

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 11TH AUGUST 2014  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

**PRESENT:-**

**D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR) - COUNCILLORS C. HINDLE,  
MRS B.ROBINSON, T.SHARRATT AND J. SWANN.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-**

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D.DICKINSON, POLICE COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER  
P. HARRISON, POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER C.SHORT AND ONE  
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

**3865. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillors J. Baldwin, Mrs S. Long and W. Nelson.

**3866. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DICKINSON:**

The Chairman of the Meeting welcomed back District Councillor Dickinson following his recent illness.

**3867. 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. No one declared an interest at this stage.

**3868. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 30th June 2014 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3869. 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 DID NOT RAISE ANY  
MATTER ,THE PARISH COUNCIL RESUMED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING .**

**3870. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

The Police circulated a copy of their current newsletter for July 2014 which indicated there had been two reported incidents in Brindle during the period.

They also referred to a spate of burglaries in adjoining areas and requested residents to be vigilant.

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They also indicated they were prepared to erect warning signs prohibiting the use of motorcycle scrambling in Denham Quarry.

The next Pact Meeting would be held on 2nd September 2014.

The Clerk referred to the recent announcement of funding to fight rural crime and District Councillor Dickinson asked if there had been any increase in this area over the last twelve months. The Police responded that it did not appear there had been any increase since April 2013.

Councillor Sharratt reported that in July he had visited the lay by on Denham Hill and noticed pebbles which had been dumped there together with decaying plant material. He had been informed that this was used for the growing of cannabis. He visited the site on 10th July when a car pulled up and the occupant took buckets of the pebbles and placed them in his car and drove off. He took the vehicle registration number and asked the police present if they were aware of the dumping of cannabis residue.

The police said they would investigate the matter and contact the car owner.

Councillor Sharratt reiterated his concerns about townspeople dumping rubbish in the countryside.

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 .

### **3871. COMMUNITY HALL:**

No report was presented on current activities.

### **3872. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He also reported that any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 29th August 2014. There followed a discussion on a possible resolution.

The Clerk also submitted a copy of the Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Three Tier Forum.

Resolved: - (1) That the reports be accepted and that no resolutions be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

### **3873. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). LITTER BINS:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Neighbourhood Officer was investigating the provision of a dog/waste bin at the Brindle side of Brindle Lodge.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

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### **(B). ROAD SURFACE - HOUGH HOUSE HOLT LANE :**

At the last meeting it was reported that the edge of the highway near Hough House on Holt Lane was deteriorating.

The Clerk had reported this to the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(C). MARSH LANE:**

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the cleaning of the gullies on Marsh Lane. A meeting was being arranged with the County Council's Highway Engineer for the area and this matter would be mentioned at that meeting.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(D). FOOTPATH SIGN FOOTPATH 37 WINDMILL LANE:**

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that the sign had still not been erected.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council and was informed that the proposed erection of the sign had been placed on a list and would be dealt with in priority order.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform County Councillor Devaney regarding the delay in erecting the sign.

### **(E). ROAD MARKINGS - SMITHY CLOSE /SMITHY LANE.**

The County Council had arranged for the white line markings to be repainted but this had not yet been done.

Resolved :- That the Clerk ask the County Council when this work will be done.

### **(F). KERB STONES - PRIVATE ROAD:**

The Clerk reported that the County Council had inspected the site and there did not appear to be any further movement. They were not proposing to re-lay the edging as this would necessitate a road closure and the permission of the land owner.

It was intended that the gap between the road and the carriageway would be cleaned out and filled.

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that this work had not been done.

Resolved:- That the issue be mentioned at the proposed meeting with the County Council regarding Highway matters in the Parish.

### **(G). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:**

The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer had made arrangements to replace the missing sign.

Resolved:- That the Highways Authority be asked to deal with this matter as soon as possible.

### **(H). USE OF SPID DEVICES:**

The Clerk had contacted Wheelton Parish Council regarding the use of their SPID device in Brindle and a response was awaited.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(I). LANCASHIRE LOST WAYS PROJECT:**

At the last meeting the Clerk submitted details of the Lancashire Local Access Forum project to research and identify Lancashire's lost public rights of way.

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Councillor Sharratt queried whether this applied to bridleways and the County Council was asked if this was the case. A response was awaited.

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the footpath at Dover Lane was shown as a footpath on a map of 1860.

The Clerk reported that the County Council was investigating this.

Resolved:- That District Councillor Dickinson raise the issue of bridleways with County Councillor Devaney.

### (J). OLD WORKHOUSE SITE -TOP OTH LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that following complaints from residents at Top oth Lane he had requested Chorley Council, the owners, to tidy up the site. The land was used as an allotment which it was understood was no longer tenanted. It was felt that further investigations be made by Chorley Council regarding the use of the land.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to inform the Parish Council on the future use of this land.

### (K). WINDMILL LANE TO DOVER LANE:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) referred to a letter received on the Parish Council website from a resident in Windmill Lane requesting the provision of passing places and a 20 mph speed limit on Windmill Lane and Dover Lane.

Hoghton Parish Council had considered the request and made no comment.

