

BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 November 2024 at 7.30pm

at Trinity Methodist Church, Gregson Lane, Hoghton, Preston. PR5 0ED

Present: Cllr Darren Cranshaw Chair
Cllr Louise Croasdale Vice-Chair
Cllr Singleton, Cllr Greenways, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Swann Parish Councillors
Cllr Cullens Lancashire County Council

In attendance: 6 members of the community
Representative on behalf of PC1105 Murphy on behalf of PC2427 Walton. Lancashire Constabulary

Agenda Item:

1 Apologies and Announcements

Apologies received from Cllr McGovern, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Baldwin.

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Brindle won the award for Best Kept Small Village and the Community Hall also won the Best Kept Village Hall. Plaque to be placed within the village and the certificate to be handed to the Community Hall for display.

The Parish Council places on record its thanks to all those involved in the upkeep of the village and ensuring it remains a wonderful place to live.

RESOLVED - Cllr Cranshaw to arrange to the display of the plaque and the certificate.

2 Disclosure of personal or prejudicial interests

Members were reminded to disclose any interests they have. Cllr Cranshaw declared his interest as Trustee of Brindle Community Hall, a member of Brindle Historical Society and his involvement with LALC.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 02 September 2024 were agreed as a true and correct record for signing by the Chair.

4 AJOURNMENT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present raised the following issues which were discussed in conjunction with items 5 and 8:

Road Safety

SpID

- The consensus from the members of the public attending the meeting is that the SpID is effective and is making a difference.
- Discussions took place regarding the retrofit of a solar panel on the existing SpID, the potential purchase by the community and/or the Parish Council of a second SpID and how to maximise the effectiveness of the SpID/s. LCC evidence awaited regarding effectiveness.
- The November 2024 desktop survey results show an 85th percentile speed of 36mph between April 2022 and March 2023. As such, further temporary measures to be put in place by LCC in the next few months. Clerk has requested results for April 2023 and March 2024 are expedited.
- Reference was made to LCC's new Road Safety Strategy. Enforcement by Lancashire Police key.
- Locations for recording speeding concerns reiterated. The meeting directed to the Useful Contacts page of the PC website.

Other speed calming measures

- LCC make evidence driven decisions.
- A chicane is not an option, in part due to large agricultural vehicles on the road.
- Speed bumps were opposed by villagers on noise grounds.
- LCC will not renew the red textured strips, but the white lines from Stoney Bank to Blackburn Rd will commence on 22.11.2024.
- Incremental reduction of speed limit from the 60mph zone into the 30mph zone in the centre of the village discussed. Cllr Cullens to make enquiries with LCC having noted some recent successful applications for similar requests across the County.

Police

- PC Matt Walton unable to attend and PC Murphy in attendance in his place.
- Potential deployment of speed guns but assessment required. Discussion about previous deployment in terms of location and timings. Enquiries to be made.
- Lancashire Police had been in the village during the week in relation to a pavement parking issue.
- A member of the public is to meet Superintendent Crowe of Chorley Police this week to discuss community road safety concerns.
- PC Murphy would highlight anti-social behaviour at Denham Quarry and surrounding lanes as an issue to be addressed.

5 Police Liaison

See item 4 above

6 Community Hall

AGM on 21.11.2024. Volunteers encouraged. CPR and Defib training being arranged with a date tbc. There is an increasing problem with dog fouling on the field. CCTV footage will be reviewed.

7 LALC

LALC Chorley Area Committee - 04.11.2024

Policing issues discussed in particular the rapid turnover of police staff, and the size of the area assigned to each officer which impacts on the extent and consistency of support offered to the Parishes.

Attendees were reminded about the Parish Champion – County Councillor Rigby and the availability of a small pot of grant monies on Application.

LALC AGM – 02.11.2024

210 Parish and Town Councils in Lancashire. One aim is to lobby the government for more resources etc. The next area committee meeting is scheduled for March 2025.

8 Highways and Road Safety Matters

See item 4 above. Additionally, the Marsh Lane signs have been replaced.

9 Chorley Borough Council/Lancashire County Council

Chorley BC – noting of note to update.

LCC – Cllrs Cranshaw and Croasdale attended the LCC Parish and Town Council Conference on 02.11.2024 at County Hall. Discussion included devolution (the timescale is not yet known), bus routes, economic development, cyber security, and biodiversity. LCC Highways Director did a presentation and received robust questioning from Parishes and funding was addressed.

Cllr Cranshaw also took the opportunity of reporting speeding concerns in Brindle to him. It was made clear that the lack of funding limited what steps could be taken.

