

**NOTES TAKEN AT A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2005
AT CRANE MOOR CHAPEL, CRANE MOOR, AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mr S Gibbons (BMBC Highways Department), District Councillor D Toon, Mr M Dalton (Chairman of Thurgoland Parish Council) and nine members of the public (including Parish Councillors).

Mr Dalton asked the meeting if it was felt that he should chair the proceedings and this was agreed to be in order.

Mr Gibbons introduced himself and gave a brief background to his work at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

STREET LIGHTING AT CHURCHFIELD

This item was one which the Parish Council first requested in January 2002 and involves either the provision of extra street lighting or upgrading the current lights at Churchfield. It was noted that site meetings have taken place and that in September 2003 the Area Forum Officer had advised the Parish Council that he was to ask Barry Goodyear, the street lighting engineer to advise on what is required and the cost, with the intention of considering a 50/50 scheme with the Parish Council.

Mr Gibbons agreed that he would speak to Mr Goodyear and ask him to provide this information as soon as possible.

It was also noted that the Christmas Tree lights at Churchfield were not operational for a substantial period before Christmas. It was agreed that this matter will be raised at the next Parish Council meeting for further consideration.

OLD MILL LANE – WIDTH OF ROAD

Mr Dalton gave a brief resume of the ongoing problems encountered by encroachment into the width of the road at various locations and the undertaking given by Mr Gibbons both verbally and in writing that further encroachment would not be permitted. This undertaking appears to have been ignored in the case of Woodmans Cottage and Mr Gibbons advised the meeting that BMBC have granted a licence that allows the owner of Woodmans Cottage to upkeep the verge in question, but that he is aware that he does not own the verge. After a lengthy discussion Mr Gibbons agreed to have the conditions of the licence checked and advise the Parish Council accordingly.

A further issue concerning the erection of a fence at Romtickle was discussed and Mr Gibbons advised the meeting that at the moment he is in the process of dealing with this and ascertaining exactly where the highway boundary is before he can consider taking legal action. This was noted.

SIGNS AT CHURCHFIELD

The Parish Council requested that road signs advising that elderly people are around be erected at Churchfield in September 2004. An acknowledgement card has been received from Mr Hazlehurst but no further correspondence. Mr Gibbons advised that the Parish Council should follow this up and also that, as well as putting the request in writing, they should e-mail roads@barnsley.gov.uk

This item will be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

PAVEMENT AT FIR TREE/ROPER LANE

This item had been raised by the Parish Council in October 2004 following damage to the pavement adjacent to the new development known as Butterfields. Mr Gibbons had arranged for make-safe repairs to take place but these had not proved successful and the pavement is now in urgent need of repair. Mr Gibbons advised the meeting that he is aware of this and is currently in negotiations with the contractor concerned.

This item will be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

PAVEMENT FROM CRANE MOOR TO POG LANE

This item had been raised by the Parish Council in October 2004. The pavement from Crane Moor (above New Bailey) to Crane Moor Club is now considered to be dangerous and as it is the only access for anyone walking between the two it is considered to be a priority. Mr Gibbons has replied advising that it will be considered for maintenance but that no date can be given as to when the work will be carried out. Mr Dalton advised that there is one area that could cause serious injury to anyone who falls as a result of the condition of the pavement and Mr Gibbons agreed to send an inspector out as soon as possible to re-check the situation.

This item will be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

HUTHWAITE LANE AND CRANE MOOR NOOK

Both of the above locations are unadopted and as such have various issues common to both.

The following things were requested for Crane Moor Nook:-

- i) Would it be possible for BMBC to provide 'scrapings' to help with the condition of the road surface? Mr Gibbons advised that he will assist whenever it is possible to do so.
- ii) Are BMMBC responsible for the drains? Mr Gibbons advised that unfortunately they are not, although he agreed to look into the problem encountered by water running down Pog Lane across Crane Moor Road and wearing away the road surface.

- iii) Is it possible to have a grit bin at Crane Moor Nook at the junction with Pog Lane so that residents can have access to grit in the bad weather? Mr Gibbons advised that all requests for grit bins are kept on file and each year approximately 50 new bins are provide throughout the Borough. It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Toon declared an interest in this item and the following were requested for Huthwaite Lane:-

- i) The pavement along Huthwaite Lane is in urgent need of repair. Mr Gibbons advised the meeting that an order has been placed via monies from the Area Forum for this work to be carried out.
- ii) A situation has arisen concerning a wall between Ormsby Close and The Woodlands which Mr Gibbons has already responded to. It was noted that BMBC are responsible for a certain section of the wall and that the residents of Ormsby Close are responsible for the rest. Mr Gibbons advised the meeting that the residents in question should approach BMBC and that the gesture that has already been made will be re-considered. The resident concerned agreed to e-mail Mr Gibbons and take up the matter directly with him.

FOOTPATH ALONG A629

It was noted that the first stretch of this footpath is shortly to be resurfaced by BMBC with monies coming from the Area Forum and the Parish Council. However, the longer section after the top of 'Old Road' is difficult to clear as by pulling up the weeds the workers break up the surface even more. It was agreed that District Councillor Toon and Mr Gibbons will take a look at this situation with Neighbourhood Pride with a view to finding the best solution.

DRAINS ON ROPER LANE

It was noted that for many months it has been acknowledged that the drains on Roper Lane require attention as flooding occurs on a fairly frequent basis. It was agreed that the Parish Council will place this item on the agenda for the next meeting and make a formal request via e-mail for this matter to be looked into.

MANHOLE OUTSIDE POLICE HOUSE ON ROPER LANE

It was noted that a manhole has become exposed and dangerous outside the Police House on Roper Lane. Mr Gibbons advised the meeting that should anything of this nature occur, residents should telephone 01226 773555 immediately in order that it can be dealt with. It was agreed that the Clerk should also e-mail details, advising that it is believed that the manhole belongs to British Telecom.

OTHER ISSUES

A resident of Crane Moor Nook asked if it would be possible for an extra street light to be erected at Crane Moor Nook. Mr Gibbons advised that because Crane Moor Nook is unadopted it is unlikely that this request can be granted but that this item should be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting and a request made to Mr Goodyear.

It was noted that flooding problems occur at the bottom of Thurgoland Bank at Cheesbottom on a regular basis. Mr Gibbons advised the meeting that this location is currently being considered for maintenance.

The problem of extra salt boxes was raised again, this time with reference to Old Mill Lane. Mr Gibbons advised that a 'wish' list be made by the Parish Council and forwarded to the Highways Department so that it can be placed on their database. District Councillor Toon advised the meeting that she is raising this issue at Cabinet level in the near future.

Mr Dalton thanked Mr Gibbons for his attendance and the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.