

BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 March 2025 at 7.30pm

at Brindle Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle

Present:

Cllr Louise Croasdale

Vice-Chair

Cllr Singleton, Cllr Greenway, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Swann, Cllr Nelson

Parish Councillors

Cllr Cullens

Lancashire County Council

In attendance: 5 members of the community

Agenda Item:

1 Apologies and Announcements

Apologies received from Cllrs Cranshaw, McGovern and Baldwin

2 Disclosure of personal or prejudicial interests

Members were reminded to disclose any interests they have. Cllr Singleton declared an interest in Planning Application.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 13.01.2025 were agreed as a true and correct record for signing by the Chair.

4 AJOURNMENT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present raised the following issues which were discussed

Pippin Street

The Clerk provided an update having liaised with UU. The Clerk to undertake further enquiries re permitting access to individual properties during road closures and more comprehensive works given the frequency of works at the locus.

Hedge- Holt Lane to Bury Farm

The Clerk provided an update having liaised with LCC. The locus had been scheduled to be side dressed in November 2024 but this had not taken place. LCC have re-scheduled the works for the next financial year.

Drug Driving Concerns

Concerns raised by a community member regarding the prevalence of used nitrous oxide bottles around the Parish and the linked problem of drug drivers on road safety. The Parish Council advised it was aware of the problem and:

- Chorley BC had been asked to remove and safely dispose of the cannisters; and
- Following on from the meeting on 13.01.2025, Lancashire Constabulary was to refer the matter to the "Design it out" team. The renewed concerns would however be conveyed to PC Walton for his urgent attention.

Parish Finances – Accountability and Transparency

Questions were raised by 3 members of the community regarding:

- Project budget for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026
- Administration costs of the Council
- CIL
- Parish Council bench

The Clerk responded to the questions raised in the meeting and also referred to previous detailed correspondence and information published on the website.

Litter Picking/Community Clear Up

A member of the community put the proposal forward, which was welcomed. The Clerk is to make enquires with the Parish Council's insurance provider, and with Chorley BC for the provision of grabbers/litter pickers, sacks and dayglo jackets. Clerk to report back.

5 Police Liaison

PC Walton was unable to attend as he was on leave. The Clerk had spoken to him on 06.02.2025 and was provided with the following update:

- 06.02.2025 - during a period of speed enforcement a driver in a Motability vehicle was caught travelling at 38mph with no license or insurance. The car was seized, and they were reported for summons.
- 16.02.2025 – speed enforcement was in place and at the time of the update, 30+ cars had passed with no speeding issues.
- The data relating to the speed survey conducted by Lancashire Constabulary would not be disclosed for Data Protections reasons.

6 Community Hall

A report had been provided by a Trustee of the Hall as follows:

- Last meeting 27.01.2025 – volunteers always welcome
- Hall remains on a good financial footing
- The Hall is used most nights by regular groups but there is a decline in booking for celebrations, particularly at the weekend. This is to be promoted.
- The website is to be developed
- Everyone is invited to the Cuckoo Walks on 26.04.2025 – a discounted rate for the Hall has been agreed for this event.
- The Maintenance log is clear and there is a gardening day on 05.04.2025 at 9.30am. All welcome.

Members of the community asked about the provision of readily accessible storage and equipment for the younger members of the community to make use of the Hall and the grounds. The Clerk explained that the Hall was not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but the suggestions would be passed on to the Trustees.

7 LALC

A report had been provided by Cllr Cranshaw:

- The Minutes of the LALC Chorley Area Committee meeting in November 2024 had been provided.
- LALC is looking to update its constitution and operating model due to the significant increase in Parish and Town Council membership.
- Devolution is seen as an opportunity to bridge the gap between Town and Parish Councils and larger Unitary Authorities.
- LALC Membership provides access to the National Association so it is a voice with the government.
- LALC have an extensive training programme available.

8 Chorley Borough Council/Lancashire County Council

Chorley BC

A report had been provided by Cllr Cranshaw:

At the recent North-West Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting attended by Cllr Cranshaw:

- An update was provided as to the Withnell Fold Reserve/Brindle project which is partially funded by way of a grant from Chorley BC. The progress was well received.
- Communities were offered the opportunity for skip or litter picking days.
- Suggested projects for 2025/2026 included delivering digital workshops, water safety or health events.
- There was an update on social prescribing and property statistics.

LCC

County Cllr Cullens reported:

- The Central Lancashire Local Plan Consultation has been approved and is out for consultation. Dates for the consultation have been publicised. County Councillor Cullens urged all to take part in the consultation which may assist in the campaign against the Finnington Lane Development.
- In terms of the Finnington Lane Development, the area has been designated Green Belt and advice has been received from a Barrister specialising in planning. It is thought that the Application will be rejected by Chorley BC and will then be determined by the Planning Inspectorate. There are local meetings scheduled in the next week or so which all are encouraged to attend.
- Elections in May 2025 will go ahead.
- There is likely to be a Local Government re-organisation following Devolution with proposal requiring state approval.
- LCC had just received £21 million funding for the improvement of bus services. The application for a bus route through Brindle has been resubmitted today with a number of different routes being proposed e.g the potential extension of the Gregson Lane bus route.

