

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2016
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-

COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY AND 4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4208. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

4209. 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.

4210. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 8th February 2016 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4211. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

FRACKING:

The Parish Council was asked what discussions had been held regarding this issue what decisions had been arrived at and whether there had been any vote on the matter.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the Parish Council had concerns about fracking and was currently against it but was awaiting further information.

The Parish Council had not taken a vote on the matter.

THERE WERE NO OTHER MATTERS RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4212. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTER:

As the police were not present no report was presented.

Councillor Nelson reported problems at Highfield House and Rose Cottage on Sandy Lane and the barn on Holt Lane.

The Clerk would ask the police to monitor the situation at these properties.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 5th April 2016 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club. The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would attend

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.

4213. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities including the Annual Cuckoo Walks on 30th April 2016.

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.

4214. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter and referred to the LALC Annual Conference at the Leyland Hotel on 14th May 2016 and the Annual General Meeting 2016 at County Hall on 19th November. Further details would follow.

The Clerk also submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2016/17 amounting to £ 241.04 compared with the figure for 2015/16 of £265.06. a reduction of £24.02.

The Clerk requested the Parish Council to decide whether it wished to continue membership of the organisation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and the Parish Council agrees to continue its membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and to the payment of the Annual Subscription fees in the sum of £241.04.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter in respect of him being Vice Chairman of LALC and took no part in the discussion.

4215. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had indicated that if a bin was located in the vicinity there would be a charge to the Parish Council.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the past history of this proposal.

Councillor Hindle reported that the litter bin on Bournes Row had been damaged and had not been emptied for some time. The Clerk had notified Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) contact Chorley Council regarding the provision of a bin at Friths Farm.

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

At the last meeting County Councillor Devaney had been asked to contact the County Council about a site visit to the footpath. He informed the Parish Council that he had been notified that the stile was considered safe and the County Council would not pursue the matter further.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact the County Council to express their disappointment over this issue.

(C). FLOODING NEAR CALVERTS COTTAGE - WATER STREET:

County Councillor Devaney reported that the County Council were to inspect the location of flooding near Calverts Cottage Water Street, at Birch Lane and the culvert opposite the Community Hall. It was not known when these inspections would take place.

Previously the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had reported flooding due to blocked ditches on Dover Lane /Back Lane between Back Lane Farm and the Riding Centre and near Silcocks Farm on Windmill Lane. The County Council had been asked to contact the landowners about clearing the ditches.

A further inspection had been carried out one ditch was the responsibility of the Highway Authority and had been cleared out. The County Council had contacted the landowners about the other ditches.

Councillor Hindle reported that some work had been carried out to alleviate the flooding at the junction of Oram Road but this had not proved satisfactory.

Resolved:- (1) That the reports be accepted and the County Council be asked to carry out further work to alleviate the flooding at Oram Road.

(D). SMITHY LANE - POTHOLES:

The Chairman(Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the potholes on Smithy Lane near the junction with Smithy Close towards Gorton Brook had been repaired.

It was reported that some work to the salt bin in Smithy Lane had been carried out but further repairs were required.

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Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to carry out further repair work to the salt bin on Smithy Lane.

(E). LAY BY - DUXON HILL:

At the last meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) requested a litter pick at the lay by. Chorley Council had done this.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(F). PRIVATE ROAD:

At the last meeting Councillor Hindle reported that Network Rail had recently carried out work at a field adjoining St. Joseph's Church Hall on Private Road and that heavy vehicles going to the site had contributed to the deterioration of the road surface. The County Council was asked to inspect the road surface. There had not been any progress on the matter .

County Councillor Devaney reported that he had met the owner of Holly Bank on Private Road and it was evident that when viewed from his property the road surface was deteriorating badly.

He was to meet a representative from the Highways Department on site to review the matter.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and that County Councillor Devaney ask the County Council to inspect the area round Chapel Fold when he meets their representative about Holly Bank.

(G). STILES:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the stiles at Denham Lane, Breworth Fold, Moss Lane/Smithy Lane and near Eagles Nest required attention and he had reported them to the Countryside Officer at the County Council.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(H). FOOTPATH SIGNS - ORAM ROAD:

Councillor Hindle reported that the footpath sign posts near Oram House Farm and near Hewngate Farm on Oram Road required attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council.

(I). POTHOLES:

Councillor Sharratt reported that there was a large pothole on Holt Lane at Denham Hill north east of the car park at Denham Quarry.

A Member of the Public reported a pothole at the manhole near the phone box at Top oth Lane.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council.

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(J). LITTER PICK:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the grass verges on Sandy Lane B5256 from Windmill Lane to the Toll Bar were untidy. He suggested a litter pick take place.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to undertake the litter pick.

