

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2014
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

3726. CONDOLENCES:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) on behalf of the Parish Council expressed their sincere condolences to the Clerk following the recent death of his wife.

3727. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DICKINSON:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that District Councillor Dickinson had suffered a heart attack and was in the intensive care unit at Royal Preston Hospital.

The Parish Council wished District Councillor Dickinson a speedy recovery.

3728. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor J.Swann.

3729. 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.

3730. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 4th November 2013 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3731. ADJOURNMENT:

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

3732. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

As the police were not in attendance no report was presented.

Councillor Baldwin reported the theft of a horse box from Pippin Street and Councillor Nelson reported that there had been a recent incident of motorcyclists using Denham Quarry.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the next local PACT Meeting was to be held on 7th January 2014.

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.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted .

3733. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities including the AGM in November 2013 when vacancies had arisen on the Management Committee.

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.

3734. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter, the Annual Report 2012/13 and training programmes in 2014.

He also circulated details of the Spring Conference to be held at the Leyland Hotel on Saturday 5th April 2014.

The Clerk submitted details of correspondence he had received from the Parish Council's representative on the Three Tier Forum which indicated that the Chorley Forum would be open to attendance by the Public for a trial period.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted, that Councillor Sharratt be appointed this Council's delegate to the LALC Spring Conference and that the delegates fee of £35.00 be paid.

3735. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). LITTER BINS:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was still awaiting confirmation from Chorley Council that new dog/litter bins would be provided at the paddock further on from Friths Farm Gregson Lane and near the Methodist Church and the Black Horse Hotel.

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Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position regarding the supply of the bins.

(B). CLEANING OF ROAD SIGNS:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that he would approach the Parish Council Representative on the Chorley Three Tier Forum regarding the issue of cleaning of road signs.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C). POTHoles:

The Clerk reported that the potholes in Smithy Lane, Pippin Street, Birchin Lane Hillhouse Lane, Holt Lane and Denham Hill still needed attention.

The County Council had introduced a policy whereby potholes were not filled in until the hole reached a certain depth.

Resolved:- That the Clerk consult the County Council Highways Engineer regarding the filling of the potholes.

(D). HIGHWAYS SCHEMES 2014/15:

County Councillor Devaney reported that he had submitted five schemes in Brindle and Hoghton to be included in the Highways Maintenance Programme in 2014/15.

The only scheme which had been selected for consideration was the resurfacing of Sandy Lane from Marsh Lane to Brindle Bar.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(E). STREET LIGHTS:

The Member of the Public present reported that the faulty street lights on Water Street, at the Cavendish Arms and near Post Office Cottage had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(F). SPEED LIMITS GREGSON LANE/MINTHOLME:

At a previous meeting Councillor Hindle had referred to the 20 mph limit on Gregson Lane going towards Mintholme Crossing where it became a 30 mph limit and then there was no indication of a speed limit until the road came to Brindle Village where it entered the next 30mph speed limit.

There had still been no explanation of this.

Resolved:- That the Clerk request the views of the County Council on this situation.

(G). UNMANNED CROSSING ORAM ROAD:

At a previous meeting Councillor Hindle reported that there were problems for pedestrians using the unmanned crossing on the footpath from Back Bournes Row to Oram Road. There was poor visibility for walkers approaching the crossing and he requested action be taken to make Network Rail aware of the situation and take steps to install flashing lights or make the crossing gates at Mintholme more visible

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to pedestrians so that they could see that the barriers were down and a train was approaching. Network Rail was currently investigating this.

The Clerk and Councillor Hindle had met representatives from Network Rail on 13th December 2013 and Councillor Hindle reported on the outcome of that meeting.

He was particularly concerned regarding the possible closure and diversion of public footpaths.

During the discussions reference was made to the National Programme dealing with the possible closure of unmanned crossing and the possible upgrade of others.

Network Rail had agreed to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss these matters with them.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited .

(H). HEDGE AT FORMER SAND QUARRY:

Councillor Nelson reported that the hedge at the former sand quarry had still not been trimmed back. The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council about this and informed them of the history of the site. They had agreed to contact the County Council.

Councillor Nelson suggested that when the hedge was cut, two cuts should take place one at ground level and the other at head height.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to arrange for this to be done as soon as possible and the comments made by Councillor Nelson be passed to Chorley.

(I). GRIT BINS:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that local residents had requested that additional grit bins should be provided at Denham Lane and at Grimes Farm Pippin Street.

Councillor Nelson also suggested that a grit bin be provided at Holt Lane.

Resolved:- That the Clerk seek a response from the County Council about the provision of bins at Denham Lane and Grimes Farm Pippin Street and that the request made by Councillor Nelson be passed to the County Council.

(J). BRIDLEWAY - GORTON BROOK:

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson had reported that the bridleway was overgrown and needed attention. The County Council was currently investigating this.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney raise this issue with the Footpaths Officer.

(K). MINTHOLME CROSSING CLOSURE:

The Clerk circulated details of the temporary closure of Mintholme Railway Crossing on 16th February 2014 to allow maintenance work by Network Rail.

