

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER 2021 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL WATER STREET BRINDLE.**

## **PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, Ms L. CROASDALE, DR. Ms P. McGOVERN, MRS  
B.ROBINSON, AND Ms C. SINGLETON.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- DISTRICT COUNCILLOR S.CHAPMAN AND ONE  
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

### **5171. FORMER COUNCILLOR T. SHARRATT:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the recent death of former Councillor T. Sharratt. All present observed a minute`s silence as a mark of respect and offered their condolences to his family.

### **5172. COUNCILLOR D. METCALFE:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) thanked the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) for representing the Parish Council the laying of a wreath and reading a lesson at the Remembrance Day Service at St James Parish Church on 14th November 2021.

### **5173. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors W. Nelson and J.Swann.

### **5174. 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 did so at this stage

### **5175. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st November 2021 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw).

### **5176. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**AS NO ISSUES WERE RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE  
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:-**

**5177. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A). POLICING:**

The police were not present.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics. The Police and Crime Commissioner was to publish A Policing Plan for Lancashire on 9th December 2021.

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

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

**5178. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current developments.

There still remained a vacancy for a Parish Council representative.

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

**5179. LALC Report:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) circulated updates from LALC on current issues. Various consultation documents had been circulated since the last meeting.

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Parish Council and County Council on 13th November and the 77th LALC AGM held on 20th November 2021 via Zoom.

A copy of the Association's Annual Report was circulated which referred to the re-organisation of the operation of its services. It was proposed to move to a new service delivery model with emphasis on home working and meeting via Zoom.

They would vacate their office premises at Howick House Penwortham and the current Chief Executive was leaving .at the end of January 2022.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being a representative of the Parish Council on the LALC.*

**5180. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**(A). FLOODING:**

There had been no further developments regarding the flooding in Water Street.

Flooding was also reported at Denham Lane and Pippin Street. The County Council had been notified.

**(B). WITHNELL FOLD NATURE RESERVE:**

At the site meeting with the County Council's Countryside Officer on Wednesday 29th September 2021 it had been agreed the the County Council would undertake some work at the site. The Parish Council would look into the improvement of the public footpath from Water Street to the nature reserve in conjunction with the landowner.

A copy of an information leaflet on the footpath was circulated.

Members of the Parish Council would carry out an inspection of the footpath to decide what work was required.

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) would meet the landowner to discuss his involvement in the proposals.

**(C). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE:**

Following an inspection of the Smithy Close and Sandy Lane ginnel it was considered that it did not need complete re-surfacing. There were two potential trip hazards around the manhole and the concrete around a fence post that needed attention.

The owner had been notified of her ownership of the ginnel.

A contractor would be contacted and asked to carry out the repairs suggested.

**(D). PIPPIN FOLD - PIPPIN STREET:**

The County Council had indicated that the hump at Pippin Fold – Pippin Street did not form part of the adopted highway and as such was outside their responsibility.

County Councillor Cullens would be asked to visit the site to view the situation.

**(E). GRIT BINS:**

Some time ago there were problems on Hillhouse Lane near to Mintholme level crossing due to icy weather the Parish Council requested a grit bin be located here. Also there were similar problems at the junction of Oram Road and Hillhouse Lane.

With regard to Mintholme the request was declined as it did not meet the criteria.

The County Council was assessing the junction of Oram Road to see if it was a suitable location for a bin.

The grit bin at Lower Copthurst needed refilling.

**(F). STREET SWEEPING:**

Chorley Council had been requested to sweep Duxon Hill Sandy Lane and Water Street.

**(G). PARKING - WATER STREET:**

A local resident had complained about the parking of cars on the pavement when attending church services forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. He had contacted

Chorley Council about this and had been informed that he should take up this matter with the County Council. County Councillor Cullens would be informed.

**5181 CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Details of the matters affecting the Parish Council were reported. The Parish Council was reminded that the Neighbourhood Projects scheme was now in operation.

**5182. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A) Decisions:**

The following decisions on the applications had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q(a and b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and associated building operations Pippin Fold Pippin Street (App no 21/01202/P3PAO). - Granted.
2. Single storey rear extension 9 Smithy Close (App no 21/00574/FULHH). - Granted.
3. Erection of agricultural livestock building and agricultural storage building Tullis Farm Sandy Lane (App no 21/00610/FUL). - Granted.

In view of the decision for a dwelling house at Pippin Fold the Planning Officer would be asked to explain his reasons regarding the granting of prior approval.

The Chorley/Parish Liason Committee would be asked to consider strengthening the role of Parish Councils in the Planning Process.

The Parish Council was reminded of training courses dealing with Planning organised by LALC. Arrangements would be made for representatives of the Parish Council to attend.

**(B). APPLICATIONS:**

The following applications had been submitted since the last meeting.

1. Application to discharge condition no. 6 (bird and bat boxes) of planning permission 21.00375/FUL (Conversion of existing barn to dwelling) Pippin Street Cottage Pippin Street, (App no 21/01301/DIS).

The application had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made.

The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

2. Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding.Windmill Hill Farm Sandy Lane. (App no 21/01369/CLPUD).

Details would be circulated to all Members for comment.

**(C). DEVELOPMENT AT THORPE CROSS:**

Several members reported a large scale development here. The enforcement officer had been asked to investigate.

**(D). DEVELOPMENT AT ORAM ROAD:**

A dog school had been taking place most weekends all year at Oram House Farm. which appeared to constitute a change of use requiring planning permission. It was causing considerable disturbance to residents of Oram Road as it took place in the field behind their houses. The Planning Obligations Officer (Enforcement) was investigating this development.

**(E). DEVELOPMENT AT BREWITH FOLD FARM:**

Extensive ground works were reported at Brewith Fold Farm. The Planning Obligations Officer (Enforcement) and the Environment Agency would be asked to investigate.

**5183. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk reported the following accounts for payment .

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room December 2021	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Stationery and print cartridges.	£32.49
3. J. Savage	Gate - Parish Pound.	£340.00.
4. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration	£54.00.

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

**5184. APPLICATION FOR GRANT:**

It was reported that BOFFS had re - formed. They had requested a grant. No grant was made in 2020. A copy of their accounts were circulated.

A grant of £150.00 was made to the BOFFs.

**5185. PARISH POUND:**

The Christmas tree lights needed replacing at a cost of £89.98.

A cheque for this amount was signed.

**5186. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:**

Arrangements were being made to erect the signs.

**5187. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:**

Condensed versions had been submitted to Brindle Voice. Councillor Dr Ms P. McGovern was thanked for producing these.

**5188. TREE PLANTING IN BRINDLE:**

A local resident had asked if it was intended to plant any trees in Brindle under Chorley

Council`s Emergency Tree Plan. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had spoken to the resident concerned who felt further tree and landscaping be undertaken at the Community Hall .

The Chairman would discuss this with the Community Hall Management Committee.

Westfield Trees Ltd was still to update the Parish Council regarding the replacement of the dead tree at Three Trees.

A diseased tree was reported on the bridle path at Pippin Street. The Arboriculturalist at Chorley would be notified.

**5189. DAFFODILS:**

Chorley Council had donated a supply of daffodil bulbs for planting in the Parish and these had been distributed to various organisations.

**5190. QUEEN`S PLATINUM JUBILEE:**

At the last meeting the Parish Council had been approached to see if it would provide a beacon to mark the Jubilee.

Discussions were taking place with organisations in the Parish.

**5191. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 10th January 2022 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  
10TH JANUARY 2022**