

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2015
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-

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

4052. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs S. Long, W. Nelson, and J. Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

COUNCILLOR MRS. LONG:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed that Councillor Mrs Long was at home recovering following her recent surgery.

The Parish Council wished Councillor Mrs Long a speedy recovery to health.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that District Councillor Dickinson had been appointed deputy mayor of Chorley.

The Parish Council congratulated him on his appointment.

4053. 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.

4054. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 11th May 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4055. 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 MATTERS AT THIS STAGE SO THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4056. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current Police Newsletter, there had been no reported incidents in Brindle during June 2015.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 7th July 2015 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

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 .

4057. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities. It was also reported that the Community Hall Management Committee was seeking volunteers to sit on the Committee.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being a representative of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.

4058. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

Councillor Sharratt reported on the Annual Conference held on 6th June 2015 and in particular the presentation given by the Red Cross on defibrillators. He was concerned about possible obstacles in getting the machine to operate.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that local organisations were currently looking into the provision of defibrillators at locations within the parish including the area near the Parish Church and at Top oth Lane. Various fund raising activities were taking place and it may be that in the future there would be an approach to the Parish Council for a grant towards the cost of providing a defibrillator.

He also reported on the Chorley Area Meeting held on 25th June 2015 and referred to the recent survey regarding the operation of the Area Committee. Following the survey there would be changes to the way it would conduct its business. The meetings would be themed dealing with particular topics affecting parish councils in Chorley.

The first meeting in the new format would deal with how to make Parishes greener and cleaner. Up to three members from each Parish Council would be entitled to attend.

The Clerk reported that the next Three Tier Liaison Meeting would be held on 15th July 2015 . The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would attend.

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Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

4059. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A) SURFACE WATER HEWNGATE/GREGSON LANE:

Councillor Hindle reported that this issue appeared to have been resolved.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(B) LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that following a site visit with the Chorley Neighbourhood Officer, two possible locations were being considered and Chorley Council was carrying out further investigations regarding the siting of a litter bin near Friths Farm.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

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

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the County Council had inspected the area and found a pothole at intervention level at one end of the trench reinstatement, this defect would be repaired. The rest of trench was not at the intervention level but they would consider patching later this year if sufficient funds were still available following completion of higher priority works.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(D). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the sign had still not been replaced.

Councillor Hindle stated that the missing sign was first reported over twelve months ago.

County Councillor Devaney would raise the Parish Council's concerns at the delay with the Footpaths Officer and the Parish Delivery Officer in the Environment Directorate at the County Council.

Resolved:- That the action proposed be approved.

(E). RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION - FOOTPATH SURVEY:

The Clerk reported details of a proposed survey nationwide of the the state of existing public footpaths to be undertaken by the Ramblers Association.

They had notified the County Council of the launch of the survey on 13th July 2015 and were seeking volunteers to assist in the scheme.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(F). SIGN POSTING PROJECT:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the County Council for the Parish Council to join a countywide Sign Posting Project. The scheme involved surveying all points where public rights of way met or crossed a tarmac road and where necessary arranging for the repair and replacement of signposts ensuring that public rights of way were easily identifiable.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to explain how this project impacted on the Nationwide survey of footpaths to be undertaken by the Ramblers Association.

(G). USE OF SPID DEVICES:

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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 and the Parish Council would be notified when the device was available.

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

(H). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:

At a previous meeting the police had been requested to contact the owner of the vehicle which was parked near Woodville on Smithy Lane. The outcome of their visit was awaited.

Resolved:- That the police be asked update the Clerk on this matter.

(I). SURFACE WATER PIPPIN STREET :

Following site inspection with a representative of the County Council regarding the running water on Pippin Street the County Council were investigating this.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

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

A local resident had reported that the Slow markings on the B5256 Sandy Lane near to the Cross Keys required attention. The County Council had been asked to repaint the markings.

They had informed the Clerk that this had been included in a list of future lining works but it was not possible to say when this would be done. County Councillor Devaney was asked to discuss this situation with the Highways Authority.

Resolved:- That the Clerk request an update from the County Council on this matter.

