

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2018  
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
GREGSON LANE.**

**PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D. CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) - COUNCILLORS J. BALDWIN, C. HINDLE, MRS S. LONG AND MRS B. ROBINSON.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

**4568. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) Councillors W. Nelson Dr. Ms P. McGovern and J. Swann.

**MR. B. SWANN:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the recent death of the father of Councillor Swann all present were silent for a few moments as a mark of respect.

**LETTER OF THANKS:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported a letter of thanks from former Councillor T. Sharratt following the recent presentation to him.

**4569. 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.

**4570. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th January 2018 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw).

**4571. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON ISSUES ON THE AGENDA OR RAISE ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUE.**

**FIRE BRINDLE MILL:**

Reference was made to the difficulties for the Fire Authority due to the existing water pressure in Bournes Row and Bournesfield.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) indicated that water pressure had been a long standing problem in this area. It was understood that the age of the water pipes was a

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significant factor. Councillor Mrs Long and County Councillor Snowden were aware of the situation and had raised this with United Utilities.

The local resident requested the Parish Council to approach United Utilities and the Fire Authority about this issue.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact United Utilities and Lancashire Fire Authority about the water pressure issues in Bournes Row and Bournesfield and that County Councillor Snowden be informed.

**THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC RAISED NO FURTHER MATTERS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL PROCEEDED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

### **4572. POLICE REPORT:**

As the police were not present no report was presented.

The Parish Council commented on the draft police newsletter .

Councillor Nelson had requested an update on the incident in Holt Lane/Sandy Lane in November 2017 details of which had been passed to the police.

Resolved:- That comments on the police newsletter be referred to the police and that they be requested to provide an update on the incident on 3rd November 2017.

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

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

Resolved:- That report be noted.

### **4573. 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 a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being representatives of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.*

### **4574. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter and referred to notifications regarding Grants to voluntary organisations of up to £5000 under the Wellbeing Fund which supported Community Groups for the over 60s and Healthwatch Engagement an organisation which engaged with other parish councils to publicise the work of health and social care services.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted

### **4575. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). FLOODING:**

The Clerk reported latest situation regarding the clearing of gullies and ditches.

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At the last meeting further flooding was reported at Birch House and on the south side of Hillhouse Lane near Summerhill, opposite the school on Water Street and at the junction of Private Road and Gowans Lane. These were currently awaiting cleaning.

Councillor Baldwin reported that the current situation regarding the drains on Birchin Lane and the stretch of road between Lower Copthurst Farm and Top Lock.

With regard to the flooding on Pippin Street it appeared that the issue had been rectified.

The County Council was currently investigating the flooding problems near The Old Barn at Top oth Lane.

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

### **(B). HIGH COP:**

County Councillor Snowden had indicated that the County Council had repeated that the criteria required for a salt bin had not been met. The Clerk had informed local residents. The highways sign had still not been re-erected.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact County Councillor Snowden to ascertain the current position regarding the sign.

### **(C). PIPPIN STREET:**

The Clerk reported that there had been no progress regarding possible repairs to the road surface on Pippin Street.

Also there appeared to be a problem with the entrance to Pippin Farm where the road has been mounded up which extended into the carriageway. This was a potential traffic hazard.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for an update on this matter and asked to investigate the mound..

### **(D). HEAVY GOODS TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE:**

At the last meeting it was reported that there had been a noticeable increase in the number of HGVs using through the Parish, the police had been notified and were investigating this. It was suggested that local residents be asked to make a note of the registration of speeding vehicles and inform the police.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ask the police for an update on this situation and residents be asked to to make a note of the registration of speeding vehicles and inform the police.

### **(E). TIPPER WAGONS:**

At the last meeting it was reported that a fleet of eight wheeled tipper wagons was going regularly to Breworth Fold to tip soil. The activity was continuing and County Councillor Snowden had been asked to take this up with the Highway Authority.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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### **(F). MARSH LANE:**

The Clerk reported that the County Council had made temporary repairs to the cattle grid on Marsh Lane. It as reported that some work had been carried out but it was not known if these were permanent repairs.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for a progress report.

### **(G). STILES:**

At a previous meeting it was reported that the stiles on Footpath 27 from Marsh Lane to the Leeds Liverpool Canal and on Footpath 43 over the M65 from Smithy Close required attention. The Parish Council had been reminded that the maintenance of footpaths was the responsibility of the landowner.

The Clerk submitted the observations of the CPRE on this issue.

The Countryside Service was investigating the situation regarding the stiles..

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(H) LITTER BIN BOURNES ROW:**

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council intended to remove the litter bin for health and safety reasons.Members commented on the proposals.

Resolved;- That Chorley Council be informed that the Parish Council objects to the proposed removal of the litter bin at Bournes Row but would consider its possible relocation further down Bournes Row.

### **(I). LITTER**

Councillor Baldwin reported that he had recently undertaken a litter pick in Birchin Lane,however,Sandy Lane was untidy and he suggested a litter pick should be carried out.

Resolved:- That Councillor Baldwin be thanked for the litter pick in Birchin Lane and that Chorley Council be asked to do one on the B5256 Sandy Lane.

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

Councillor Hindle reported that when Network Rail installed the replacement bridge at Chapel Fold they had used an adjoining field as a works compound. When they left instead of replacing the former ancient hedge they had erected a fence. It was felt that they should have returned the hedgerow to its former appearance.

