

Brindle Parish Council

Minutes of the Brindle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 27 March 2023 at the Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle

Present: Councillor Darren Cranshaw (Chairman)
Councillor David Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Louise Croasdale, Pauline McGovern, Barbara Robinson, John Baldwin, Cath Singleton

Also present: Chorley Borough Councillor Sam Chapman and two members of the public

5321. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bill Nelson and John Swann.

5322. Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Members were reminded to declare any interests they might have.

The Chairman declared a non-prejudicial interest as the parish council's representative on the Brindle Community Hall Trustees and Lancashire Association of Local Councils. As Archivist to Brindle Historical Society he would leave the meeting for item 16, application for grant to the Historical Society.

5323. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, 7 November 2023

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, 7 November 2023 were agreed as a true and correct record for signing by the Chairman.

5324. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5325. Adjournment for Public Questions and Comments

There were no public questions or comments.

5326. Police Liaison

The meeting was disappointed that no communication had been received from the Police and they had not attended the meeting for some time.

It was agreed that the Police be contacted again and invited to the next meeting.

5327. Brindle Community Hall Update

As the parish council's representative on the Brindle Community Hall Trustees the Chairman updated that the Hall was continuing to be successful. The Hall was always looking for volunteers to get involved in helping with its work.

This year marks 100 years since the first Brindle Community Hall was built on that site and the Trustees were looking to celebrate this with a fun day for all the community on Saturday, 9 September 2023.

5328. Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC)

The Association continues to represent the interests of parish councils in Chorley, Lancashire and nationally. The Chairman reported on the LALC AGM and Lancashire County Council conference held in November.

Councillor Croasdale reported on a recent training course that she had attended with LALC.

5329. Recruitment of New Clerk

Following the sad passing of the Clerk, Tony Harkness, the parish council considered the very difficult task of recruiting to this important role. The Chairman had consulted with LALC who had been very helpful. The meeting discussed a draft job description.

The job description was agreed subject to adding a person specification and that training and support would be provided. After long deliberations it was agreed that the role be advertised for an average of approximately 10 hours per week at £13 per hour. It was acknowledged that we might have to review the hours and pay in the future.

The next stage would be for the role to be advertised via LALC, Chorley Council, Facebook etc.

5330. Highways and Road Safety Matters

- a) **Water Street Flooding** - As mentioned at the Annual Parish meeting this longstanding issue had now been resolved thanks to County Councillor Cullens.
- b) **M61 Motorway Underpass, Pippin Street** – Councillor Robinson agreed to see if the lighting and litter issues reported had been resolved. It was reported that the stile had been replaced using concrete blocks.
- c) **Footpath Sign, Holt Lane** – It was reported that this has been replaced.

- d) **Top 'Oth Lane Road Markings** – It was reported that 2 of the road markings had been re-painted, with one outstanding. This would be reported to Lancashire County Council.
- e) **Marsh Lane Gullies** – These had been cleared and would continue to be monitored.
- f) **Birchin Lane** – Councillor Baldwin mentioned that following works plastic barriers remained and needed to be collected. This would be raised with Lancashire County Council.
- g) **Smithy Lane road safety** – It was reported that a local resident had been liaising with Places for People at the Greenhouse site on Pippin Street to encourage them to use Pippin Street rather than Smithy Lane and also to be more cautious on rural lanes. The situation would continue to be monitored.

5331. **Chorley Borough Council Update**

Borough Councillor Chapman updated the parish council and highlighted the recently approved budget had recently been agreed and we were now in purdah with the forthcoming elections taking place on 4 May 2023.

5332. **Planning Report**

- a) The parish council had been consulted on the following planning applications recently been received:
 1. Brewworth Fold Manor, Marsh Lane – Engineer operation to construct ditch, footpaths and steps (retrospective).
 2. 5 Brindle Heights, Water Street – Conversion of rear conservatory to extension, conversion of attached garage to habitable accommodation and associated alterations.
 3. Brewworth Fold Farm, Marsh Lane – Change of use of an agricultural building to a mixed-use building comprising agriculture, storage and distribution and general industrial and the extension of an existing missed use building
 4. Brewworth Fold Farm, Marsh Lane – Section 73 application to vary condition number 2 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: 17/00455/Ful (retrospective application for the conversion of agricultural buildings into two residential dwellings) to allow roof alteration including the raising of the ridge height of the property and erection of a first floor extension.

