

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2021
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS Ms L. CROASDALE , W. NELSON AND MRS B. ROBINSON.**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:

5084. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J.Baldwin, Dr. Ms P. McGovern and J. Swann.

5085. 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 did so at this stage.

5086. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th May 2021 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw).

5087. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER:

Ms L. Croasdale was co-opted a Member of the Parish Council for the period ending May 2024.

She then signed her acceptance of office.

There remained one vacancy on the Parish Council and this would now be advertised.

5088. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:-

WITHNELL FOLD NATURE RESERVE:

The Member of the Public requested information regarding the nature reserve. The reserve was the responsibility of the Parish Council and had fallen into neglect despite some work being carried out by the Countryside Service some time ago.

Arrangements would be made for a site inspection to be carried out to ascertain the work required to improve the site.

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

5089. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police had been informed that a car was seen parked on Denham Lane in the lay-by opposite the entrance to Denham Hall. The occupants were smoking and passers by reported a strong smell of drugs. A note had been made of the car registration plate and the matter had been reported to the police.

Members reported other incidents of long term car parking and possible drug use.

They were advised to notify the police when this occurred and the police contact details would be circulated to all Members.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics dealing with the introduction of the Government restrictions arising from the Coronovid pandemic.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

The Vice Chairman referred to a scam involving bogus telephone calls from people purporting to be from BT Openreach.

5090. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current developments.

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.

5091. LALC Report:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) in his role as Chairman of the Association circulated updates from LALC on current issues.

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

5092. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING - WATER STREET:

The County Council had agreed to contact the landowners, asking them to consider implementing their own measures to reduce the amount of water that reaches the highway by utilising storage or slowing the water on their land.

(B). HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE BRIEFING:

Final copies of the Winter Briefing notes had been were circulated and the reports would be suspended until October 2021.

(C). DOVER LANE - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE:

The Parish Council was reminded of the closure of Dover Lane from 09.30 hours to 15.30 hours on 8th July. This was for Openreach to carry out cabling work.

(D). FOOTPATHS:

The stile on the footpath near the underpass which needed attention. The footpaths service were looking into this.

Reference was made to an article in the Lancashire Post which reported that a stile on the footpath at Top oth Lane needed repair as well as a footbridge.

This would be reported to the Footpaths Officer.

Also a resident had queried the lack of footpaths signs on Footpath 24 Smithy Lane to Hillhouse Lane.

The Footpaths Service had been contacted about this and had stated that:-

After checking their mapping system this was still a recorded public right of way. However, in future they would maintain the roadside signposts in a different manner to other aspects of managing the network of public paths and byways. Signposts would be checked, repaired, or replaced on a district-wide project basis rather than individually when they were reported.

They therefore, no longer recorded individual reports concerning finger posts, as any problems should be picked up by the district-wide survey that precedes each project.

(E). SMITHY LANE - TRAFFIC:

Correspondence was submitted from local residents to the proprietor of People and Places regarding the speed of vehicles going to and from their business.

(F). GIANT HOGWEED:

An infestation of giant hogweed was reported at Duxon Hill/Windmill Lane and possibly at a site in Pippin Street.

The Environment Agency would be notified.

5093. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Details of the matters affecting the Parish Council were reported.

5094. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The following decisions on the applications had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Prior approval application under Part 3 Class O of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for change of use from office (Class B1a) to 8 apartments (Class 3) Brindle Mill Cottage Bournes Row (App no 21/00366/P3PAJ). - Refused.

2. Application for tree works Chorley TPO 11 (Brindle) 1999 Cross Keys Villa Sandy Lane. (App no 21/00422/TPO).- Granted

3. Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding to accommodate a swimming pool and home gymnasium. Silcock Farm Windmill Lane. (App no 21/00476/CLPUD.). - Refused.

4. Erection of two agricultural buildings for keeping of livestock and one agricultural welfare building Holmes Farm Sandy Lane. (App no 21/00349/FUL). - Granted.

5. Two storey rear extension Prospect Cottage Gregson Lane (App no 21/000119/FULHH). - Granted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The following applications had been submitted since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Single storey rear extension 9 Smithy Close (App no 21/00574/FULHH).

2. First floor extension of existing detached garage to provide home office space Windmill Hill Farm Sandy Lane. (App no 21/00537/FULHH).

The application stated that there were no trees within falling distance of the building and that no tree removal or pruning will be required.

This appeared incorrect. There were 2 trees immediately adjacent to the garage, both in falling distance and pruning and or removal would be possibly required.

3. Application for listed building consent for works in association with the conversion of the barn to a dwelling house as permitted under planning permission 19/00705/FUL (Conversion of barn to house and erection of detached garage) Tullis Farmhouse Barn Sandy Lane (App no 21/00547/LBC).

This seemed a sensitive re-use of an agricultural building that would use materials in the proposed development that corresponded and improved existing materials. It did not alter the listed building, apart from what was necessary to convert it for habitation. However in the planning application no mention was made about motor vehicle access to the site and there were potential safety issues in access to Sandy Lane so close to the bend.

Details have been sent to all Members and apart from Windmill Hill Farm and Tullis Farm Barn no comments had been made.

Chorley Council had been informed of the comments.

(C). PRESTON AND CHORLEY HOUSING NEED AND DEMAND STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE:

In response to this survey it was felt the key housing priorities were twofold. The first to protect the green belt in the Chorley and Preston area. Secondly, to resist

commercial developers who wanted to build large and inappropriate developments that destroy the local rural character of our area and that have no regard for the local stone and slate vernacular architecture.

These comments had been submitted in response to the Survey.

5095. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk reported the following accounts for payment had been received.

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room June 2021	£22.50.
2. Shiloh Construction NW Ltd	Parish Pound	£3701.88

5096. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT:

(A). BRINDLE VILLAGE SHOW:

Treasurer of the Brindle Village Show submitted an application for grant. Details of their latest accounts were reported.

A grant of £100.00 was agreed.

(B). TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH:

The church authorities were raising funds for a defibrillator to be placed outside the church premises and were seeking donations towards the cost.

The Parish Council agreed to a donation of £300.00.

5097. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Condensed versions had been submitted to Brindle Voice. Councillor Dr Ms P. McGovern was thanked for producing these.

5098. PARISH POUND:

Following a site visit the Contractor would provide a sample gate for consideration by the Parish Council.

5099. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:

The Clerk had consulted the County Council on the location of the signs with the view to avoiding clutter a reply suggested two locations for the signs,

The Parish Council felt there should be a site meeting.

5100. GINNEL -SMITHY LANE /SANDY LANE:

It suggested that there might be a possible rat infestation and the drain cover in the ginnel needed attention it was also reported that the street light was not working.

The Clerk would contact the County Council and Chorley Council.

5101. DENHAM QUARRY:

Graffiti was reported near the lagoon at the quarry, the vegetation in the quarry was overgrown. The Clerk would inform Chorley.

5102. THREE TREES:

One of the Trees appeared to be dead and this would be investigated.

5103. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9th August 2021 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 8.50 p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
9TH AUGUST 2021**