

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2015
AT THE TRINITY METHODIST
CHURCH GREGSON LANE**

PRESENT:-

COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, MRS S. LONG, W. NELSON, AND T.SHARRATT .

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

3965. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors C. Hindle, Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council of the health of District Councillor Dickinson.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

3966. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct the Clerk asked if any Member wished to declare an interest in any matter to be considered by the Parish Council at the meeting. No one declared an interest at this stage.

3967. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 12th January 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3968. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES.

SURFACE WATER HEWNGATE/GREGSON LANE:

The Member of the Public present referred to a letter she had sent to the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) regarding problems with running water on the road near Hewngate Farm. It was reported that the letter had been referred to County Councillor Devaney for his attention and it was hoped that the Environment Director at the County

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Council would investigate and meet representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the issue.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

LITTER BIN:

The Member of the Public present requested that a litter/dog bin be provided near Friths Farm . The Parish Council had in the past requested that a bin be sited here but this had been rejected by Chorley Council because the verge was too narrow to accommodate a bin.

Resolved:- That the Neighbourhood Officer be asked to meet representatives of the Parish Council to discuss this matter further.

STREET NAMEPLATE:

It was reported that public authorities did not differentiate between the properties in Hewngate and at Oak Bank. It was considered that a street nameplate should be sited so as to make the distinction between the two sets of properties to enable emergency vehicles to attend the right location.

Resolved:- That the matter be discussed with the Neighbourhood Officer.

3969. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current Police and the Air Support Newsletters.

There had been no reported incidents in Brindle during January 2015.

The Clerk referred to proposed changes to the Police Air Support Service.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported on the PACT Meeting held on 3rd February 2015 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

The next meeting would be held on 3rd March 2015.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

The Clerk circulated copies of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer. Councillor Sharratt referred to two recent incidents.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted .

3970. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities. The Annual Cuckoo Walks would be held on 18th April 2015. Proceeds would be split between the provision of a defibrillator at the Community Hall and the Gregson Green Community Hall Project.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

3971. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He also submitted details of the Parish and Town Councils Annual Conference to be held at Burnley Town Hall on 21st March 2015. Parishes could appoint up to two delegates.

Resolved: - That the reports be accepted and that the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) be appointed the Parish Council's delegate to the Parish and Town Councils Annual Conference.

3972. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). LITTER BINS:

The Clerk reported that a dog/waste bin had been provided by Chorley Council on the grass triangle at the entrance to Brindle St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). ROAD SURFACE - HOUGH HOUSE HOLT LANE :

The Clerk had requested the County Council to complete the repair work at this location. However, following an inspection the County Council had indicated that no further work was required. Councillor Nelson felt that further work was required. The Clerk had informed the County Council.

Resolved:- That Councillor Nelson investigate the current situation at Holt Lane and notify the Clerk.

(C). MARSH LANE:

A Member of the Public present indicated that the flooding still occurred at Harry Croft.

Resolved:- County Councillor Devaney be requested to discuss the problems at Harry Croft with the County Council.

(D). KERB STONES - PRIVATE ROAD:

Following a site visit the Clerk reported that the County Council was not proposing to re-lay the edging as this would necessitate a road closure and the permission of the land owner.

It was intended that the gap between the road and the carriageway would be cleaned out and filled.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that this work had not been done.

Resolved:- That no further action be taken on this matter.

(E). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

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The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer had made arrangements to replace the missing sign but this would be dealt with in order of priority.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney be asked to investigate this matter.

(F). USE OF SPID DEVICES:

The Clerk had contacted Wheelton Parish Council regarding the use of their SPID device in Brindle and a response was awaited. It was reported that the necessary equipment had now been received.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Wheelton Parish Council again regarding the use of the device in the Parish.

(G). FLOODING - LOWER COPTHURST:

Councillor Baldwin reported that United Utilities had now completed the work

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(H). STREET NAMEPLATES:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) reported that the sign at Back Lane had been replaced.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(I). SPRAYING OF GRASS VERGES:

At the last meeting it was reported that Chorley Council had sprayed the verges with herbicides on Holt Lane and Birchin Lane which had had a detrimental effect.

The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council and they had offered to meet with representatives of the Parish Council about this however, it was considered that nothing would be gained because the grass verges would recover during the spring.

