

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2015
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs S. Long,W.Nelson and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the current state of health of District Councillor Dickinson.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

4139. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) on behalf of the Parish Council thanked the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) for his attendance as the Parish Council's Representative at the Remembrance Day Service at the St. James Parish Church on 8th November 2015.

4140. 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. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Baldwin both declared an interest in the Planning Application at Lady Hall Farm Marsh Lane.

4141. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 28th September 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record subject to Minute 4112 (L) being amended to read Water Street not Sandy Lane and signed by the Chairman.

4142. ADJOURNMENT:

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

STREET LIGHT NO 10 - BOURNES ROW:

The Member of the Public reported that the street light at the properties 8 -10 Bournes Row was not working.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify the County Council.

4143. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTER:

As the police were not present no report was made.

At the last meeting the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to two incidents which were not reported in the newsletter. These were the distraction burglary at the Cavendish Arms in August and the incident in the layby opposite Annsdell/Stony Bank in early September.

The Clerk had consulted the police about these incidents. They had responded that the omissions were a mistake and the investigations were ongoing.

Councillor Baldwin reported the outcome of court proceedings arising from the burglary at his farm earlier this year.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 1st December 2015.

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.

4144. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities. The AGM would be held on 30th November 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

4145. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

Councillor Sharratt and the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the LALC AGM held on 7th November 2015.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the Chorley Area Committee Meeting held on 28th October 2015.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

4146. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A) LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had considered the location of a bin and felt that the sites suggested were not acceptable.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to explain why they considered there were no suitable locations.

(B). USE OF SPID DEVICE:

At the last meeting the Clerk reported that the device was trailer mounted and this caused problems for the acquisition and location of the equipment.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had agreed to look into possible locations and report back to the Parish Council.

It had not been possible to do so.

Resolved:- That no further action be taken regarding this matter but the police be asked to undertake regular speed monitoring on the B5256 Sandy Lane.

(C). DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported the current situation regarding the emergency work required at Duxon Hill.

He also asked that Duxon Hill should be swept because of problems with mud and leaves.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact County Councillor Devaney about the emergency work and Chorley Council about the sweeping of Duxon Hill.

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

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the County Council had been requested to make a site visit. The County Countryside Service had re-opened the case but felt that a site visit would not be productive as they were aware of the issue.

They had also stated that they were focused on dealing with high priority issues.

Councillor Swann reported that the current Definitive Footpaths Map was inaccurate and that there were problems regarding the erection of a kissing gate at Huggarts Farm.

It was also reported that the landowner intended to replace another stile on his land with a kissing gate.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney be informed of the response from the Countryside Service and asked to contact Councillor Swann regarding the problems at Huggarts Farm.

(E). TRAFFIC SPEEDS - BOURNES ROW:

The Clerk reported that the police had agreed to monitor the situation following the start of the school year.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(F). FLOODING NEAR CALVERTS FARM WATER STREET:

At a previous meeting a local resident had reported that the problem with running water in this location continued.

The County Council had been informed and had visited the site but no running water was found due to the dry weather at the time. However, following the recent heavy rain it was now flooded.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to revisit the site.

(G). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE - HILLHOUSE LANE:

In the past Councillor Mrs Long indicated that some work had been done privately at this location but flooding occurred opposite. The County Council had been informed and they had replied that the work was listed.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

(H). BRIDLEWAY GORTON BROOK TO SEED LEA:

He Clerk reported that he had inspected the bridleway with Councillor Nelson and the farmer. The bridleway had been cut recently. It was suggested that Community Payback should be asked to maintain the route in the future.

The Clerk had discussed this idea with them and they had agreed to do this at the appropriate time in 2016.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(I). STREET LIGHT - WATER STREET:

Councillor Nelson had reported that a street light on Water Street was not working and was obscured by tree branches. The County Council had been informed.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation regarding the repair of the street light.

(J). FLOODING:

Councillor Baldwin reported that flooding continued near his farm on Birchin Lane.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported flooding due to blocked ditches on Dover Lane /Back Lane between Back Lane Farm and the Riding Centre and near Silcocks Farm.

Councillor Hindle reported that flooding had been a long standing problem near Sycamore Villas at the junction of Oram Road and Hillhouse Lane.

Resolved:- That County Councillor be requested to contact Councillor Baldwin about the flooding on Birchin Lane, and to discuss the problems on Dover Lane and at Sycamore Villa Oram Road with the County Council.

(K). LANCASHIRE PARISH BASED TRANSPORT SCHEME:

The Clerk submitted an introductory guide produced by the County Council on the promotion of a parish based transport scheme.

Resolved:- That the guide be noted.

(L). JAPANESE KNOTWEED AND HIMALAYAN BALSAM:

A map was submitted showing the location of areas of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam within the Parish.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) indicated that there were areas of the weeds in the Duxon Hill area and agreed to identify them on the map.

There was also an area of Himalayan Balsam in Denham Quarry.

Resolved:- That the Clerk submit the map when completed to the County Council for its attention.

(M). WINTER BRIEFING NOTE:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the County Council`s Winter Briefing Note.

Resolved:- That details be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards and in Brindle Voice.

4147. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4148. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

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

1. Re - submission of App no 15/00396/FUL 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 15/00791/FUL) Applicants Mr West. Granted.

2. Conversion of a series of barns to 4 dwellings and erection of three single garages Leigh Farm Marsh Lane (App no 15/00833FUL) Applicant Mr. Ormisher. - Granted subject to 106 Agreement.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in the following application and vacated the Chair . The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) took the Chair during consideration of the application. Councillor Baldwin also declared an interest in this application. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Baldwin then left the room whilst the application was considered.