The plans were reviewed and it was agreed that there was no need to comment on these applications.



b) Planning Enforcement

A potential breach of planning rules was raised at Scale Hill Farm and the Enforcement Officer at Chorley Borough Council would be asked to investigate.

c) The following planning applications had recently been determined by Chorley Borough Council:

Applications Granted

1. Cross Keys Barn, Sandy Lane – Application to discharge condition number 5 (window and door details) attached to planning permission reference: 22/00434/FULHH (conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, single storey rear extension to garage, single storey side extension to main dwelling to connect converted garage to the house and pitched roof across extended garage incorporate 6 number roof lights and flue.
2. Land to the side of Breworth Fold House, Marsh Lane – Erection of 2 metre high pole and 5 telecommunications antennae mounted on telegraph pole.
3. Brooklyn, Sandy Lane – Application to discharge planning conditions numbers 4 (materials), 5 (landscaping) and 7 (SAP calculations) of planning permission reference: 22/00600/FUL (demolition of existing dwelling and erection of one detached dwelling and garage.
4. Mill House Farm, Mill House Lane – Single storey side extension (following demolition of existing extension) and erection of front porch (following demolition of existing porch)
5. Mill House Farm, Mill House Lane – Application for listed building consent for a single storey side extension (following demolition of existing single storey extension), erection of a front porch (following demolition of existing porch) and internal alterations.

Application Refused

Jack Green Farm, Oral Road – Prior approval application under schedule 2, part 3, class Q (a and b) of the Town and Country Planning Order 2015 for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 number dwelling house and associated building operations.

d) Withnell Fold Consultation Event

Councillor Croasdale reported back on the consultation event held at Withnell Fold which neighbours Brindle.

5333. Chorley Liaison Committee – Wednesday, 22 March 2023

The Chairman reported on the Chorley Liaison meeting which had included a helpful presentation on the new voter ID requirements for those voting in polling stations. It was agreed to promote this new requirement.

Other parishes had also raised issues of anti-social behaviour and speeding.

5334. Central Lancashire Local Plan Consultation

It was confirmed that there were no sites impacting on Brindle. Chorley Council had held a consultation event in the village with the nearest sites being Hill Top Farm, Whittle and Finnington Lane, Hoghton.

5335. Application for Grants

The Chairman declared an interest and left the meeting in this item. The Vice-chair took the chair.

- a) Brindle Historical Society – it was agreed to give a grant of £150 towards the valuable work of the Society.
- b) Brindle Village Show, 2 September 2023 – it was agreed to give a grant of £150 towards another successful event.

5336. Best Kept Village Competition

It was agreed that the parish council enters the village in this year's Best Kept Village Competition.

5337. New Website and Content Management System

The Vice-chair reported on the need for a new parish council website and arrangements to ensure it is kept updated.

It was agreed to explore a website system recommended by LALC and used by many other parish councils. The new Clerk would also be responsible for the website maintenance.

The parish council thanked the Vice-chair for all his work maintaining the website over many years and supported him exploring future solutions before reporting back.

5338. Accounts for Payment

The parish council confirmed the payment made to JME Electrical for repairs to the lights at Top 'Oth Lane Phone box for £104.40, cheque number: 500961 on 25 February 2023.

The parish council agreed for the payment of the two grants agreed at the meeting to Brindle Historical Society of £150, cheque number: 500962 and



Brindle Village Show of £150, cheque number: 500963.

Payment for the hire of the Community Hall was agreed for £20, cheque number: 500964.

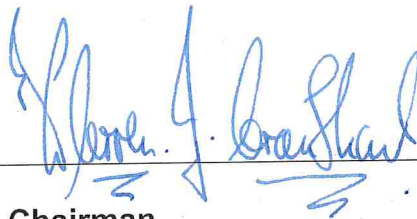
5339. Any Urgent Business

Local residents had contacted the parish council as they had seen site investigations at Top 'Oth Lane for a 5G telecommunications mast. No planning application or notification had been received, but the parish council would comment and liaise with local residents should anything be received.

5340. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Due to the coronation of King Charles III bank holiday, the parish council would next meet on **Monday, 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm** at Brindle Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle, PR6 8NH.

Signed:



Chairman

Date:

