

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 20TH AUGUST 2018  
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
GREGSON LANE.**

**PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLOR D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) - COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C. HINDLE, MRS S. LONG, DR. P. McGOVERN,W. NELSON, MRS B.ROBINSON, AND J. SWANN.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**4667.DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:**

The Clerk reminded Members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. No one made a declaration at this stage.

**4668. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th June 2018 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4669. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS.**

**COMMUNITY ISSUES - BOURNES ROW/SANDY LANE/WATER STREET:**

Members of the Public reported their concerns regarding traffic problems on Bournes Row and Sandy Lane. There were also parking problems at Water Street.

Resolved:- That the issues mentioned be discussed with County Councillor Snowden with the view to a traffic survey being carried out.

**RECYCLING OF PLASTIC:**

A Member of the Public had requested information regarding what was recycled. There was confusion as to what materials particularly plastic were actually recycled.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to provide detailed information regarding recycling of materials.

**AS NO OTHER MATTERS WERE RAISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

**4770. Police Liaison:**

**(A) Newsletter:**

The police did not attend the meeting.

It was reported that the police post at Clayton Brook was to be relocated to the local ASDA supermarket.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

**4471. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Mrs S. Long declared personal and non prejudicial interests in this matter in respect of being a representatives of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.*

**4472. LALC Report:**

The Clerk reported that the LALC AGM would be held on 17th November 2018 at Howick House Penwortham.

Notification of delegates was required by 26th October 2018 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting required by 5th October 2018.

It was suggested that a resolution be submitted concerning the maintenance of stiles.

Resolved:- (1). That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Dr P. McGovern be appointed the Parish Council's delegates to the LALC AGM.

(2) . That a resolution be submitted regarding the maintenance of stiles.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter being Vice Chairman of the Association).*

**4473. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**(A). FLOODING:**

There were currently no reports of flooding.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**(B). DOVER LANE/DUXON HILL:**

With regard to the ditches at Dover Lane and Duxon Hill the County Council had eventually replied that Officers have made contact with the landowner concerned who had agreed to clean out the watercourses that belonged to them in the area. Any with Highway drainage which ran into them had been attended to. This should alleviate a lot of the drainage issues from the ditches.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that nothing had been done about this.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

**(C). PIPPIN STREET:**

It was reported that the County Council had spoken with the landowner who had agreed to move the obstruction in the highway. Their inspector would revisit the site shortly to make sure this has been done.

Currently nothing had been done.

It was also reported that the entrance to the bridleway opposite Pippin Fold was closed off.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for an update on the removal of the obstruction and informed of the apparent closure of the bridleway.

**(D). STILES:**

It was reported that there had been no progress on the repair of the stiles.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

**(E). TOP OTH LANE - ROAD SURFACE:**

It was reported that the County Council had undertaken repairs to the road surface near 20 Top oth Lane.

It was also reported that there were two potholes, both potentially dangerous because they were on bends. One was on the intersection between Denham Lane and Holt Lane. The other was on the bend after Hough House Farm on Holt Lane.

These had been reported to the County Council.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

**(F). HILLHOUSE LANE - RESURFACING:**

It was reported that Hillhouse Lane had been resurfaced but the line markings need to be repainted.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to repaint the line markings.

**(G). SMITHY LANE:**

It was reported that repairs had been made to some of the potholes in Smithy Lane. However, there was a large pothole near the Community Hall.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the Clerk notify the County Council regarding the pothole near the Community Hall..

**(H). SMITHY LANE - STREET NAMEPLATE:**

It was reported that the street nameplate at the Sandy Lane end was missing.

This had been reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**(i). HEAVY GOODS TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE:**

It was reported that the County Council and Chorley Council had indicated that the problem of HGVs in the Parish was a matter for the police.

They were aware of the problem.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**(J). MARSH LANE - ROAD SURFACE :**

At a previous meeting it was reported that the road surface was deteriorating in Marsh Lane there were several potholes and the road was subsiding in certain parts.

The County Council was informed but there had not been any progress.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for an update.

**(K). FOOTPATH 41:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the footpath that leads from Hillhouse Lane to Gowans Lane near the junction with Duxon Hill, had been chained shut and "Footpath Closed" signs placed at both ends. These were not official signs.

