrians with a dry route to the churchyard.
 - 7.3. Various types of surfacing were discussed and Clerk to research types of meshed, porous solutions for consideration.
8. **Cobbles Project**
 - 8.1. Nothing new to report.
9. Agenda items for the next meeting:
 - 9.1. Lych gate area update.
 - 9.2. Area 2 update of Council reports on Traffic Calming and Wheelchair Access.
 - 9.3. Bridge Street unadopted portion.
10. The next meeting date was confirmed as 3 Jul 24.