(K). JAPANESE KNOT WEED/HIMALAYAN BALSAM:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that a member of the public had previously reported that Japanese Knot weed 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 the presence of Himalayan Balsam in several locations.

A member of the public had offered to provide details of the site locations of both types of weed. A site location map was currently being circulated in the Parish and when complete would be sent to the Clerk for onward transmission to the County Council.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that Himalayan Balsam was growing in Private Road near Mintholme Cottage and Councillor Baldwin reported it was also growing near the lay by on Denham Lane.

Resolved:- That the action taken be noted, the additional sites identified be included in the list of sites to be reported to the County Council and the Clerk identify the current position regarding the production of the location plan.

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

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The County Council had informed the Clerk that it was considered that the stile on the public footpath at Lady Hall Farm was safe. It was suggested that the wrong stile had been looked at.

Resolved:- That the Footpaths Officer be asked to meet the Parish Council on site to view the stile in question and discuss the footpath sign at Oram Road referred to earlier.

(M). FENCING AT CATTLE GRIDS - MARSH LANE:

The Clerk reported that the fencing at the cattle grids had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(O). WHITE RAILINGS PIPPIN STREET :

The Parish Council discussed the proposed painting of the white railings at the entrance to Pippin Street. There were highways issues to overcome before the work could be done. Councillor Mrs. Robinson suggested painting the railings from within the the farmland adjoining them to overcome the highways problems.

Resolved:- That Councillor Baldwin ascertain the name of the owners of the land with a view to an approach being made to them regarding the painting of the railings.

(P). DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the emergency repair work to Duxon Hill had still not been carried out .

Resolved:- That the County Councillor Devaney raise this with the Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council.

(Q). POTHOLE DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the pothole had been repaired.

Councillor Baldwin reported the repair of potholes on Denham Lane and Birchin Lane.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

(R). TRAFFIC SPEEDS - BOURNES ROW:

Councillor Hindle had reported speeding vehicles on Bournes Row.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalfe) would raise this issue at the next PACT meeting.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had mentioned this to the Governors at Brindle St. Joseph`s RC Primary School.

County Councillor Devaney had encountered a similar problem recently at another school and the Governors in conjunction with the police had acquired a speed gun to operate.

Resolved:- That the Clerk investigate the question of the use of a speed gun by the schools on Bournes Row.

(S). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE HILLHOUSE LANE:

At a past meeting Councillor Mrs Long reported that the grid near Brindle Rise was blocked and water was flooding the road. The Clerk had notified the County Council.

Councillor Hindle confirmed that this work had now been done.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(T). ORAM ROAD RAILWAY CROSSING:

At the last meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported details of a letter from a local resident regarding her concerns about recent developments at the crossing.

Network Rail had contacted the local resident concerned about the work they had undertaken.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(U). SANDY LANE:

A local resident reported that when the public notices of the relating to the resurfacing of Sandy Lane had been published they referred to the replacement of the cats eyes on Sandy Lane. Some replacement work had been done on the stretch from the Cavendish Arms to Radburn Brow. The nature of the work was poor.

The cats eyes had been repositioned and the existing holes not filled in properly, also sections of the white lines had been broken.

The stretch of Sandy Lane from the Cavendish Arms to Brindle Bar had not been done.

County Councillor Devaney reported that he was still awaiting the comments of the Environment Director on this issue.

Resolved:- That the situation be noted.

(V). FLOODING NEAR CALVERTS FARM WATER STREET:

The local resident present reported that the problem with running water in this location continued.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that a site meeting had been held with the County Council . The flooding appeared to be a blocked land drain on the land opposite the farm.

Resolved:- That the Flood Prevention Officer at the County Council be asked to contact the local resident to discuss this issue with him.

(W). WINDMILL LANE AND DOVER LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that the resurfacing work had been completed.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(X). CYCLISTS:

The local resident present referred to the problems arising from the increase in the number of cyclists using the narrow lanes in the Parish.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that this was an ongoing problem.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4060. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4061. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

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

1. Proposed single storey rear extension Hillview Brindle Road (off Pippin Street) (App no 15/00187/PDE) Applicants Mr and Mrs Gardner - Granted.

