

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11TH MAY 2015
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4026. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

COUNCILLOR MRS. LONG:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that Councillor Mrs Long had been admitted to hospital.

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 continued his recuperation.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy return to health.

4027. 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.

4028. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 30th March 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4029. 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.

4030. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current Police Newsletter, there had been three reported incidents in Brindle during April 2015.

Councillor Sharratt commented on the style of reporting in the newsletter.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would raise the matter with the police.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 2nd June 2015 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

It was also reported that the Parish Council had received a letter via the website relating to problems with youths at Denham Quarry.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would report this to a future PACT meeting.

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 .

4031. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

4032. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter which included details of the Annual Conference to be held on 6th June 2015, the request from NALC to the Government that Parish Councils should be statutory consultees on all planning applications, and the setting up of a fund to help Parish Council to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code for Council Audits.

The Clerk also submitted an invoice for the Associations Subscription Fees for 2015/16 amounting to £265.06 compared with the figure for 2014/15 of £222.14. an increase of £42.92.

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

Resolved:- (1) That Councillor Sharratt be appointed the Parish Council's delegate at LALC Annual Conference on 6th June 2015 and the delegates fee of £35.00 be paid.

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(2). 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 £265.06.

4033. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A) SURFACE WATER HEWNGATE/GREGSON LANE:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had investigated the problems regarding running water at this location. They were currently discussing this with United Utilities.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(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) STREET NAMEPLATE - OAK BANK :

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that following a site visit with the Chorley Neighbourhood Officer, a map had been provided for the public authorities which identified the location of the properties in Hewngate and at Oak Bank.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson had agreed to carry out a further inspection and had informed the Clerk what further repair work was required.

The Clerk had notified the County Council.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(E). MARSH LANE - FLOODING AT HARRY CROFT:

The Chairman(Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council of the outcome of a site visit with representatives of the County Council.

Resolved:- The report be noted.

(F). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that County Councillor Devaney was discussing the replacement of the sign with the Footpaths Officer.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

(G). USE OF SPID DEVICES:

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). WINDMILL LANE:

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The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that Windmill Lane had been resurfaced, however the suggestion made by Councillor Sharratt that the resurfacing work be extended to Duxon Hill had not been accepted.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(I). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:

At the last 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.

(J). SURFACE WATER PIPPIN STREET AND WATER STREET:

The Chairman reported on the outcome of a site inspection with a representative of the County Council regarding the running water on Pippin Street and at Water Street.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

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

Following the report by a local resident that the Slow markings on the B5256 Sandy Lane near to the Cross Keys required attention as it was near to the T junction with Smithy Lane. 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.

(L). RAILINGS:

At the last meeting Councillor Baldwin had reported the current situation relating to missing sections of railings at Holt Lane and at Birchin Lane. It was considered that the railings were the responsibility of the County Council.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the issue following a site inspection with representatives of the County Council.

He also informed the Parish Council on the situation regarding the painting of the white railings at Pippin Street.

Resolved:- (1) That report regarding the railings at Holt Lane and Birchin Lane be noted.

(2) That further consideration be given to the repainting of the white railings in Pippin Street.

(M). 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

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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 and the additional sites identified be included in the list of sites to be reported to the County Council.

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

The County Council was currently investigating the problems relating to a stile on the public footpath at Lady Hall Farm.

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

(O). CATTLE GRIDS - MARSH LANE:

It was reported that the wooden fencing at the second cattle grid on Marsh Lane had still not been repaired.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact the County Council regarding this.

(P). POTHOLE - DOVER LANE :

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(Q). 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 Clerk ascertain the current situation.

(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.

Resolved:- That the course of action suggested be approved

(S). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE HILLHOUSE LANE:

At the last 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.

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

(T) ORAM ROAD RAILWAY CROSSING:

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

He felt that the developments related to a safety upgrade by Network Rail.

Resolved:- That Network Rail be contacted about this.

(U). WASTE RECYCLING:

The Clerk circulated details of changes introduced by the County Council to the disposal of construction and demolition (inert) waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

(V). 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.

This had been discussed with County Councillor Devaney.

Resolved:- That the situation be noted and the Clerk seeks the views of County Councillor Devaney on this matter.

4034. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4035. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

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

1. Erection of two storey rear extension 4 Lower Copthurst Birchin Lane App no 15/00119/FUL) Applicant Mrs Holden. - Granted.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

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1. 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.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council.

It was reported that the wall referred to was over 100 years old and part of the Brindle Conservation Area. It was considered that there was scope within the extensions to retain the wall in its present form.

It was also reported that notice of the development did not appear to have been published under planning requirements.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify Chorley Council of these comments.

2. Discharge of conditions 4 (Facing Materials) 5 (Hard Landscaping) 6 (Boundary Treatment) 9 (Landscaping) and 10 (Ecology) appertaining to App no 14/01267/FUL re application for demolition of existing house and construction of new house Crabtree House Hillhouse Lane. (App no 15/00347/DIS) Applicant Mr. Currie.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations were made. However, it was reported that inventor of emulsion paint was a previous owner of Crabtree House and it was suggested that the present owners should be made aware of this fact and asked to incorporate it in any plaques to be placed on the new building.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify Chorley Council.

3. Application for Certificate of lawfulness for erection of a proposed garden store Silcock Farm Windmill Lane (App no 15/00399/CLPUD) Applicants Mr. And Mrs Dean

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations were made.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify Chorley Council.

(C). BROOKFIELD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE DOVER LANE:

It was reported that work to extend was being carried out to the car park at the centre.

Resolved:- That the Planning Enforcement Officer be asked to investigate.

4036. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room May 2015	£20.00
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*Douglas Tonks Ltd	Payroll Clerk Salary and Expenses January to March 2015.	£1006.52.

