

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2016  
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
GREGSON LANE**

**PRESENT:-**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**4190. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson and County Councillor M. Devaney.

**4191. 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 did so at this stage.

**4192. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 11th January 2016 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4193. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT WISH TO RAISE ANY MATTER AND PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

**4194. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A) NEWSLETTER:**

As the police were not present no report was presented.

The Clerk reported on the quarterly newsletter from the Police and Crime Commissioner and indicated that the police precept for next year would be increased by 1.99%.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 1st March 2016 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club. The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would attend

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

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

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4195. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities. It was reported that Mr E. Hindle had been appointed Chairman of the Management Committee and Councillor Mrs. Long Vice Chair.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and Councillor Mrs Long congratulated on her appointment.

*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.*

### **4196. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) indicated that he had been unable to attend the meeting of the Chorley Area Committee held on 4th February 2016.

Councillor Mrs. Long attended in his place and reported on the proceedings.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted and Councillor Mrs Long thanked for her attendance.

### **4197. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:**

The Clerk had requested a response from Chorley Council as to why the suggested location was not considered suitable but no response had been received.

A local resident suggested that a suitable location might be near the Trinity Methodist Church.

Resolved:- That the Clerk request an early site visit by Chorley Chorley Council and that the local resident concerned be invited to attend.

#### **(B). FOOTPATH - LADY HALL FARM MARSH LANE :**

At the last meeting County Councillor Devaney had been asked to contact the County Council about a site visit to the footpath but no response had been received.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact County Councillor Devaney to ascertain the current situation.

#### **(C). FLOODING NEAR CALVERTS COTTAGE - WATER STREET:**

The County Council had been requested to revisit this location several times but had not done so. However, it was reported that some work had been done to a gully near the Cottage but this had not proved satisfactory. Water was now flowing further down

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Water Street and the gully near the phone box opposite the Community Hall was now blocked and required attention.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to revisit the site to carry out a thorough inspection of the problem and that they be notified of the flooding opposite the Community Hall.

### **(D). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE - HILLHOUSE LANE:**

In the past Councillor Mrs Long indicated that some work had been done privately at this location but flooding occurred opposite. The County Council had been informed and they had replied that the work was listed. There was no evidence to indicate that they had visited the site.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

### **(E). FLOODING:**

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that the County Council had placed the blocked gully on Birch Lane on a list for attention but could not indicate when the work would be done.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had also reported flooding due to blocked ditches on Dover Lane /Back Lane between Back Lane Farm and the Riding Centre and near Silcocks Farm on Windmill Lane and he reported on the current situation.

The County Council had responded that the ditches were the responsibility of the landowners.

Councillor Hindle also referred to the long standing problem of flooding near Sycamore Villas at the junction of Oram Road and Yew Tree Cottage. The County Council had issued an instruction for the gullies to be cleared but could not give a timescale when they would be attended to as gullies were dealt with on a priority basis.

Councillor Nelson reported that the blocked gulleys at the junction of Holt Lane and Denham Lane had been cleared.

Resolved:- (1) That the reports be accepted.

(2) That the County Council be requested to contact the appropriate landowners regarding the flooded ditches on Dover Lane and Windmill Lane.

### **(F). SMITHY LANE - POTHOLES:**

Councillor Nelson had informed the Clerk that there were several potholes on Smithy Lane near the junction with Smithy Close towards Gorton Brook. The County Council had placed the work on a list of repairs and this would be done in the next month.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(G). SMITHY CLOSE - FOOTWAY:**

At the last meeting a local resident reported that the footway in Smithy Close was lifting and required attention. The County Council had carried out an inspection and no defects had been found.

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Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(H). SANDY LANE B5256 - SALT BIN:**

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson had informed the Clerk that the salt bin at the junction with Smithy Lane was damaged. The County Council would undertake the necessary repairs.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

### **(I). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE - SANDY LANE:**

A local resident reported that there were problems with the surface of the ginnel again. The County Council had inspected the ginnel and considered that it was acceptable for pedestrian use.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(J). WATER STREET :**

At the last meeting Councillor Sharratt reported that there was a large lump of concrete near the 90 degree bend in Water Street which was a hazard to motorists.

The Clerk had contacted the Neighbourhood Officer to ask him to remove the concrete entirely. He had not been able to do so but had moved it further into the layby.

Councillor Nelson reported that a local resident had pushed to concrete back so as to form a step to the Public Footpath.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(K). FLOODING - MILLHOUSE LANE:**

A report was presented on the current situation. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would contact County Councillor Devaney to ascertain the latest position.

Resolved:- That the course action suggested be approved.

