

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2019
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE
CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS C. HINDLE , MRS S. LONG, DR. P. McGOVERN,
AND MRS B.ROBINSON.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- SPECIAL POLICE INSPECTOR S. BULLOCK AND
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

4826. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, W. Nelson and J. Swann.

4827. FORMER COUNCILLOR MRS E.KERFOOT:

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) referred to the recent death of former Councillor Mrs. Kerfoot.

All present were silent for a few moments as a mark of respect.

4828. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

The Clerk reminded Members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. No one made a declaration at this stage.

4829. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4830. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING
MATTERS.**

ORAM ROAD - BENCH:

Two Members of the Public indicated that they had removed litter from round the bench at Oram Road and suggested a litter bin should be placed in this location.

Resolved:- That the farmer be approached regarding this suggestion.

GREGSON LANE - FOOTPATH SIGN:

At the last meeting it was reported that the footpath sign near Hewngate Farm had been knocked down. The Countryside Service at Lancashire County Council had been informed.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

SANDY LANE - TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

A local resident referred to the potential risk of a fatality arising from the traffic speeds on Sandy Lane particularly near the junction with Smithy Lane. He indicated that the local community was prepared to fund traffic calming measures.

He requested the County Council review the current situation.

The police indicated what action it could take. It was suggested that Community Road Watch be introduced. The resident also agreed to be a Community Champion.

Resolved:- That a site visit be arranged with the County Council, Parish Council Police and local residents.

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER ISSUES RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4831. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police presented a report on the activities undertaken since their last attendance.

Details of a parked car which was causing an obstruction outside St. Joseph's RC Primary School had been reported to the police other issues discussed were car parking in general in Bournes Row and enforcement matters at Denham Quarry.

(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 the report be accepted.

4832. 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.

4833. LALC REPORT:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the LALC Spring Conference held on Saturday 15th June 2019 at the Hallmark Leyland Hotel.

The Clerk circulated the latest newsletter and referred to the events proposed to mark VE day in May 2020.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted and the Parish Council consider events to mark VE Day at the next meeting..

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter being Chairman of the Association.

4834. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

The Clerk submitted the views of the County Council regarding the run off of water near Calverts Farm and at High Cop.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

(B). FOOTPATHS AND STILES:

The Parish Council was reminded that following an inspection prior to the Cuckoo Walks three stiles within the Parish had been identified as needing attention. A landowner had arranged for them to be repaired and had asked for a contribution from the Parish Council. It had been agreed that a donation of £100.00 should be made. A cheque was signed for this amount.

A report was submitted regarding footpath 21 where electric fences had been placed at three locations across the public footpath. The landowner had been approached regarding this.

A Member referred to the obstruction of the footpath at Breworth Fold and that a resident had complained to her about this. The County Council had been contacted regarding the situation at Breworth Fold.

Reference was made to a request for improvements to footpath 44 by the County Council.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

(C). MINTHOLME CROSSING:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the views of Network Rail regarding the gritting of the crossing. They considered it was the County Council's responsibility to grit the area. The Clerk had asked County Councillor Snowden for his views on these comments.

Resolved:- That the observations of County Councillor Snowden be reported to the Parish Council when available.

(D). HILLHOUSE LANE - RESURFACING:

The County Council had not yet painted an additional SLOW sign on the road in Hillhouse Lane.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to expedite the matter.

(E). SMITHY LANE:

It was reported that Chorley Council had now replaced the supports to the Smithy Lane nameplate.

A local resident had contacted County Councillor Snowden about the general condition of the road surface in Smithy Lane and Smithy Close.

County Councillor Snowden had asked the Highways Department to carry out a survey of Smithy Lane /Smithy Close with the view to a project being included in a future Highways Maintenance Programme.

Reference was also made to a recent traffic survey on Smithy Lane. The County Council had indicated they had no knowledge of this survey.

The County Council's view on traffic issues in Smithy Lane were reported.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited regarding the possible inclusion of Smithy Lane/Smithy Close in a future highways maintenance programme and the County Council's views on traffic issues in Smithy Lane be noted.