(K). HGV OPERATORS LICENCE - SLACK FARM:

The Clerk submitted details of a variation in the licence to allow an additional vehicle to operate at the farm.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

4216. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4217. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that the following applications had been received since the last meeting.

1. Application to discharge condition 4 (facing materials) 5 (hard landscaping) 7 (scheme for foul and surface water drainage) 11 (hedgerow protection) and 13 (precautionary survey of protected species) planning application 13/00203/FUL Conversion of redundant barn into a single residential dwelling (resubmission of withdrawn application 12/01062/FUL) Walters Barn Sandy Lane (Application no 16/00103/DIS) Applicant W.Charnley.

Copies had been circulated to all Members and the following comments had been made.

Any permission granted should include a requirement that the parish boundary sign beside the barn should not be moved or damaged.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council.

2. Proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4.91 m in depth 5.1 m in width and 3.37m maximum height Fletchers Fold Water Street. Application no 16/00111/PDE Applicant Mr. Miller.

Copies had been circulated to all Members and no comments had been made.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council.

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3. Erection of a single storey rear extension Fletchers Fold Water Street Application no 16/00212/FULHH Applicant Mr. Miller.

Copies had been circulated to all Members and no comments had been made.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council.

(C). COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council was amending the list of infrastructure projects under this Regulation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4218. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room March 2016	£20.00
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4219. APPLICATION FOR GRANT - BRINDLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

This application was deferred.

4220. PHONE BOX - TOP OTH LANE:

A local resident reported on the progress made in restoring the phone box and the fund raising efforts towards the provision of a defibrillator.

County Councillor Devaney that a grant could be made towards the defibrillator funding under the County Council's Local Member Grant Scheme.

Resolved:- That Mr. Fleming be thanked for the work he had undertaken.

4221. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported the current position.

Following the comments made at the last meeting the police had agreed to monitor the night time use of the car park.

Councillor Nelson indicated that the activities were still going on.

Resolved:- That report be accepted and the Clerk ask the police to take some action regarding the night time activities at the Quarry Car Park.

4222. De HOGHTON ESTATE - FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Clerk submitted a draft forest management plan for the de Hoghton Estate which affected parts of the Parish. The Plan proposed a schedule of felling and restocking of trees across the estate over a ten year period.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the paragraph in the plan concerning the eradication of Himalayan Balsam and reported that in the past he had asked the County Council to take action to stop it growing on the banks of the River Darwen. He also mentioned that it was dying on the roadside east of Denham Hill between Denham Lane and Denham Hill but was profuse in the adjoining field.

The Parish Council was reminded that a map identifying sites in the Parish where the weed was growing was currently being prepared for submission to the County Council. The site identified by Councillor Sharratt would be included.

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In the meantime the de Hoghton Estate would be asked for further information regarding their proposals for dealing with Himalayan Balsam.

Resolved:- That the proposals be noted and further information sought regarding the proposals for eradication of Himalayan Balsam within the plan.

4223. HM QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND 90TH BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL:

The Clerk submitted details of the issue by the Royal Mint of this medal for schools and Councils.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4224. CHORLEY CIVIC SOCIETY - BI - ANNUAL AWARDS:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been invited to submit nominations for an award.

Resolved:- That Members be asked to notify the Clerk of any suggestions for an award.

4225. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA MEETING - EASTERN PARISHES:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the current situation regarding the restoration of the historic wells in the Parish following discussions with officers at Chorley.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4226. RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN:

The Clerk reported the action being taken in Brindle following the adoption of the Plan by Chorley Council.

He also reported that the Parish Council had been asked whether they wished to identify areas in the Parish which were subject to illegal parking on footpaths and verges in the evening and at weekends. Some funding had been allocated to undertake enforcement action regarding this problem.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to arrange for Bournes Row and Water Street to be considered as part of this enforcement action.

4227. RURAL BUS SERVICES:-

Councillor Hindle referred to the County Council's latest decisions regarding the subsidy for rural bus services and asked what was the current position.

County Councillor Devaney reported on the current situation and he understood that so far as Brindle was concerned the subsidy for the 118 service through Brindle had been removed and the service would no longer run.

Resolved:- The Parish Council expresses its disappointment regarding this decision.

4228. MILLHOUSE LANE:

Councillor Nelson reported that the culvert which had been damaged in the floods had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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4229. RURAL BROADBAND:

A resident from Top oth Lane reported that he had contacted Superfast Lancashire about the broadband situation at Top oth Lane and had been informed there were no plans to extend this.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) discuss this matter with LALC.

4230. TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE:

The Clerk circulated details of an application for a licence to hold a temporary event i.e. a charity garden party at Thorncroft Windmill Lane on 25th and 26th June 2016 between 12 noon and 7.00 p.m. on both days.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

4231. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 23rd May 2016 the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

23RD MAY 2016.