2. Erection of single storey side extension, change of external facing materials and replacement of windows and doors . Reduction in height of existing front boundary wall by 1.2 m 5 Smithy Lane (App no 15/00396/FUL) Applicants Mr West. - Granted.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C). BROOKFIELD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE DOVER LANE:

The Planning Enforcement Officer was investigating work to extend the car park at the centre.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

4062. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room June 2015	£20.00
2. A. Harkness	Print Cartridge	£21.98

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

4063. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEM:

The Clerk circulated a report dealing with a review of the Parish Council's Internal Audit System.

Resolved: - That the review be approved.

4064. RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Clerk submitted a risk assessment report in respect of the Council's Financial Systems.

Resolved: - That the risk assessment report in respect of the Council's Financial Systems be approved.

4065. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

(A). BOFFS:

The Clerk submitted a grant application from the organisation.

Resolved: - That a grant of £75.00 be made to the Brindle Over Fifty Fives Club.

(B). BRINDLE GARDENING CLUB:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Chair of the Gardening Club for a donation towards their running costs.

Resolved: - That a grant of £75.00 be made to the Brindle Gardening Club.

(C). BRINDLE VILLAGE SHOW - LETTER OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Brindle Village Show Organisers in respect of the donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved: That letter be accepted.

4066. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that the Best Kept Village Competition inspections were ongoing .

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4067. CPRE:

The Clerk reported the Parish Council had rejoined the CPRE at a cost of £36.00.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4068. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the glass doors had been fitted to the notice board at Top oth Lane and were to be fitted to the one at Gregson Lane.

Councillor Baldwin reported that he had trimmed the grassed area round the notice board at Top oth Lane.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and Councillor Baldwin thanked for trimming the grass.

4069. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that following a site meeting Chorley Council had undertaken some maintenance work at the Quarry and was arranging for a further day for additional work to be undertaken by representatives from the Mormon

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Temple at Chorley. The Parish Council was looking for volunteers to assist in the tidying up of the Quarry.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) was to undertake a leaflet drop at Top oth Lane regarding the tidy up day. He also referred to the introduction of the Country Watch in respect of the Quarry.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

4070. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that latest situation regarding the siting of the proposed benches on Private Road, in Denham Lane and for the Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

4071. ADOPT A KIOSK:

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding this scheme.

Resolved:- That the further developments be awaited.

4072. CAVENDISH ARMS - BEER FESTIVAL:

The Parish Council carried out a review of the recent beer festival as it affected local residents. No comments had been received.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4073. VILLAGE WELLS:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that Chorley Council had tidied up the area round the wells at opposite the Parish Church and near Calverts Cottage and Farm.

He had also raised with the Historical Society what further work was required and the question of recording their historical significance by using information technology and the introduction of an information board at the Parish Pound

Resolved:- That the current position be noted.

4074. RURAL TRANSPORT:

The Clerk reported that the Chorley Overview and Scrutiny Task Group was undertaking a review of Rural Transport provision in Chorley and was seeking the views of the Parish Council.

Members referred to the pilot scheme in 2012 when a bus service had been tried from Brindle via Hoghton to Chorley and which was not successful.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed of the need for a bus service from Brindle to Chorley which it is considered viable if publicised.

4075. CHORLEY RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that he had received an invitation from the Chorley Parish Council's Champion to attend a meeting regarding the Plan on Tuesday 30th June.

Resolved:- That the matter be noted.

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4076. STATIONERY CHARGES:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the agreement with Hoghton Parish Council to apportion stationery and equipment charges on an annual basis.

The Stationery costs for 2014/15 were £226.16 and Hoghton Parish Council's share was £113.08 and a cheque for this amount had been received and banked.

Resolved:- That the payment of the apportioned charges be noted.

4077. VAT REPAYMENT:-

The Clerk reported that VAT for 2014/15 had been reclaimed amounting to £133.46.

Resolved:- That the VAT repayment be noted.

4078. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE:

The Clerk submitted details of the proposed electoral review. The Boundary Commission was carrying out a consultation exercise on future electoral boundaries in Lancashire.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney provide further information regarding the Review.

4079. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 10th August 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at the Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

10TH AUGUST 2015