* Payment by Direct Debit.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

4037. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Audit for 2014/15 would take place on 29th June 2015.

The Independent Internal Auditor had examined the Parish Council's Accounts and procedures, confirmed that they were in order, had agreed the Audit Report and submitted it to the Parish Council for approval.

The Clerk also reported under the procedure it was necessary for the Parish Council to approve an Annual Statement of Governance that the accounts had been undertaken in accordance with prescribed regulations.

A copy of the Annual Return, Statement of Governance and the Internal Auditor's Report was circulated to each Member of the Parish Council present.

Resolved: - (1) That the Parish Council accepts the report of the Internal Auditor

(2) That the Independent Internal Auditor's fee of £50.00 be paid.

(3) That the Parish Council acknowledges its responsibility for the preparation of the accounts and confirms, to the best of its knowledge and belief that the Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 are true and correct and it has considered the statement of governance in connection with those accounts.

(4). That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) be authorised to sign the Annual Return where appropriate

4038. INSURANCE PREMIUM - RENEWAL.

The Clerk submitted details of the Parish Council's insurance quotation from Came and Company for the year from 1st June 2015, and reported that the cost of renewing this would amount to £317.37 - compared with a figure of £293.45 for 2014/15 an increase of £24.28 since last year.

The Parish Councils Long Term Agreement was due to expire on 31st May 2015. This premium would be reduced by 5% if the Parish Council agreed to stay with Came and Company for a further three years a reduction of a £15.87 giving a sum of £301.50.

The Parish Council was requested to consider the offer, decide whether the cover offered was adequate and whether to continue with Norwich Union for a further three years.

A sum of £350.00 had been included in the Parish Council's Estimates for this premium in 2015/16.

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Resolved: - (1) That the quotation from Came and Company be accepted and that this Company be the Parish Council Insurers for the period ending 31st May 2018.

(2) That the Parish Council considers that the Council's Insurance is adequate and that it be renewed for 2015/16 at a premium of £301.50.

4039. APPLICATION FOR GRANT- BRINDLE VILLAGE SHOW:

The Clerk resubmitted a request from the Secretary of the Brindle Village Show for a donation towards the cost of the Annual Village Show.

Resolved: - That a donation of £100.00 be made.

4040. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that the Best Kept Village Competition inspections would take place in June and felt that all local organisations should be made aware of this. Chorley Council would be asked to sweep the area and details would be placed in Brindle Voice and on Parish Council Notice Boards .

Resolved:- That maximum publicity should be given to the competition.

4041. CPRE:

The Clerk submitted a letter from the CPRE inviting the Parish Council to join the organisation. The Parish Council had been a member in the past.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council accepts the invitation and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for membership.

4042. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the glass doors had been fitted to the notice board at the Parish Church.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4043. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that Chorley Council the Parish Council had been allocated two lead officers for developments at the Quarry.

A meeting had been arranged with them and the Parish Council.

A further letter had been received from Chorley Motorcycle Club regarding its use of the Quarry.

It was further reported that some men in a van were seen entering the Quarry with chainsaws one evening during the week of 4th May 2015.

Resolved:- (1) That all Parish Councillors be informed of the meeting with the lead officers and the Parish Council reaffirms its view that Trial Biking should not take place in the Quarry.

(2). That Chorley Council be informed of the incident regarding men with chainsaws and asked to investigate.

4044. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that latest situation regarding the siting of the proposed bench on Private Road. He also reported details relating to the provision of a bench at a site in Denham Lane and of a proposed bench for the Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

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4045. REVIEW OF THREE TIER LIAISON PILOT SCHEME:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the County Council and Chorley Council had undertaken a review of this scheme and asked for comments on its Operation. This Council had not made any observations. However, the meeting at which this matter was to be considered had been postponed and the issue would not now be discussed until June.

Resolved: - That no observations be made.

4046. ADOPT A KIOSK:

The Clerk resubmitted details of the Bt Adopt a Phone Kiosk Scheme.

He reminded the Parish Council of Bt's views about the phone box at Top oth Lane. It was suggested that this scheme might provide the solution.

Following the last meeting the Clerk had contacted Bt about the adoption of the kiosk at Top oth lane and reported that the phone box at Water Street was not working.

Bt had replied that this was telephone number 01254 853563. The Parish Council's application had been logged, however, when Bt consulted with Chorley Council regarding adoption in 2009 they objected to the adoption. Therefore, they would need to start a fresh 90-day consultation process with them. It was likely to be the end of July before they knew if they could proceed or not.

The phone box at Water Street would be attended to.

Resolved:- That the further developments be awaited.

4047. VILLAGE WELLS:

At the last meeting a local resident referred to the number of wells in the Parish and considered they should be preserved as historical features. The one located at the St. James's Church required particular attention. The Clerk had consulted Chorley Council about the well at the Church. Following a site meeting arrangements were being made to tidy it up and to carry out some work to the well near Calverts Cottage and Farm.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would discuss with the Historical Society what further work was required and the question of recording their historical significance.

Resolved:- That the current position be noted.

4048. LALC CHORLEY- PARISHES SURVEY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported details of a survey commissioned by the Area Committee regarding the work and future of the Area Committee.

He would complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4049. ADMISSIONS POLICY ST JAMES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on an informal approach which had been made to him regarding the admissions policy at the school.

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Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4050. DOG WASTE BOURNES ROW AND BRINDLE LODGE:

Councillor Hindle mentioned the practice of dog owners of tying bags of dog waste to fences and trees rather than deposit them in the bins provided.

The Chairman(Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported this was a common practice throughout the parish.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4051. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 29th June 2015 at.7. 30 p.m. 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**

29TH JUNE 2015