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He also referred to the new policy of the County Council relating to notice of temporary closures.

Resolved:- That the details be noted.

(L). FLOODING - PIPPIN STREET:

A local resident reported that Pippin Street continued to flood in at least two locations.

Resolved: That the County Council be informed.

(M) . GULLEYS - WATER STREET TO TOP OTH LANE:

The local resident present reported that the gulleys had still not been cleaned

Resolved:-That County Council be asked to clean the gulleys again.

(N). MARSH LANE:

A local resident informed the Parish Council that water was not draining away at Harry Croft because of defective land drains. He had notified County Councillor Devaney about this.

Resolved:- That the County Councillor Devaney ascertain the position regarding the repair of the drains.

(O). ESTATE AGENTS SIGNS:

The Clerk circulated correspondence from the Clerk of Charnock Richard Parish Council regarding the illegal siting of such signs on grass verges in that Parish.

Estate Agents in Chorley had been contacted and one of them had argued that this was a common practice in Chorley.

Charnock Richard had asked for the views of other parish councils on this issue.

The Chairman (D. Cranshaw) had commented that whilst this was not currently an issue in Brindle,Charnock Richard Parish Council should be supported.

Councillor Sharratt reported that in the past he had had discussions with the County Council regarding this issue and that the legal opinion was that there was no right to erect such signs on verges for properties not on the highway.

Resolved:- That whilst this was not currently an issue in Brindle,Charnock Richard Parish Council be informed that this Parish Council supports their stance.

(P). FOOTPATH SIGN - WINDMILL LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the footpath sign at Thorncroft needed attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify the Footpaths Officer at the County Council.

(Q). DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that Duxon Hill needed sweeping again.

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Resolved:- That Chorley Council be requested to sweep Duxon Hill.

(R). WINDMILL LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that there were two areas of the road surface on Windmill Lane which required attention. One was adjacent to The Shippon at Silcocks, the other area was at the junction of Windmill Lane and Dover Lane .

Resolved:- That the Clerk request the County Council to investigate this.

(S). HATCHWOOD NURSERIES:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that contractors were using Gowans Lane, Windmill Lane, and Dover Lane.

Resolved:- That the Company be requested to vary the routes its vehicles take through the Parish.

(T). REFUSE BINS:

Councillor Nelson reported that household refuse bins were left on the bend by Moss Farm on Sandy Lane and were a hazard to motorists.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to look into this.

3736. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

3737. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

The Clerk reported the following application had been refused since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Erection of a shed in which to store a tractor for managing the land Mintholme Barn Private Road (App no 13/00595/FUL) Applicant Mr. Strange.

Resolved: That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Amendment to the resubmitted Application 12/01178/FUL Demolition of outbuilding and construction of new bungalow on same footprint Myrtle Cottage Sandy Lane (App no 13/00940/FUL) Applicant Thistle Homes (NW) Ltd.

Details were circulated to all Members and the Parish Council's previous objections had been repeated. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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2. Erection of agricultural building for storage use and housing cattle Denham Springs Farm Birchin Lane (App no 13/00895/FUL) Applicant J and P.A.Baldwin and sons.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been received The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3. Tree works Bringelly Cottage Sandy Lane (App no 13/01069/TCON Applicant Mrs Vost.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been received The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4. Retrospective application for two storey rear extension and internal alterations Birch House Oram Road. (App no 13/01115/FUL.) Applicant Dr. McPhail.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been received.The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

5. Proposed Tree Works Cycleway Leeds Liverpool Canal. (App no 13/01173/PNOT.) Applicant Canal and Riverside Trust.

Resolved:- That no objections be made to the application

(C). DEVELOPMENT CONTROL NEW APPLICATION TYPES:

The Clerk circulated details of the new application types which would be referred to by Chorley Planning Department from now on.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(D). CHORLEY LOCAL PLAN:

The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspectors Partial Report on the Local Plan had been published and was legally compliant and sound with the exception of matters relating to Travellers. The Plan could not be adopted until this issue had been considered and further assessments were being made. These findings would be considered in January 2014.

A similar decision had been made in respect of the South Ribble Local Plan.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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3738. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Print Cartridges	£61.04.
2. Community Hall	Hire of Room November 2013.	£17.50.
3. Community Hall	Hire of Room January 2014	£17.50
*4. Public Work Loan Board	Repayment of Loan (February 2014 instalment)	£312.46

* Payment by Direct Debit.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

3739. PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES 2014/15:

The Clerk resubmitted the report (circulated) dealing with the Parish Council's Estimates for 2013/14, the report gave details of actual spending in 2012/13 together with an update of spending in the current financial year and together with an estimate for 2014/15.

He reminded the Parish Council that at the last meeting they had deferred consideration of the estimates to enable Members to decide if any additional items of spending should be included in the estimates.

The following suggestions were made:-

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| 1. Denham Quarry Management Plan | - £500.00. |
| 2. Parish Pound | - £300.00. |
| 3. Hire of SPID device. | - £500.00. |
| 4. Commemoration of Start of World War 1 | - £400.00. |
| 5. Provision of Public Seating | - £300.00. |
| 6. Welcome to Brindle Signs | - £300.00. |

The Clerk referred to the balances currently available to the Parish Council and the suggested additional spending was agreed.