1. Conversion of an agricultural building into a single occupancy residential unit with attached granny flat and conversion of shippon to double garage and domestic store Lady Hall Farm Marsh Lane. (App no 15/00966/FUL) Applicant William de Hamel.

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

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Baldwin returned to the meeting at this point.

2. Replacement of existing septic tank and repositioning of vehicular access Chesham House Sandy Lane. (App no 15/01072/FUL) Applicants Mrs and Mrs Lorán Spring.

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

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed.

(C). REDEVELOPMENT OF CRABTREE HOUSE HILLHOUSE LANE:

The Parish Council were reminded that planning permission for the replacement of the existing property had been granted in March 2015 subject to the new house being built on the existing footprint and to the retention of mature trees.

It was reported that several of the trees had been cut down and the building did not appear to be on the original footprint.

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

4149. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room November 2015	£20.00
2. A. Harkness	Payroll - June - September 2015	£1042.73

4150. BUDGET PROCESS:

The Clerk submitted a report on the process for the making of the annual budget.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4151. HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Clerk submitted a half-yearly financial statement (circulated) to 30th September 2014 indicating deposits of £14892.36 and expenditure of £5205.57 leaving a balance of £9686.79. A forward projection of expenditure to the year-end would amount to £10537.00 and give an estimated balance of £4355.66.

Resolved:- That the financial statement be accepted and referred to the Independent Financial Auditor and the Accounts Book signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) and Clerk.

4152. PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES 2016/17:

Following the half yearly statement the Clerk submitted a report (circulated) dealing with the Parish Council's Estimates for 2016/17, the report gave details of actual spending in 2014/15 together with an update of spending in the current financial year

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together with an estimate for 2015/16. He also reminded the Parish Council of the grant element contained in the precept in relation to welfare payments and of the need to include a sum for the Parish Council elections in May 2016.

Resolved:- That subject to the the Clerk ascertaining amount of welfare payments required from Chorley Council, the Estimates as set out below be approved and that the Parish Council's 2016/17 precept on Chorley Council amount to £6,800.00.

ESTIMATES 2016/17

LAST YEAR 2014/15	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YEAR 2015/2016		ESTIMATES 2016/17.
		ORIGINAL £	ACTUAL £	
				£
7165.45	B/FWD	7840.46	7840.46	5046.00
6527.00	PRECEPT	6527.00	6527.000	6527.00
273.00	GRANTS	273.00	273.00	273.00
151.56	VAT	133.46	133.46	350.00
12.54	INTEREST	10.00	5.36	10.00
220.39	HOGHTON STATIONERY REFUND	113.08	113.08	150.00
14349.94.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	14897.00.	14892.36	5556.00
	PAYMENTS			
4055.12.	PAYROLL	4000.00	2058.01	4500.00
575.00.	GRANTS – SECTION 137 PAYMENTS	750.00	250.00	750.00
293.45.	INSURANCE	350.00	301.50	350.00
222.14.	FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	250.00	336.06	350.00
50.00	AUDIT FEES	194.00	50.00	50.00
165.00.	HIRE OF ROOMS	155.00	80.00	160.00
324.63	STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT	600.00	65.54	500.00
60.00	TRAINING	50.00	NIL	50.00

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NIL	WREATH	15.00	NIL	35.00
624.92	LOAN REPAYMENTS	625.00	321.40	312.00.
14.39.	DENHAM QUARRY MANAGMENT PLAN	500.00	NIL	500.00
NIL	PARISH PLAN	500.00	1,450.00	200.00
NIL	NOTICE BOARDS	250.00	NIL	250.00
200.00	ELECTION FEES	200.00	NIL	800.00
15.00	BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION	15.00	NIL	15.00
NIL	COMMEMORATION OF FIRST WORLD WAR	300.00	NIL	300.00
NIL	PARISH POUND	300.00	300.00	300.00
NIL	WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS	300.00	NIL	500.00
NIL	PHONE BOX TOP OTH LANE	1.00	1.00	150.00
6826.39.	TOTAL	9851.00.	5205.57.	10,037.00

4153. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:

The Clerk submitted the Judges` report on the Parish.

Resolved: - That Judges Report be noted, placed in Brindle Voice and circulated to the Community Hall Management Committee, the Cavendish Arms Brindle St. James Parish Church and School.

4154. THREE TIER LIAISON:

No report was presented on the meeting of the Three Tier Liaison Committee held on 21 October 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4155. PARISH PLAN :

The Parish Council gave further consideration to the provision of Welcome to Brindle signs .

Resolved:- That the consideration be given to the location and type of signs to be provided at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

4156. PHONE BOX -TOP OTH LANE:

Following the lease of the phone box by the Parish Council local residents had been contacted regarding its` future maintenance and the possibility of a defibrillator being located here.

The Clerk reported that the residents had agreed to maintain the phone box and fund raising was being carried out regarding the provision of a defibrillator.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council welcomes the initiative of local residents and offers its future support in the maintenance of the phone box.

4157. EQUALITY FORUM:

The Clerk reported that the reconstituted Forum had met on 22nd October 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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4158. PARISH COUNCIL CHAMPION - NEWSLETTER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the current newsletter.

Resolved:- That the newsletter be noted.

4159. EASTERN PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PREFERRED PROJECTS 2016/17

The Clerk submitted a request from Chorley Council for projects to be included in Neighbourhood Projects Programme 2016/17.

Resolved:- That the restoration of the historic village wells be put forward as a project .

4160. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 11th January 2016 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 8.45 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

11TH JANUARY 2016.