Resolved:- That the course of action be approved.

(J). WINDMILL LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reminded the Parish Council that some time ago several areas in Windmill Lane had been marked for repair but nothing had been done.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the situation regarding the repairs in Windmill Lane.

(K). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:

A local resident reported that the footway near Woodville in Smithy Lane was badly damaged and required attention. The County Council had been informed.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to carry out this work as soon as possible.

(L). PIPPIN STREET:

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A local resident reported that there was running water on Pippin Street near Wilcock Farm. It was also reported that the road surface near to the entrance to Waterworks House was in need of repair. The County Council had been asked to investigate this.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to inform the Clerk of their findings.

(M). SLOW SIGN NEAR TO CROSSKEYS - SANDY LANE:

A local resident reported that the Slow markings on the B5256 Sandy Lane near to the Cross Keys required attention as it was near to the T junction with Smithy Lane. The County Council had been asked to repaint the markings.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(N). RAILINGS:

Councillor Baldwin reported that sections of railings were missing at Holt Lane near Hill House Lane and at Birchin Lane.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

(O). JAPANESE KNOTWEED/HIMALAYAN BALSAM:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that a member of the public had previously reported that Japanese Knotweed was growing at various locations in the Parish and it had been decided to wait until the Spring to notify the County Council about the weed.

He reported further sites where Japanese Knotweed was growing and the presence of Himalayan Balsam in several locations.

Resolved:- That this problem be considered at the next meeting and a comprehensive list of sites identified.

(P). FOOTPATH - LADY HALL FARM MARSH LANE :

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had been approached by a Member of the Public regarding a stile on the public footpath at Lady Hall Farm.

He had met the owner and carried out a site inspection and it had been agreed that the Countryside Service should be asked to look at the stile and carry out any work required.

Resolved:- That the course of action proposed be adopted.

(Q). CATTLE GRID - MARSH LANE:

It was reported that one of the cattle grids on Marsh Lane was damaged and needed attention.

The Clerk had notified the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(R). CONDITION OF ROAD - JUNCTION OF BACK AND DOVER LANE :

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The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that following the repair work on Back Lane and Dover Lane the north edge had broken up and the edge on the south side has subsided on the road 100 metres east of junction.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

3973. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

3974. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

The Clerk reported changes to the way the Parish Council was notified of decisions on Planning Applications and that the following decisions had been made since September 2014.

1. Proposed change of use from a domestic outbuilding within the C3 residential unit to a B1 office Fletchers Fold Water Street (App no 14/00658/COU) Applicant Mr. Miller. - Granted

2. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of two storey and single storey side extensions incorporating balcony to rear and creation of new vehicular access with 2m high gates Thorpe Cross Pippin Street (App no 14/01167/FUL) Applicant Mr. and Mrs Turner.- Granted.

6. Application to discharge condition 6 (upgrading of access road to include passing places) and 7 (external materials) of planning approval ref 12/00363/FUL (which was for the demolition of former redundant above ground reservoir building and erection of two storey dwelling) Brindle Waterworks House Pippin Street. (App no 14/01211/DIS) Applicant Mr. Robinson. - Granted.

4. Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension 79 Bournes Row (App no 14/01284/FUL) Applicant Mrs Appleton. - Granted.

5. Amendments to application no 14/01146/FUL for the erection of two storey side extension with basement below Weavers Cottage Holt Lane Applicant Mr .Stead. - Granted

6. Discharge of conditions to 13/00519/FUL for the construction of new house on plot adjacent to Bringelly Cottage now known as Craven Lodge . Application no 13/00872/DIS Applicants Mr. and Mrs Morton. - Granted.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

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1. Demolition of the existing house and construction of new house Crabtree House Hillhouse Lane. (App no 14/01267/FUL) Applicant Mr. and Mrs Currie.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council. Councillor Sharratt had commented that as this was a complete rebuild a date stone should be incorporated in the construction including the original date and any subsequent rebuilding.

No further observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

2. Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 09/03/0073 to alter the roof from a green roof to a bituminous felt flat roof Gregson Lane County Primary School Bournes Row. (App no LCC/2015/0015) Applicant Lancashire County Council.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

Councillor T. Sharratt declared an interest in this matter in respect of being a school governor and left the room during consideration of the application following the decision Councillor Sharratt returned.