He also reported that Chorley Council had recently cut back the vegetation from Yew Tree Cottage to Chapel Fold but had not removed the debris and it was on the verge.

Resolved:- That Network Rail be asked to reinstate the hedge at Chapel Fold and Chorley Council be asked to remove the debris on the verge from Chapel Fold to Yew Tree Cottage..

### **4576. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Councillor Mrs Long reported there were no issues affecting the Parish Council.

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Resolved: - That report be accepted.

## **4577. PLANNING REPORT:**

### **(A). DECISIONS:**

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

1. Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of front porch, rear conservatory, existing glasshouse and building to rear. The Barn Little Holt Sandy Lane. (App no 17/01045/FULHH) Applicant Mr and Mrs Burridge. - Granted.
2. Single storey rear and side extension 70 Bournes Row (App no 17/01151/FULHH) Applicant Mr. Childs. - Granted
3. Erection of dormer providing access to balcony terrace and spiral staircase over existing attached garage (following removal of two existing dormers) Summer Hill HillHouse Lane. (App no 17/01056/FULHH) Applicant Mr. Sage. - Granted
4. Conversion of barn to form two dwellings including new access and erection of carport/garage Head oth Marsh Farm Sandy Lane. (App no 17/00861/FUL) Applicant Ms Ormisher. - Granted.

Resolved :- That the report be noted.

### **(B). APPLICATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that the following application had been received since the last meeting:-

1. Single Storey side/rear extension 48 Bournesfield (App no 18/00018/FULHH) Applicant Mr Young.

Comments had been made regarding the application. No further observations were made and Chorley Council had been informed.

Resolved:-That the report be accepted.

The following further applications had been had been received.

2. Two storey side/rear extension Riverside Cottage Birchin Lane (App no 1800063/FULHH) Applicants Mr and Mrs Lakey.

Details had been circulated to all Members and comments had been made these had been reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

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

3. Listed Building Consent for alterations to barn to facilitate conversion to dwelling, alterations to outbuilding to facilitate conversion of building to ancillary domestic use and demolition of rear lean to car port structure Tullis Farmhouse Barn Sandy Lane. (App no 18/00093/LBC) Applicant Mr. De Hamel.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments had been made this had been reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Baldwin declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.*

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4. Conversion of existing barn to form new dwelling, conversion of existing outbuilding to form ancillary use building and demolition of existing rear lean to car port structure Tullis Farmhouse Barn (App no 18/00097/FUL) Applicant Mr. De Hamel.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments had been made this had been reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Baldwin declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.*

### **(C). HOLMES FARM - SANDY LANE:**

Councillor Mrs Robinson reported on the situation regarding activities at Holmes Farm following complaints from local residents regarding noise and taxis going to the wrong location.

After discussions with the owner he had agreed to ensure noise was kept to a minimum and that local taxis firms would be informed of the correct post code for satellite navigation.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **4578. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

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| 1. Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane | Hire of Room February 2018                          | £20.00 |
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| 2. A. Harkness                           | Print Cartridges                                    | £65.00 |
|  |   |        |
| 3. Whitehead and Aldrich                 | Payroll Administration quarter ending December 2017 | £36.00 |
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Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

### **4579. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:**

The Clerk reported the current position regarding the funds from the Levy and the decision to spend the money on Welcome to Brindle signs.

Resolved:- That the matter be deferred for further information.

### **4580. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2018:**

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.

The Competition Rules indicated that a maximum of two entries could only be made in The Schools section so the Clerk would write to the Schools explaining why they would not be entered.

Resolved :- (1). That the Parish Council enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2018 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

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### **4581. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:**

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4582. PARISH POUND:**

The Clerk reported the latest position regarding the provision of a story board at the Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That a meeting be arranged with representatives of the Historical Society and Chorley Council to discuss the content of the Story Board.

### **4583. PARISH PLAN - BENCH ORAM ROAD:**

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the possible relocation of the bench to Duxon Hill. A site meeting with the County Council had been suggested.

Councillor Hindle reported that several residents and walkers had expressed their disappointment that the bench in Oram road was to be relocated. He indicated that a local farmer in Oram Road had offered to put the bench on his land outside the highway boundary.

Resolved:- That the possibility of re-siting the bench in Oram Road be explored and the Clerk contact the local farmer about his offer and that County Councillor Snowden be notified of the change in circumstances.

### **4584. BROADBAND:**

At the last meeting reference was made to the poor internet service in Brindle the Clerk had contacted the County Council unit responsible for broadband services.

He reported the comments made about various locations.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **4585. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARISHES:**

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Eastern Parishes meeting on 7th February 2018

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4586. CANAL AND RIVERS TRUST:**

The Clerk submitted a publication from the Trust dealing with what local waterways could do for the community.

### **4587. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

The Clerk reported on the meeting held on 17th January 2018.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **4588. UTILITY PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER:**

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The Clerk circulated a consultation document from the Rural Services Network regarding setting up a Register to assist people in rural areas who may find themselves in vulnerable circumstances.

The Priority Services Register was operated by utility companies for example Electricity North West. This allowed people who registered on it to receive special consideration and action particularly in the event of disruption of power or water power disruption.

Councillor Dr McGovern had responded to the consultation and suggested that the Parish Council should identify vulnerable people in Brindle.

Resolved:- That Councillor Dr.Ms P. McGovern be thanked for the action she had taken and details of the proposed register be published in Brindle Voice.

### **4589. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 26th March 2018 at.7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle the Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

**There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**26TH MARCH 2018**