10 Planning Reports

Applications

Proposal: Erection of garage/store building and porch connecting the garage/store building to main dwelling (following demolition of existing storage building).

Location: Leigh Farm Marsh Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NY

Reference: 24/00953/FULHH

No comment (Cllr Swann abstained)

Application no: 24/00958/NOT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 6no. existing antennas and 3no. existing cabinets to be replaced with 3no. new antennas and 1no. new cabinet with associated ancillary works thereto

Location: Orange PCS, Telecom Mast Site NO LAN0040, Huggarts Farm, Denham Lane, Brindle

No comment (Cllr Swann abstained)

Application no: 24/00847/OUTMAJ

Proposal: Hybrid Planning Application seeking:

Part A Detailed planning permission for ground remodelling and associated earthworks to form a development platform, site drainage including diversion of watercourses, ecological mitigation, new means of access to A674 via a 3- arm traffic controlled junction (including widening and realignment of the main carriageway), internal access road and related structures, utilities diversion, landscaping and associated works; and

Part B Outline planning permission (with all matters reserved except for means of access and layout) to erect two warehouse and distribution units (Use Class B8) including ancillary offices and staff welfare facilities, with a combined floorspace of up to 120,780 sqm (GEA), service yards and associated infrastructure, car and cycle parking, internal circulation roads, footpaths and cycle routes, internal landscaping and associated ancillary works.

Location: Land To East Of, Finnington Lane, Feniscowles, Withnell

Object on the grounds of greenbelt and increased traffic.

Decisions

Application no: 24/00602/FULHH

Decided: Tue 10/09/2024

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Installation of an air source heat pump to rear

Location: Mill House Cottage, Mill House Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NS

Application no: 24/00628/FULHH

Decided: Tue 17/09/2024

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Two storey side/rear extension and alterations to existing windows/ doors.
Location: 4 Brindle Heights, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8YA

Application no: 24/00689/FULHH
Decided: Wed 02/10/2024

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: First floor side extension and single storey rear extension
Location: 6 Bournesfield, Brindle, Preston, PR5 0EH

Application no: 24/00655/DIS
Decided: Mon 07/10/2024

Decision: Condition(s) discharged

Proposal: Application to discharge conditions 5 (construction management plan), 6 (details of vehicle restraint barrier) and 7 (access construction details) of planning permission ref: 24/00006/FUL (Creation of a new vehicular access driveway)
Location: Leigh Farm, Marsh Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NY

Application no: 24/00739/TCON
Decided: Mon 21/10/2024

Decision: Consent for Tree Works

Proposal: Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area involving the felling of 1no. beech (T1) and prune 2no. beech (T2 and T3)
Location: Chesham Lodge, Water Street, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NH

Enforcement/Other

Pippin Fold – Following a site visit, Chorley BC have issued a 28 day warning letter requiring the pond/lake to be removed or a retrospective planning application. There are no issues with hardstanding or a helipad.

Breworth Farm Fold Lagoon - 22/00709/Ful - the application is still pending, and the applicant is working with UU to ascertain if the lagoon interferes with its infrastructure.

RESOLVED: Clerk to prepare objection to 24/00847/OUTMAJ, and to chase updates on Pippin Fold and Breworth Fold Farm.

11 Parish Finances

Financial Statement as at 18 November 2024

AT BANK	Current Account	£13,092.83
	Deposit Account	£1,982.70
	Total	£15,075.53

	PARISH ACCOUNTS	PARISH ELEMENT	CIL ELEMENT	GRANT
Opening balance + income YTD	£27,372.71	£16,799.79	£8972.92	£1600.00
Expenditure YTD	£12,297.18	£6927.69	£5219.49	£150.00
Balance	£15,075.53	£9872.10	£3753.43	£1450.00

RESOLVED Cllr Cranshaw approved and signed the Financial Statement.

12 Accounts for Payment

Name	Details	Amount
Trinity Methodist Church	Room Hire for 17.11.2024	£30.00
Mrs K Milnes	Salary	£2383.67
Mrs K Milnes expenses	HMLR Index Map Search	£4.00
	HMLR OCE	£14.00
	ICO – Registration Fee	£40.00
	Magnets	£36.60
Easy Web Sites	Monthly Management Fee	£60.72
Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll	£108.00
W G Singleton Sales & Services/Clayton and Brindle Christmas Trees	Parish Pound Christmas Tree	£240.00

Copy invoice/s were available for inspection at the meeting. The accounts were approved and cheque/s signed/authority confirmed for electronic payment.

*authority provided to make payment when it falls due/invoice received.

13 Environmental issues and concerns

Higher Cop RoW

Reported to LCC.