9 Planning Reports

Applications

Application no: 25/00053/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 9 (car park surfacing) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works) Location: McDonalds, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 25/00070/MNMA

Proposal: Minor non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works) to change the surfacing of the drive-thru lane, add steps to eastern pedestrian access, widen paths and reduce the parapet height of the building. Location: McDonalds, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 25/00038/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of steel container storage units for the serving of hot food in association with distillery and bar

Location: Brindle Distillery At Holmes Farm, Sandy Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8LZ

Application no: 25/00098/NOT

Proposal: Notice of intention to install 1no. 9m wooden telegraph pole for the installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus

Location: Wooden Telegraph Pole, 29 - 31 Bournes Row, Brindle

Application no: 25/00116/MNMA

Proposal: Minor non-material amendment to planning permission ref: 22/00023/FUL (Conversion and extension of former farm shop to form 2no. dwellings) to amend the wording of condition no. 7 (reasonable avoidance measures method statement for bats) in order to allow works other than demolition to commence in advance of the formal discharge of the condition

Location: Head O'th Marsh Farm, Sandy Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8PQ 2YS

Application no: 25/00176/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition no. 4 (materials) of listed building consent ref: 24/00168/LBC (Application for listed building consent for removal of canopy extension from western elevation, removal of a window on western elevation and insertion of a solid single oak door)

Location: Breworth Manor, Marsh Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NZ

Decisions

Application no: 24/01090/DIS

Decided: Fri 17/01/2025

Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 10 (arrangements for future management and maintenance of roads) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 24/01098/DIS

Decided: Fri 17/01/2025

Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge condition no.11 (delivery and servicing plan) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works.)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 24/01087/DIS

Decided: Thu 23/01/2025

Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 4 (materials) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 24/00979/FUL

Decided: Fri 31/01/2025 Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage

Location: Brookvale Farm, Sandy Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8LZ

Application no: 24/01057/DIS

Decided: Tue 11/02/2025 Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge conditions 4 (materials), 5 (demolition methodology) and 7 (reasonable avoidance measures for bats) of planning permission ref: 22/00023/FUL (Conversion and extension of former farm shop to form 2no. dwellings)

Location: Head O'th Marsh Farm, Sandy Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8PQ

Application no: 24/00701/DIS

Decided: Fri 14/02/2025

Decision: Condition(s) not discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge condition no. 4 (materials) of listed building consent ref: 24/00168/LBC (Application for listed building consent for removal of canopy extension from western elevation, removal of a window on western elevation and insertion of a solid single oak door)

Location: Brereworth Manor, Marsh Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NZ

Application no: 24/01089/DIS

Decided: Fri 14/02/2025

Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 13 (CEMP) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 25/00070/MNMA

Decided: Fri 14/02/2025

Decision: Minor Non-Material Amendment Accepted

Proposal: Minor non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works) to change the surfacing of the drive-thru lane, add steps to eastern pedestrian access, widen paths and reduce the parapet height of the building.

Location: McDonalds, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 24/01091/DIS

Decided: Wed 19/02/2025

Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 16 (RAMS – bats) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 25/00116/MNMA

Decided: Fri 21/02/2025

Decision: Minor Non-Material Amendment Accepted

Proposal: Minor non-material amendment to planning permission ref: 22/00023/FUL (Conversion and extension of former farm shop to form 2no. dwellings) to amend the wording of condition no. 7 (reasonable avoidance measures method statement for bats) in order to allow works other than demolition to commence in advance of the formal discharge of the condition

Location: Head O'th Marsh Farm, Sandy Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8PQ

Application no: 25/00148/NOT

Decided: Fri 21/02/2025 Decision: Approve – Telecom

Proposal: Notice of intention to install 1no. 10m wooden telegraph pole for the installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus Location: 10M Light Pole, Bournes Row, Brindle, PR5 0DR

Application no: 25/00098/NOT

Decided: Fri 21/02/2025

Decision: Approve – Telecom

Proposal: Notice of intention to install 1no. 9m wooden telegraph pole for the installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus Location: Wooden Telegraph Pole, 29 – 31 Bournes Row, Brindle

Application no: 25/00053/DIS
 Decided: Fri 21/02/2025
 Decision: Condition(s) discharged
 Proposal: Application to discharge condition 9 (car park surfacing) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)
 Location: McDonalds, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 24/01096/ADV
 Decided: Mon 24/02/2025
 Decision: Advertising Consent
 Proposal: Application for advertisement consent for the erection of 1no. illuminated totem sign
 Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 24/01101/ADV
 Decided: Mon 24/02/2025 Decision: Advertising Consent
 Proposal: Application for advertisement consent for the display of various signs, screens and graphics
 Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

