

# *Brindle Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the Brindle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2023 at the Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle**

**Present:** Councillor Darren Cranshaw (Chairman)  
Councillor David Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillors John Baldwin, Billy Nelson, Cath Singleton

**Also present:** One member of the public

### **5341. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Louise Croasdale, Pauline McGovern, Barbara Robinson and John Swann.

### **5342. 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.

### **5343. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, 27 March 2023**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, 27 March 2023 were agreed as a true and correct record for signing by the Chairman.

### **5344. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **5345. Adjournment for Public Questions and Comments**

There were no public questions or comments.

### **5346. 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.

**5347. 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. The Parish Council was encouraged to support the event and encourage as many to attend as possible.

**5348. Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC)**

The Association continues to represent the interests of parish councils in Chorley, Lancashire and nationally. LALC had been very helpful in offering advice on the appointment of a new Clerk to the Parish Council. There hadn't been any LALC meetings for the Chairman to report on.

**5349. Recruitment of New Clerk**

Following a rigorous recruitment process the meeting was pleased to confirm that Katherine Milnes had been appointed the new Clerk to the Parish Council and Responsible Financial Officer. The meeting congratulated Katherine on her appointment and was very much looking forward to working with her.

The next stage would be for the Chairman to arrange for a handover to take place with Katherine.

The meeting agreed that Katherine Milnes should be the Parish Council's point of contact with its bankers, The Co-operative Bank and added as a signatory. The Chairman would write to the Bank to authorise the appointment in the place of our late Clerk.

**5350. Highways and Road Safety Matters**

- a) **M61 Motorway Underpass, Pippin Street** – It was agreed that the issues with lighting and litter would be checked and if necessary the relevant organisation reminded to attend to them.
- b) **Top 'Oth Lane Road Markings** – This remained outstanding and would be raised again with the County Council.
- c) **Birchin Lane** – The plastic barriers from previous road works remained and needed to be collected. This would be raised again with Lancashire County Council. Councillor Baldwin reported that there was a pot hole on the bridge at Birchin Lane.

## **5351. Chorley Borough Council Update**

Due to the elections there was no update.

## **5352. Planning Report**

a) The parish council had been consulted by Chorley Council on the following planning applications recently received:

1. 24 Smithy Close, Brindle - Single storey rear/side extension (following demolition of existing conservatory), construction of dormer to east side elevation and rendering of existing single storey side element Single storey rear/side extension (following demolition of existing conservatory), construction of dormer to east side elevation and rendering of existing single storey side element. ]

It was agreed that no observations be submitted.

2. Denham Lane/Top 'Oth Lane, Brindle - Prior approval application under Part 16, Class A of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the installation of 1no. 15m high Phase 8 Monopole, 6no. antennae, 2no. equipment cabinets and associated meter cabinet.

It was agreed that the Parish Council object to the application in the strongest possible terms due to the significant impact it would have on the visual amenity of local residents and wider community, road safety concerns, lack of consultation, lack of a case being made for the development, the impact on the rural and historic area and potential health risks.

3. Land Adjacent To Friths Court Gregson Lane Brindle - Permission in principle application for a minimum of 5no. dwellings and a maximum of 7no. dwellings.

The meeting confirmed its response to the consultation objecting to this application on grounds of over-development, road safety, being contrary to the local plan, against the planning history of the site and impact on a rural community.

4. Brereworth Manor Marsh Lane Brindle – Application for listed building consent for alterations to existing boundary treatments including removal of section of existing wall and erection of new wall and gates, replacement of boundary fence and removal of stone pillar.

It was agreed that no observations be submitted.

5. Mintholme Hall Gowans Lane Brindle - Erection of an agricultural building for storage and livestock and installation of an access track and hardstanding

It was agreed that no observations be submitted.

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 reminded to investigate.

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

Brereworth Manor, Marsh Lane, Brindle – Engineering operation to construct drainage ditch, footpaths and steps. It was reported that the application was granted.

**5353. New Website**

The Vice-chairman, Councillor David Metcalfe reported on his exploratory work on commissioning a new website for the Parish Council and would update at the next meeting. Councillor Metcalfe was thanked for his continued work with the website.

**5354. Accounts for Payment**

The following accounts were agreed for payment, with cheques signed at the meeting:

- a) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition entry fee - £25 (cheque number: 500966).
- b) Darren Cranshaw for reimbursing Gemma Webster for plants and materials for the maintenance of Brindle Parish Council - £263.74 (cheque number: 500967).
- c) Brindle Community Hall room hire for meeting - £20 (cheque number: 500968).

**5355. Letters of Thanks**

The meeting received letters of thanks from Brindle Historical Society and the Brindle Village Show for the grants paid to them following the last Parish Council meeting.

**5356. Any Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

**5357. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To be circulated by the new Clerk to the Parish Council after the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Chairman**

**Date:**

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