

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2017
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
GREGSON LANE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4388. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor Mrs B. Robinson.

4389. MR. T SHARRATT:

The Clerk reported that Councillor Sharratt had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council due to ill health.

Members paid tribute to Councillor Sharratt`s the long service to the parish.

Resolved;- That the Parish Council places on record its appreciation of the long and valuable service of Councillor Sharratt to the Parish.

4390. VACANCY:

The Clerk reported on the procedure to be carried out following Councillor Sharratt`s resignation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4391. COUNCILLOR MRS ROBINSON:

The Parish Council was informed of the current state of health of Councillor Mrs. Robinson. The Members wished her a speedy recovery.

4392. 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.

4393. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th January 2017 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4394. 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 RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES.

BENCH - HOLT LANE:

It was reported that the hedge and a sycamore tree in front of the bench were overgrown and obstructing the view. The Member of the Public present offered to cut back the overgrown material.

Resolved;- That the offer be accepted and the Member of the Public concerned would make arrangements to carry out the work.

UNAUTHORISED USE - TOWN HOUSE FARM:

The Parish Council was informed of the latest position regarding the unauthorised use .

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had informed concerned local residents.

The local residents present commented on the situation and circulated photographs of the vehicles. They had also contacted Lindsay Hoyle MP about the problem.

It was hoped that when the vehicles were relocated the site would be restored to its former condition.

Resolved :-That the Parish Council continue to monitor the situation.

THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4395. POLICE REPORT :

The Clerk circulated copies of the current newsletter. Councillor Nelson made reference to recent break ins

Resolved :- That the report be noted.

4396. 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 representatives of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.

4397. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the recent Chorley Area Committee meeting.

He also submitted information from the County Council's Champion for Parishes on grants available for the Parish Councils.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

4398. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

The Clerk reported latest situation regarding the clearing of gullies, with regard to ditches in Windmill Lane, Dover Lane and Duxon Hill the County Council had contacted the landowners but a response was awaited.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that there had been some activity recently clearing some drains but not all. Following his request to Chorley that Dover Lane should be swept this had been done.

The blocked drains at Birchin Lane, Water Street and Denham Lane were still to be looked at. County Councillor Cullens had indicated that the ditches in Pippin Street, Marsh Lane near Harry Croft and at Oram Road near Yew Tree Cottage would also be looked at.

Councillor Baldwin reported that some drain cleaning had taken place at Birchin Lane.

Councillor Swann felt that the culvert in Birchin Lane was still in a dangerous condition and required attention.

Resolved:- (1) That the flooding situation continue to be monitored, the Clerk contact the County Council to ascertain the latest position and report the latest flooding problems.

(2) That the County Council be requested to contact Councillors Baldwin and Swann regarding the culvert on Birchin Lane.

(B). PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the work to support the carriageway and clear the gullies near Holly Bank.

Resolved:- That the Clerk request the County Council to complete the work as soon as possible.

(C). HOLT LANE - HIGHWAY DEFECTS:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had undertaken a site inspection following complaints from local residents and the County Council had been informed but no further action had been taken.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to expedite the work.

(D). MANHOLE COVERS:

A local resident reported that the lid to the manhole at High Cop still needed attention this had been previously reported. The County Council had indicated the work had been done. It was reported that some temporary work had been done.

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Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to arrange for the work to be permanently completed as soon as possible.

(E). HIGH COP:

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the re-erection of the sign near High Cop Farm.

At the last meeting Councillor Sharratt referred the signs on the bend at High Cop were wrongly located and should be positioned where they could be seen before the bend came into view. The Clerk had contacted the County Council about this and they had indicated the signs were considered to be located correctly.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

(F). FOOTPATH 40 - BROKEN STILE:

At the last meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that a stile at the junction of Duxon Hill on the footpath running from Duxon Hill to Windmill Lane had collapsed. The Footpaths Officer had been notified.

It was understood that the farmer had undertaken some repairs to the stile.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(G). HILLHOUSE LANE/ORAM ROAD:

Councillor Hindle reported that the sign at the junction of Hillhouse Lane and Oram Road had been knocked down. Chorley Council had been notified. He reported a further sign on Hillhouse Lane had been damaged.

Resolved:- That developments be awaited and the Clerk inform Chorley Council that a further sign has been damaged.