Further, at the Gowans Lane end the finger post had been snapped off and barbed wire strung across the kissing gate. Both kissing gates had been locked shut with rusty old chain.

This had been reported to the County Council.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

**(L) . BOURNES ROW - RESURFACING:**

It was reported that the County Council had resurfaced Bournes Row.

It was also reported that work to Private Road including the filling of potholes had been completed.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

**(M). DUMPING OF RUBBISH - WATER STREET:**

A member of the public reported that several tyres had been dumped near Calverts Farm on Water Street.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed.

**4474. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Reference was made to the proposed closure of the local Magistrates Court and Chorley Council's opposition to this.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**4475. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A) Decisions:**

The Clerk reported planning permission had been granted for a development in Smithy Close and retrospective permission had been granted for a development on Sandy Lane.

Resolved:- That the decisions be noted.

**(B). Application:**

The Clerk reported that an application for development of a property on Sandy Lane had been made since the last meeting..

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments made, this would be reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the action proposed be agreed.

**(C). CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CALL FOR SITES:**

The Clerk submitted a consultation document from the Central Lancashire Team inviting the Parish Council to identify sites in the area for possible future development.

Resolved:- That the Central Lancashire Team be informed that the Parish Council does not consider there are any sites for development in this area.

**4476. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room August 2018	£20.00
2. A. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 30th June 2018.	£983.78
3.HMRC	Tax on Salary and expenses	£258.02
4.Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration	£43.20.

**4477. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT**

**(A) BRINDLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks from the Historical Society for the grant made to them by The Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the letter of thanks be noted.

**(B) Brindle Voice:**

At the last meeting following a request from Brindle Voice Team asking for a contribution towards their running costs the proposal was deferred for the organisation to submit their accounts. These had been circulated.

Resolved:- That grant of £150.00 be made to Brindle Voice.

**(C) BOFFS:**

It was reported that BOFFs had asked for a grant towards the Society expenses following submission of their accounts a copy of which had been circulated.

Resolved:- That a donation of £100.00 be made to BOFFs.

**(D). BRINDLE GARDENING CLUB:**

It was reported that Brindle Gardening Club had asked for a grant towards their running costs. A copy of their accounts had been circulated.

Resolved:- That the request be deferred pending further information.

**(E). BRINDLE SHOW:**

It was reported that the organisers of the Show had submitted the annual request for a contribution. A copy their accounts had been circulated.

Resolved:- That a grant of £100.00 be made to Brindle Show.

**4478. VAT REPAYMENT:-**

The Clerk reported that VAT for 2017/18 amounting to £240.50 had been paid into the Parish Council's current account.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

**4479. CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk submitted consultation documents from South Ribble Borough Council and the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Resolved:- That the consultations be noted.

**4480. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:**

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the closure of the Natwest Account.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

**4481. PARISH POUND:**

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reported the outcome of a meeting with a representative from Chorley Council and informed the Parish Council of the action currently being undertaken.

It was also reported that the Pound needed some maintenance work.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited and in the meantime arrangements be made to tidy up the site.

**4482. PARISH PLAN -**

**(A). BENCHES:**

The Clerk reported that the bench in Oram Road had been relocated and the former site restored to its original condition.

The bench at Duxon Hill had been put in place.

Resolved:- That report be accepted, that Mr. Smalley be thanked for his help in allowing the Parish Council to relocate the bench at Oram Road and that the new site be publicised in Brindle Voice.

**(B). BRINDLE VILLAGE SIGNS:**

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the provision of Welcome to Brindle Signs.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

**4483. SILENT SOLDIER CAMPAIGN:**

The Parish Council was reminded that it had decided to ask the Management Committee if they wished the silent soldier silhouette to be located at the Community Hall. They did not agree and felt that the most appropriate location would be the Parish Church.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Brindle St. James Church regarding the Silent Soldier Silhouette and if it is agreed that this can be put in the church arrangements be made to acquire it.

**4484. WITHNELL FOLD NATURE RESERVE:**

A member requested information regarding the improvements to the Nature Reserve. It was understood that the County Council's Countryside Team was undertaking some maintenance work.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**4485. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.50. p.m.

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**8TH OCTOBER 2018.**