(F). PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk submitted the views of County Councillor Snowden regarding the resurfacing of Private Road and that it had been submitted as a project in a future Highways Maintenance Programme.

It was also reported that the vegetation on the left hand side of Private Road needed cutting back.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the County Council informed of the overgrown vegetation on Private Road.

(G). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE TO SANDY LANE:

It was reported that the overgrown hedge had been cut back..

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(H). TOP OTH LANE:

A request had been received that a Concealed Entrance be provided on Denham Lane near to 27 Top oth Lane where this lane met Denham Lane . Running behind the houses was a tarmac lane that residents use for car parking. there were blind corners caused by the stone wall and high hedge on either side.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to consider this request.

(I). GRIDS:

It was reported that the grids at the junction of Holt Lane and Sandy Lane and in Hillhouse Lane near Summerhill were blocked.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

(J). FOOTPATH - DUXON HILL:

It was reported that the footpath from Duxon Hill to Holy Trinity Church at Hoghton was overgrown

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

4835. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4836. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for developments at Bournes Row and Back Lane. An application for development at Hillhouse Lane had been withdrawn.

Resolved:- That the decisions be noted.

(B). Applications:

The Clerk reported that applications had been submitted to Chorley Council for the discharge of a condition on a development previously granted in Private Road and for a development at Chapel Fold.

Details had been submitted to all Members and no observations were made on the proposals at Chapel Fold and it was decided to notify Chorley Council that there were no objections to the application.

Concern was expressed regarding the possible removal of trees at the development in Private Road.

Further details would be circulated regarding this.

Resolved:- That actions proposed be agreed.

4837. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room June 2019	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Stationery and Print Cartridges	£115.00.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid and cheques were signed.

4838. 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.

4839. RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Clerk submitted a risk assessment report including the Council's Financial Systems.

Resolved: - That the risk assessment report be approved.

4840. APPLICATION FOR GRANT

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in the following item and left the room during consideration of the matter.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) was in the chair when discussing the matter.

(A) BRINDLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

This Clerk resubmitted the application for grant from the Treasurer of the Historical Society. A copy of the Society's Accounts had previously been circulated.

Resolved:- That a grant of £100.00 be made to the Brindle Historical Society.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) returned to the meeting at this point.

4841. LETTERS OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Secretary of the Brindle Village Show for the donations made by the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That the letter of thanks be accepted.

4842. CONSULTATIONS

Consultation documents were submitted from Lancashire Trading Standards regarding Scams, Chorley Council regarding the establishment of woodlands and the Police and Crime Commissioner on local policing and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

Resolved:- That the consultation documents be noted.

4843. PARISH POUND:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported on the outcome of investigations into the covering of the surface of the Pound. A discussion took place regarding the most appropriate materials to be used.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) felt that enquiries be made regarding the ownership of the pound.

Resolved:- That the Clerk arrange for further tests to be the surface of the Parish Pound to ascertain the type of material previously used and obtain estimates for providing cobbles, or granite setts or slate and that the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) make further enquiries regarding the ownership of the pound.

4844. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BINDLE SIGNS:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) reported on possible alternatives for the content of the signs.

Resolved:- That further investigations be made into the type of display to be provided.

4845. NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported on possible changes to the notice boards following discussions with a local contractor and of the possible requirement to seek advertisement regulation permission from Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That further discussions be held with the joiner concerned with the view to submitting an application to Chorley Council for advertisement regulation permission.

4846. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:

The Parish Council was reminded that judging of the Parish would take place in early July and it had been noted that the steps up to the church from Sandy Lane were closed and secured with tape. It was considered that this should be tidied up.

Resolved: - That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) make further enquiries.

4846. VENUE FOR MEETINGS - GREGSON LANE:

The Clerk explained the reason for the change in venue for this meeting and indicated there could be problems in holding meetings at Trinity Methodist Church in the future.

Resolved:- That enquiries be made into holding future Parish Council meetings at Gregson Lane County Primary School.

4847. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 12th August 2019 at.7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 9.05. p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
12TH AUGUST 2019.**