

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2019
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS C. HINDLE , AND MRS B.ROBINSON.**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- NINE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4871. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, Mrs S. Long, Dr. Ms P. McGovern, W. Nelson and J. Swann.

4872. FORMER COUNCILLOR W. CHARNLEY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the recent death of former Councillor Charnley.

All present stood silent for a few moments as a mark of respect.

4873. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

The Clerk reminded Members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. No one made a declaration at this stage.

4874. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th August 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4875. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

TRAFFIC SPEEDS - SANDY LANE/SMITHY LANE/WATER STREET:

Concerned residents attended the meeting to request road safety measures should be undertaken with respect to speed limits on these roads. It was felt that such was the current situation that it was likely there would be a fatality.

Discussion took place regarding measures which could be implemented and the present policy adopted by the County Council. Details of any risk assessments which had been carried out were requested.

Resolved:- (1). That a public meeting be held regarding the issues raised with County Councillor Snowden, representatives of the County Highways Department, the Police and the Parish Council.

(2) . The residents be notified of the date of the meeting when arranged.

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER ISSUES RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4876. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police were not present. The Clerk circulated an information document relating to preventing hackers from accessing online accounts.

A report was presented on criminal activity.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest consumer alerts from the County Council's Trading Standards Officer.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4877. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities. It was reported that the bushes at the Community Hall needed trimming.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and that the Community Hall Management Committee be requested to take appropriate action regarding the bushes at the Hall.

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

4878. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk circulated the September newsletter and informed the Parish Council that the LALC AGM would be held on 23rd November 2019 at Howick House Penwortham.

Notification of delegates was required by 8th November 2019 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 11th October 2019.

The Parish Council was requested to consider the appointment of delegates and the consideration of any resolutions to the AGM.

Reference was also made to The Village Survival Guide, a reminder of the requirements of the Transparency Regulations, the Tree Charter Project and Lancashire Day on 27th November 2019.

The Parish Council considered events to mark VE Day in May 2020.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted, and that Councillor Dr. P. McGovern be appointed the Parish Council's delegate to the LALC Annual General Meeting on 23rd November 2019.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter being Chairman of the Association.

4879. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING - TOP OTH LANE:

A Member of the Public reported that United Utilities were undertaking remedial work regarding the flooding at Top oth Lane.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

(B). GREGSON LANE - FOOTPATH SIGN:

At the last meeting it was reported that the footpath sign near Hewngate Farm had been knocked down. The Countryside Service at Lancashire County Council had been informed.

It was also reported that there was no footpath direction sign at the level crossing at Gregson Lane.

Resolved:- That the Countryside Service be contacted regarding the signs.

(C). FLOODING:

It was reported that flooding was occurring at the brook at the Community Hall.

Resolved:- That County Council be informed.

(D). TOP OTH LANE - CONCEALED ENTRANCE SIGN:

The Clerk reported that there had been a lack of progress on the suggestion that a Concealed Entrance sign be provided on Denham Lane near to 27 Top oth Lane where this lane met Denham Lane.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for an update.

(E). BOURNES ROW - BRIDLEWAY:

A Member reported that some of the vegetation at the bridleway had been cut down and cleared but the fly tipping had not been cleared.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to remove the fly tipping.

(F). FORMER SAND QUARRY - SANDY LANE:

It was reported that the overgrown hedge and entrance had been tidied up.

However there was a concern about parking on the road by the former quarry when events were taking place.

A Member of the public reported a recent incident arising from an event at the sand pit and asked that the organisers should be reminded of their duty of care at such events.

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Resolved:- That the police be asked to investigate the problems regarding parking.

(G). WINDMILL LANE/DOVER LANE:

It was reported that the nameplate at the junction of Windmill Lane/Dover Lane had been replaced, the collapsed gully in Dover Lane outside Dover Cottage was had been attended to but was now blocked. The ditches in Dover Lane had not been cleaned.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed of the problems with the gully on Dover Lane and arrangements be made to clean the ditches as soon as possible.

(H). SANDY LANE - REFUSE BIN:

The refuse bin in the lay by which had been damaged had been replaced.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(I). FOOTWAY SMITHY CLOSE :

The Clerk reported that a local resident has raised his concerns regarding a long standing problem with the footway outside his property in Smithy Lane.

He had contacted County Councillor Snowden about his concerns and the issue was being investigated.