Resolved:- That subject to the the Clerk ascertaining that there will be no additional increases on the amount of the precept imposed by Chorley Council, the Estimates as set out below be approved and that the Parish Council's 2014/15 precept on Chorley Council amount to £6,800.00.

ESTIMATES 2014/2015

LAST YEAR 2012/13	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YEAR 2013/2014/ESTIMATES 2014/15	
ACTUAL £		ORIGINAL 2013/14 £	ESTIMATES 2014/15 £
RECEIPTS			

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5427.34	B/FWD	6037.51	6149.00
6800.00	PRECEPT	6800.00	6800.00
162.01	VAT	318.43	160.00
10.74	INTEREST	10.00	10.00
212.29	HOGHTON STATIONERY REFUND	240.00	240.00
NIL	QUEEN`S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT - DONATION BRINDLE ESTATE	455.21	NIL
12567.29	TOTAL RECEIPTS	13861.15	6559.00
PAYMENTS			
2895.85	PAYROLL	3,700.00	3770.00
200.00	GRANTS – SECTION 137 PAYMENTS	550.00	550.00
291.16	INSURANCE	350.00	350.00
237.94	LAPTC SUBSCRIPTION	250.00	250.00
194.00	AUDIT FEES	50.00	50.00
157.50	HIRE OF ROOMS	155.00	175.00
497.22	STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT	600.00	650.00
60.00	TRAINING	50.00	60.00
NIL	WREATH	15.00	30.00
624.92	LOAN REPAYMENTS	625.00	625.00
1087.50	QUEEN`S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENTS.	NIL	NIL
92.13	PARISH PLAN	500.00	500.00
NIL	NOTICE BOARDS	250.00	300.00

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200.00	ELECTION FEES	200.00	400.00
12.00	BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION	12.00	12.00
NIL	DENHAM QUARRY MANAGEMENT PLAN	NIL	500.00
NIL	PARISH POUND IMPROVEMENT	NIL	300.00
NIL	HIRE OF SPID DEVICE	NIL	500.00
NIL	COMMEMORATION OF START OF FIRST WORLD WAR	NIL	400.00
NIL	PUBLIC SEATING	NIL	300.00
NIL	WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS	NIL	300.00.
6550.22	TOTAL	7307.00	10022.00

3740. COMMEMORATION OF START OF WORLD WAR ONE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding the Government's scheme to commemorate the start of World War One by encouraging local organisations and residents to plant poppy seeds as part of the national campaign. It was also intended that talks/workshop should be provided for the older children at the three primary schools about the First World War and impact locally in Brindle as part of next year's commemorations.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3741. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on 15th January 2014 at the Town Hall Chorley.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3742. SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES - LCC BUDGET PROPOSALS:

The Clerk reported that as a result of the local government finance settlement and existing budget pressures, the county council had already committed to saving over £200 million by 31st March 2014. Following recent announcements by the government over future funding, it now needed to find further estimated savings of £300m between 2014 and 2018. This meant that the county council had to consider making these savings by reducing costs and reshaping the way services were delivered. As part of a range of proposals being considered, they were looking to reduce the amount of money they spent to support bus services in the county each year by withdrawing the funding to subsidise bus services during the evenings and on Sundays. They were also considering a proposal for the non-replacement of future deregistered commercial bus services.

A consultation document had been circulated showing the services affected in Chorley. Brindle was not affected by the proposals.

Resolved:- That the consultation be noted.

3743. IRONMAN BIKE RIDE 2014:

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The Clerk reported that this event which was held annually in June had been changed from previous years and would now take in parts of Brindle.
The organisers had offered to meet the Parish Council to discuss this with them.

The suggested date was 14th January 2014.

Resolved:- That the Clerk arrange the meeting.

3744. **DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2014/15.**

The Clerk submitted a draft programme (circulated) of meetings of the Parish Council during 2014/15.

Resolved: - That the list of dates be agreed for meetings of the Parish Council in 2014/15 be agreed subject to further consultation with affected organisations.

3745. **LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:**

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 2nd February 2014.

Resolved: - That the Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) represent the Parish Council at this service.

3746. **LETTER OF THANKS :**

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Brindle Over Fifty Fives Club in respect of the donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the letter be noted.

3747. **DENHAM QUARRY:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council of the discussions he had had with Chorley regarding the use of the Quarry by motorcycle Scramblers. He had expressed his dissatisfaction with the way the issue was handled. However, no assurances could be given regarding the future.

The Leader of Chorley Council was due to meet the Motorcycle Club.

Chorley Council had indicated that one option was for the Quarry to be taken over by the Parish Council.

Councillor Sharratt felt that this should be considered very carefully before the matter proceeded.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

3748. **DOG BIN BACK BOURNES ROW :**

Councillor Hindle reported that the dog bin was full and needed emptying.

Resolved:- That the Neighbourhood Officer be asked to empty the bin.

3749. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 10th February 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane.

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There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

10TH FEBRUARY 2014.