Pippin St Flooding

Reported to LCC

Breworth Fold Farm Lagoon

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14 Parish Council Projects

(i) Neighbourhood Grant/Withnell Fold Walk

Route re-walked and re-written with the intention for it to be plotted on All Trails. 5 PROW issues were reported to LCC via the Love Clean Streets App. 3 further locations have been identified for work as part of the grant, but these will need to be put to Chorley BC for approval, as they are different from the ones on which the Grant Application was based. LCC have advised that they have no plans for work in the Withnell Fold Reserve. Chorley Ramblers have agreed to undertake a survey of all PROW in the Parish.

(ii) Noticeboards

Delivered and in situ, courtesy of Cllr Singleton and her family.

(iii) Parish Pound Plinth

The artwork is being finalised and a proof will be available *shortly*.

(iv) Parish Pound (including title)

A first draft of the witness statement is in circulation. Some refining will be required. The Clerk proposed that advice is obtained from a lawyer as to the merits of the Application prior to submission.

RESOLVED: Clerk to continue progressing the Withnell Fold Walk and the Parish Pound application and Cllr Cranshaw to progress the Parish Pound Plinth project.

15 Budget/Precept

It was agreed that a solar panel would be purchased to retrofit to the existing SpID.

RESOLVED: Clerk to purchase and arrange for the installation of the retro fit solar panel.

Budget Process

The budget process was explained. A report had been circulated to the Councillors in advance of the meeting setting out the following:

- A review of finances to date
- Projected income and outgoings to the year end 2024/2025
- A comparison of finances for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 (anticipated)
- A draft budget for 2025/2026

The Councillors decided the level of Precept for 2025/2026. The Precept is the difference between estimated expenditure and available income, taking into account the need to maintain reserves and the impact on Council taxpayers. The Precept was agreed at £20,171.12 with the Band D taxpayer sum of £40.70.

Budget 2025/2026

AGREED BUDGET			PRECEPT CALCULATION	
Expenditure Type	2024-25 Full Year	2025-26 Budget		
Clerk Salary	£8,542.56	£8,995.97		
Employer NI	£600.00	£600.00		
Pension	£0.00	£2,250.00		
Admin Expenses	£104.36	£100.00		
Meetings/Venue Hire	£150.00	£250.00		
Bank	£0.00	£72.00		
Website	£583.44	£728.64		
Payroll	£432.00	£480.00		
NALC/LALC	£180.41	£210.00		
Internal Audit	£50.00	£75.00		
Insurance	£464.17	£750.00	Budgeted Expenditure	23380.73
Best Kept Village	£25.00	£25.00		
Christmas Tree	£240.00	£300.00	Cash at end of 2024-25 proj	£7,525.24
Grants	£530.00	£600.00		
CILCA Course	£945.00	£0.00	LESS SET-ASIDES	
Defibrillator Costs			CIL YE Proj	£3,753.43
			Grants YE Proj	£1,150.00
			Parish Reserves (FROM 24-25 CASH)	£1,500.00
SUB-TOTAL	£12,846.94	£15,436.61	PLUS Adjustment for VAT on CIL Expenditure	£2,087.80
Projects	£6,263.39	£6,444.12	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	£3,209.61
Add to reserves		£1,500.00	PRECEPT NEEDED	£20,171.12
TOTAL	£19,110.33	£23,380.73	Band D Parish Charge	£40.70

RESOLVED: Clerk to request precept in line with the above agreed figures.

16 Banking

The difficulties experienced with the Parish Council's current bank in relation to electronic banking were reported. A complaint had been made to the bank and a response awaited. Details of an alternative bank recommended by local Parish Councils had been circulated. A decision was made to transfer to Unity Trust. It was acknowledged that a small fee would be applied to the Unity Trust banking facilities of £6 per month.

RESOLVED: Clerk to await response of complaint then arrange for the transfer of banking to Unity Trust.

17 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition Results

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18 Neighbourhood Watch

Brindle village had rejoined the scheme which was being run by the community. The Parish Council supports the initiative and has contributed to the purchase of signage.

19 Bus Service

A petition with over 100 positive signatures had been submitted to LCC. County Cllr Cullens was advised that that the campaign has merits and details were awaited as to the allocation of government funding.

20 Any Urgent Business

Daffodils have been kindly gifted by Cllr Lowe. Instructions to the Clerk relayed to distribute to the three primary schools and other willing Parishioners with a focus on the Gregson Lane area of the Parish.

RESOLVED: Clerk to distribute the daffodil bulbs.

21 Date of Next Meeting

13 January 2025 at Brindle Community Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Signed..........Chair

Dated.....13/1/2025.....