Application no: 25/00005/FUL
 Decided: Fri 28/02/2025
 Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission
 Proposal: Creation of a pond (retrospective)
 Location: Pippin Fold, Pippin Street, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8ND

Enforcement/Other

The Clerk updated as follows:

- Pippin Fold pond was granted retrospective Planning Permission on 28.02.2025 (25/00005)
- In addition to County Councillor Cullen’s update on the Finnington Lane Development, a Heritage Planning Consultant has just been appointed on the recommendation of the Planning Barrister and all are encouraged to express support for the Local Plan and attend local meetings. The Clerk advised that details were on the News section of the Parish Council website.

10 Parish Finances

Financial Statement as at 09 March 2025

AT BANK	Current Account	£7254.02
	Deposit Account	£1982.70
	Total	£9236.72

	PARISH ACCOUNT	PARISH ELEMENT	CIL ELEMENT	GRANT
Opening Balance plus Income YTD	£27,662.71	£16,849.79	£8972.92	£1840.00
Expenditure YTD	£18425.99	£12,146.40	£5589.59	£690.00
Total	£9236.72	£4703.39	£3383.33	£1150.00

RESOLVED – Councillor Croasdale reviewed and signed the Financial Statement

The Clerk also reported:

- £50 compensation received following complaint to the Parish Council’s bank which is in the Financial Statement.
- Interest rate to be reduced on the Parish Council’s savings account.
- A reduction of £250 has been negotiated for the purchase of SpID2.

- £2000 will be received from Chorley BC for the Withnell Fold Reserve/Brindle circular but this will be ring-fenced for that project.

11 Accounts for Payment

Name	Details	Amount
Brindle Community Hall	Room Hire for 10.03.2025	£20.00**
Easy Web Sites	Monthly Management Fee	1 @ £60.72 and 1 @ £67.32*
Chorley BC	Election Fees	£184.08
Katherine Milnes	Clerk Salary	£711.88*
* pre-approved direct debit payments		

The Clerk reported:

- Invoices have been requested but not received for Community Hall hire for the meetings on 13.01.2025 and 10.03.2025. Approval from Cllrs to make electronic payments when invoices received.
- The increase in Easy Websites fees to £67.32 per month was approved by Cllr Cranshaw on 05.02.2025. This was to increase email capabilities from 2 to 50GB. All Cllrs ratified the increases.

Copy invoice/s were available for inspection by the Councillors at the meeting.

Subject to the above, the account/s were approved and authority confirmed for electronic payments.

12 Environmental issues and concerns

Pippin St Flooding

See item 4 above

Hedge – Holt Lane to Bury Farm

See item 4 above

13 Parish Council Projects

Neighbourhood Grant/Withnell Fold Walk (within the Parish)

- LCC permission for works on PROW sought.
- Chorley BC happy with plans so will transfer £2000 to Brindle PC account. This is ring-fenced monies for use on this project alone.
- With LCC PROW funds and legacy grant from Chorley Ramblers, the project may be extended.
- Quotes for supply and installation works are being obtained in line with the Parish Council's Financial Regulations.

Parish Pound Plinth

- Cllr Cranshaw is leading the project.
- Art work being finalised.

Parish Pound (including title)

- An initial draft statement has been prepared.
- Further information has been received so this will need amending.
- Legal advice may be required to advise on the merits of the Application once the statement has been finalised. A surveyor may also need to be appointed. Costings have not yet been obtained.

14 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Cllr Cranshaw requested that it be noted that the Parish had rejoined the scheme and merchandise was available from the Parish Council if requested.

15 Bus Service

See item 8.

16 Neighbourhood Priorities 2025/2025

See item 8.

17 Planning Process

Cllr McGovern not in attendance. Postponed to next meeting.

18 Consultation Central Lancashire Plan

See items 8 and 9.

19 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk advised that all the details had been circulated. It was agreed that the Village would enter the competition again this year at a cost of £25.00.

The Clerk is to prepare the documents and update the community with dates.

20 Pension

Postponed due to absence of Chair.

21 Repairs Works

Pedestrian safety rails need repair – identified by Cllr Swann and to be reported by the Clerk for repair.

22 Proposed Dates for Meetings 2025/2026

Confirmation is awaited from the Community Hall that the dates are available, so they may be subject to change.

12.05.2025 - Also AGM

09.06.2025

14.07.2025

08.09.2025

13.10.2025

10.11.2025 – Gregson Lane Methodist Church

08.12.2025

12.01.2026

16.02.2026

16.03.2026 – Also Annual Parish Meeting

13.04.2026 – Also AGM

11.05.2026

23. Date of Next Meeting

12 May 2025 at Brindle Community Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Also AGM

Signed.....Chair

Dated.....