In the past the Parish Council had raised the matter with the County Council.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(J) . ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH WALL:

It was reported that there had been movement in the church wall. Vehicles were parking opposite it narrowing the road for other vehicles.

It was also intended to seek permission for the removal of trees adjoining the wall.

Resolved:- That this matter to discussed at the public meeting to consider traffic safety in Water Street.

(K). FOOTPATH SMITHY CLOSE TO SANDY LANE:

A Member of the Public reported that the public footpath along the ginnel from Smithy Close was overgrown and required attention.

Resolved:- That the Countryside Service at Lancashire County Council be informed.

4880. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4881. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for two developments at Sandy Lane, as well as a telecommunications notice at Denham Lane and the granting of a prior approval notice at Hillhouse Lane.

Resolved:- That the decisions be noted.

(B). Applications:

The Clerk reported that applications had been submitted to Chorley Council for planning permission relating to two sites in Sandy Lane and one in Water Street.

Details had been submitted to all Members no observations were made Chorley Council would be informed.

Resolved:- That action proposed be agreed.

4882. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room October 2019	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Salary and expenses quarter ended 30th September 2019	£1054.50
3. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses quarter ended 30th June 2019	£281.03
4. A. Harkness	Print Cartridges	£54.99
5. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration - quarter ended 30th June 2019	£48.00
6. D. Metcalfe	Website Renewal	£ 71.86

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid and cheques signed.

4883. APPLICATION FOR GRANT

This Clerk submitted an application for grant from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council adhere to its existing policy.

4884. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - RESULTS:

The Clerk referred to the 2019 Best Kept Village Competition.

He had asked for a copy of the Judges report.

It was suggested that in future details of the Competition should be put on the Parish Council website.

Resolved: - That the report be awaited.

4885. DENHAM QUARRY:

It was reported that there were still problems with the fencing at the Quarry car park.

Resolved:- Chorley Council be requested to meet the Parish Council on site to discuss the issue.

4886. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The Clerk reported that he had received an invitation from the Brindle St. James Parochial Church Council inviting the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Church of St. James on Sunday 10th November 2019 at 10.45 a.m.

The Clerk also submitted an invitation from the Mayor of Chorley for representatives of the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Day Service in Chorley.

Resolved: - (1).That the invitation from Brindle St. James be accepted, that a wreath be purchased to be laid at the Memorial to the Fallen by the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) on behalf of the Parish Council and that the wording on the wreath be as follows "In memory of all in the Parish who gave their lives."

(2) That Councillor Dr. P. McGovern and Partner represent the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day Service in Chorley.

4887. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The next meeting would be held at Chorley Town Hall on Wednesday 16th October 2019.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4888. CONSULTATIONS:

Consultation documents were submitted from the County Council regarding the Cosy Homes Initiative.

Resolved:- That the consultation documents be noted.

4889. PARISH POUND:

At the last meeting Members had expressed reservations regarding the type of stone proposed which was considered hazardous in bad weather.

Further discussions had been held with the contractor regarding the safety of the materials suggested for the resurfacing of the Parish Pound.

He was not able to recommend a suitable alternative.

Further discussions took place regarding the type of surface to be provided.

Resolved: That further investigations be carried out regarding an alternative material.

4890. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:

The Clerk submitted estimates of cost of providing the signs following agreement to the use of the design discussed at the last meeting.

Resolved:- That the Clerk arrange for the signs to be provided.

4891. NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding changes to the notice board at Bournes Row. The notice board had been removed to allow work on the new notice board and planning permission was awaited.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

4892. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

The Clerk reported the half year statement regarding the levy. A sum of £3055.85 was payable to the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4893. RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION - FOOTPATHS SURVEY:

The Clerk circulated a survey undertaken by the Ramblers Association detailing the condition of footpaths in the Parish.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that as part of the Parish Plan it had agreed to a programme of improvement work to the footpaths.

Resolved:- That further consideration be given to the projects to be included at the next meeting.

4894. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that local elections were scheduled for 7th May 2020 and submitted estimates of the costs of a contested and non contested election.

The Parish Council should consider these figures when preparing their estimates.

Resolved That the report be accepted.

4895. WEBSITE SECURITY:

A Member of the Public suggested that the security of the website should be strengthened.

Resolved:- That further investigations be carried out.

4896. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 9.10. p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
11TH NOVEMBER 2019.**