1. Erection of two storey rear extension 4 Lower Copthurst Birchin Lane App no 15/00119/FUL) Applicant Mrs Holden.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations were made. The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

Councillor J. Baldwin declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

3975. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

1. Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room February 2015	£20.00
A. Harkness	Stationery and Print Cartridges	£65.47
*Douglas Tonks Ltd	Payroll Clerks Salary (£875.00) and Expenses (£114.45) Payroll Administration Charges Quarter ended 31 st December 2014.	£1035.74

* paid by direct debit.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

3976. APPLICATION FOR GRANT:

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The Clerk submitted an application from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility for a grant .

Resolved:- That the Parish Council adhere to its policy of not making grants to organisations outside the Parish.

3977. CHORLEY BUDGET CONSULTATION 2015/16.

The Clerk submitted a consultation document relating to Chorley Council's proposed spending in 2015/16.

Resolved:- That no observations be made.

3978. PARISH PRECEPT 2015/16:

The Clerk reported that following the request for the Precept to be £6,800.00 Chorley Council had adjusted this to reflect the top up grant (£273.00) and the amount of the precept to be collected from Council Taxpayers was £6,527.00.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3979. GRASS CUTTING PROGRAMME 2015:

The Clerk submitted details of Chorley Council's Annual Grass Cutting Programme 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

3980. FUTURE OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN CHORLEY:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document and call for evidence form relating to the proposed future of public services in Chorley. He informed the Parish Council that Chorley Council was seeking the views of individuals on the issue.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) felt that more information was required on how Parish Councils would be involved in any further consultations.

Resolved:- That the comments be passed to Chorley Council.

3981. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the signs relating to the procedure to be followed to keep the notice boards tidy had been put in place.

The Parish Council would review the scheme after twelve months.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

3982. TRANSPARENCY CODE:

The Clerk submitted the code of recommended practice issued by the Government relating accounting principles under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 whereby local councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25000.00 would be exempt from external audit. The Code would come into operation in March 2015.

The Clerk explained the affect of this on future of the audit process for the Parish Council.

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Resolved:- That the report be noted.

3983. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported on the current situation following the meeting with Mr Carson of Chorley Council to discuss the future management and upkeep of the Quarry.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that at the recent Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood meeting the Parish Council's suggestion regarding the future of Denham Quarry was supported and Chorley had indicated that they would now process the matter. He would seek a contact at Chorley about this.

Resolved:-That further developments be awaited.

3984. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that following discussions with the Neighbourhood Officer and representatives from St. Joseph's RC Church the siting of the proposed bench on Private Road had been agreed and he submitted details of possible benches which could be provided together with estimates of cost.

The Parish Council considered which bench would be appropriate.

Resolved:- That the Clerk seek the views of Brindle St. Joseph's RC Church on the type of bench now suggested and once agreed, the Clerk contact the contractor about the supply and fitting of the bench.

3985. LETTERS OF THANKS :

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Brindle Arts Group in respect of the donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the letter be received.

3986. EASTERN PARISHES MEETING:

The Clerk submitted the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2015.

Resolved: - That the minutes be accepted.

3987. PLANNING IN PRACTICE:

The Clerk submitted details of a seminar dealing with planning issues and organised by Chorley Council on 23rd March 2015 at the Town Hall from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.

Councillor Hindle had indicated he would attend.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3988. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2014:

The Clerk submitted details of this year's Competition The entry fee for the Competition was £15.00. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and The Vice Chairman(Councillor D. Metcalfe) had agreed to the Village entering the competition this year.

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The Clerk had written to the Community Hall, and the Cavendish Arms to see if they wished to enter the Certificate of Merit Section.

This year the Competition Rules indicated that a maximum of two entries could only be made in this class so the Clerk had written to the Schools explaining the changes and indicating that they would not be entered.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) was to convene a meeting of the Best Kept Village Group to discuss the issues raised by the Judges Report in 2014.

Resolved: - That action taken be approved and the Competition the entry fees of £15.00 be paid .

3989. RURAL BROADBAND:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported the installation of the broadband cabinet.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3990. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 30th March 2015 at 7.30 p.m. The Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

30TH MARCH 2015