(H). DOVER LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the road surface on Dover Lane about 100 metres east of the riding stables was in need of urgent repair.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council.

4399. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Councillor Mrs Long reported on issues affecting the Parish Council. In particular she referred to the changes to the Rubbish Collection Service.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4400. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

The Clerk reported that the following decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Amendment to planning permission comprising changes from an mansard roof to gable ends and front elevations, facing material change from all render to match existing extensions to a mix of white render and stone (as per existing dwelling). Change of use from patio door with sire lights in carers room to front elevation to casement window with side access door and interior layout change resulting in larger window to application`s

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bedroom side elevations. Brindle Rise Gowans Lane (App no 16/01173/MNMA) - Applicant Ms Proudfoot. - Granted.

2. Erection of part first floor, part two storey side and rear extension with dormers to front and rear roof slope of proposed extension 4 Smithy Close (App No 16/00982/FULHH) Applicant Mr. Mercer. - Granted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received since the last meeting.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C). DRAFT CENTRAL LANCASHIRE EMPLOYMENT SKILLS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - CONSULTATION:

The Clerk submitted a consultation notification relating to the proposed introduction of Employment Skills Plans in connection with certain types of planning applications. The Consultation Period was from Monday 30 January – Monday 13 March 2017.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

(D). SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - CONSULTATION:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document from the Central Lancashire Authorities in respect of what would be considered acceptable infill development in villages within the Green Belt.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

4401. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room February 2017	£20.00.
2. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Services - September to December 2016	£30.00

4402. LETTERS OF THANKS:

(A) BRINDLE GARDENING CLUB:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Gardening Club for the donation made.

(B) BRINDLE GUIDES :

The Clerk submitted a a letter of thanks from the Guides for the donation made.

Resolved: - That letters of thanks be accepted.

4403. CHORLEY LIAISON:

A report was presented on the meeting of the Chorley Liaison Committee held on 18th January 2017.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4404. BEST KEPT VILLAGE:

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the latest position regarding the location of the plaque which had been awarded to mark the parish winning the Small Villages section of the Competition.

He also reported that the Competition Secretary was seeking volunteers to act as judges for the Competition.

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.

He reminded the Parish Council that the Competition Rules indicated that a maximum of two entries could only be made in this class and he would write to the Schools indicating that they would not be entered.

Resolved :- (1). That the progress regarding the plaque be noted.

(2) That the Parish Council enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2017 and the Competition entry fees of £15.00 be paid.

4405. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the winding up of the Trust

Resolved : That the report be accepted.

4406. DENHAM QUARRY:

It was reported that the damaged fencing had been repaired.

A Member of the Public referred to the amount of litter and dog fouling in the Quarry.

Resolved:- That report be noted .

4407. PARISH PLAN:

The Clerk reported on the present position regarding the possible location of a stone bench in Workhouse Lane.

The Parish Council discussed the type of bench to be provided. Councillor Swann suggested applying to the County Council's Parish Champion for a grant towards the cost

Chorley Council had been asked for their views on the siting of a bench at Oram Road.but had not responded

Resolved:- That the reports be noted an that Councillor Mrs Long approach Chorley about the bench at Oram Road..

4408. LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETS 2017/18.

The Clerk submitted the consultation documents from the County Council and Chorley Council regarding their proposed budgets for 2017/18.

Resolved: - That no observations be made .

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4409. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARISHES:

The Clerk reported on the outcome of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2017 when projects for next year were considered one of which was the restoration of the historic wells in the Parish. The other was the provision of a storyboard at the Parish Pound.

It was agreed to provide expertise from Chorley Council regarding the restoration of the historic wells and assist with the provision of a story board.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4410. BRINDLE VILLAGE SHOW:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Secretary of the Show for a donation towards the cost of this year`s show.

He reminded the Parish Council that under financial regulations it was not possible to make two donations to any organisation in the current financial year.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council agrees in principle to the making of a grant to the Brindle Village Show for 2017/18.

4411. EQUALITY FORUM:

Councillor Mrs Long reported on the meeting of the Forum held on 13th February 2017.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4412. RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME:

The Clerk submitted details of Chorley Council`s Rural Community Grants Scheme.

Details had been displayed on the Notice Boards.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4413. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 27th March 2017 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 (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

27TH MARCH 2017.