### **(L). LAY BY - DUXON HILL:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) requested a litter pick at the lay by.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Chorley Council about this.

### **(M). PRIVATE ROAD:**

Councillor Hindle reported that Network Rail had recently carried out work at a field adjoining St. Joseph`s Church Hall on Private Road and that heavy vehicles going to the site had contributed to the deterioration of the road surface..

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to inspect the road surface.

### **4198. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

**4199. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A). DECISION:**

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

**(B). APPLICATIONS:**

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

1. Extension of existing car park (retrospective application) Brookfield Equestrian Centre Windmill Lane. (App no 15/01051/FUL) Applicant Miss J. Brookfield.

*Councillor Mrs S. Long declared an interest in this application and left the meeting during its consideration.*

Copies had been circulated to all Members and the following comments had been made.

1. There would be a loss of green belt which should be sacrosanct.
2. The use of Dover Lane by large horse boxes and vehicles already caused destruction of the soft verges in the narrow sections. This would be exacerbated by increased traffic flow if the parking was extended.
3. If permission was granted conditions should be imposed on improvements to the narrow section of Dover Lane and improved maintenance of the lanes.
4. If granted appropriate tree planting should be carried out to protect the green belt and mask the site.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council.

**Councillor Mrs Long returned to the meeting at this point.**

2. Demolition of outbuilding and construction of a detached dwelling on the same footprint land west of and adjacent to Bowfell Cottage Sandy Lane App no 16/00006/FUL Applicants Mr and Mrs Thistlethwaite.

*Councillor W. Nelson declared an interest in this matter and left the room during consideration of the application.*

Details had been circulated to all Members . Objections had been raised to this development in the past and similar comments had been received that this was an overdevelopment of the site , access was poor for the safety of pedestrians and the building was not in keeping with the conservation area.

A local resident had indicated that no notices of the development had been posted on the site .The Clerk contacted Chorley Council to ask why and they had confirmed notices would be posted.

It was reported that to date the consultation notices had not been placed on site.

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Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council of the comments made and request Chorley for an explanation as to why no public notices of the development had been displayed in the area.

**Councillor Nelson returned to the meeting at this point.**

### **(C). VALIDATION CRITERIA FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

The Clerk circulated details of changes to the system for the validation of planning applications with effect from 1st April 2016 applications could only be submitted online.

Resolved:- That the changes be noted.

### **4200. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room February 2016	£20.00
2. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Services - June to December 2015	£72.00

#### 4201. PHONE BOX - TOP OTH LANE:

The Clerk reported that the residents had agreed to maintain the phone box and fund raising was being carried out regarding the provision of a defibrillator.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

#### 4202. DENHAM QUARRY:

Following the comments made by local residents the Neighbourhood Officer had visited the site and there were no further signs of any motorbike activity since the previously reported incidents.

Chorley Council had indicated that the vehicle number plates from the vans seen at the Quarry over the Christmas period were checked and one van was from Ireland with no insurance and had been fined and the other one was from a company in Leyland the police had visited them and given a warning. Chorley had ordered more new signs and was awaiting delivery.

They also advised members of the public to report any misuse direct to the police, there had not been any formal reports and this created an issue that the quarry was not raised as a hot spot to target. Everything needed to be logged on 101 as well as being emailed through to the contact centre [contact@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:contact@chorley.gov.uk) so that it could be directed to the correct member of staff/team.

Councillor Nelson reported the car park was being used on a regular basis at night .

Resolved:- (1). That notices regarding the reporting of incidents at the Quarry be placed on the Parish Council Notice Boards and published in Brindle Voice.

2. That the police be asked to monitor the night time use of the car park.

### **4203. THREE TIER LIAISON:**

A report was presented on the meeting of the Three Tier Liaison Committee.

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Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4204. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2016:**

The Clerk submitted details of this year's Competition The entry fee for the Competition was £15.00.

The Clerk would write 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 would write to the Schools explaining the changes and indicating that they would not be entered.

Resolved :- (1). That the Parish Council enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2016 and the Competition the entry fees of £15.00 be paid.

(2) That the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Community Hall and the Cavendish Arms to see if they wish to enter the Certificate of Merit Competition.

### 4205. PARISH PLAN :

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that they had agreed to give further consideration to the provision of Welcome to Brindle signs at this meeting .

Resolved:- That the consideration be given to the location and type of signs to be provided at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **4206. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARISHES:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10th February 2016 when projects for next year would be considered one of which was the restoration of the historic wells in the Parish.

He would attend the meeting.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4207. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 14th March 2016 the Annual Parish Meeting at.7. 30 p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

**There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**14TH MARCH 2016.**