The Clerk had sent the letter to the County Council and a response was awaited.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### (L). JAPANESE KNOTWEED:

At the last meeting a Member of the Public reported that there were several areas in the Parish where this was growing and asked if steps could be taken to eradicate it.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council about this and a reply was awaited

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

### (M). GRASS CUTTING:

At the last meeting Councillor Hindle reported that several areas of the grass verges in Hillhouse Lane, Oram Road and Private Road had been missed during the recent grass cutting exercise.

Also the grass triangle at Oram Road had been left apparently at the request of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council about this and a reply was awaited.

Resolved:- That the Neighbourhood Officer be asked to investigate this matter.

### (N). DOG FOULING:

At the last meeting it was reported that the Head Teacher of Brindle St. James School had indicated that dog fouling was taking place on the school playing field. Notices had been erected but this had not proved effective.

The Neighbourhood Officer was monitoring the situation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### (O). RODENTS:

At the last meeting a Member of the Public reported a problem with rodents in the centre of the village and on Water Street.

The Neighbourhood Officer had asked the Pest Control Officer at Chorley to arranged for the sewers to be baited and if residents had issues with their properties they should notify Chorley Council.

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Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(P). HEDGE - GORTON BROOK:

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Councillor Nelson that he had received a complaint that the hedge on the bend between the new development at Pippin Street Farm and the junction at Gorton Brook Farm was overgrown and needed cutting back.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed.

(Q). POTHLES:

Councillor Hindle asked if there had been any change in the County Council's policy regarding the repair of potholes following the increased allocation of funds from the Government.

Resolved:- That District Councillor Dickinson discuss this matter with County Councillor Devaney.

### **3874. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

### **3875. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISIONS:**

The Clerk reported no applications had been granted since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

With regard to the decision to grant the erection of Agricultural Storage Building Pippin Fold Pippin Street (App no 14/00314/FUL) Applicant Mr. Dewhurst.

A letter had been sent to the Planning Officer concerned with copies to The Leader of Chorley Council, the Chair of the Development Control Sub Committee, Gary Hall the Chief Executive and the Head of Planning Services regarding the decision.

A reply was awaited. It was suggested that a further letter be sent enclosing photographs of the commercial activities at the site.

Resolved: That the reports be accepted and a further letter be sent regarding the development at Pippin Fold.

#### **(B). APPLICATIONS:**

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

1. Proposed change of use from a domestic outbuilding within the C3 residential unit to a B1 office Fletchers Fold Water Street (App no 14/00658/COU) Applicant Mr. Miller.

Details were circulated to all Members and it was reported that local residents were concerned about the proposal.

The application had been discussed with the Planning Officer at Chorley to understand the implications of the application.

It was considered borderline whether an application was needed, but the Planning Officer seemed confident that the office space would only accommodate one or two people at the most. The Parish Council was concerned that the business activities could be extended further.

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The Clerk had indicated to Chorley that whilst there were no objections to this particular application, it was requested that conditions should be imposed on the applicant that would restrict the level of business activity on the site with regard future development, the number of employees and the potential nuisance and associated highways issues that this would be likely to cause.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

2. Notice of Intention to install High Speed Broadband Cabinet land adjacent to The Old Post Office Sandy Lane (App no 14/00814/NOT) Applicant BT Outreach.

Details were circulated to all Members for information.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(C). BLACKBURN AND DARWEN LOCAL PLAN:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the current situation regarding the publication of this plan.submitted a scoping consultation issued by Chorley Council on this topic.

Resolved:- That information be noted.

### **(D). COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING:**

The Clerk submitted a scoping consultation issued by Chorley Council on this topic.

Resolved:- That the consultation document be noted.

### **(E) . CHORLEY LOCAL PLAN -TRAVELLERS HEARING:**

The Clerk reported that arrangements for the hearing by a planning inspector into the proposals for Travellers in the Plan.

District Councillor Dickinson reported that he would be attending a meeting on this matter on 18th August 2014.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **3876. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Stationery and Print Cartridges	£44.75.
*2. Douglas Tonks Ltd	Payroll Administration	£1034.95
3. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room August 2014	£17.50
*4. PWLB	Loan Repayment (August instalment)	£321.46

\*Payment by Direct Debit.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

### **3877. CAVENDISH ARMS - BEER FESTIVAL:**

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The Clerk reported that the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had discussed the proposed festival with the management of the Cavendish Arms and drawn attention to the problems which had occurred at past festivals.

The Clerk and District Councillor Dickinson had reminded Chorley Council's Licensing Officer of the concerns of residents.

Resolved:- (1) That the action taken by the Chairman (Councillor D, Cranshaw) be agreed and that he be thanked for undertaking the discussions on behalf of the Parish Council.

(2). That the Clerk reply to the Consultation reminding Chorley Council of the concerns of residents.

### 3878. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that arrangements were being made for Clariots Care a care organisation to clean up the notice boards on a regular basis.

The Joiner had confirmed that glass doors could be fitted to them and recommended glass be used rather than toughened plastic. The Clerk had asked him for an estimate of the cost of doing so.

Details of the Parish Council's future intention to display copies of the Minutes on the website only had been publicised and no comments had been received up to the time of the meeting.

Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council that not all people had access to the internet. The Parish Council were reminded that should a request be made from the public for copies of the minutes then they were obliged to provide a copy to the person making the request.

Resolved:- (1) That the reports be accepted and that with effect from January 2015 minutes of the Parish Council meetings be published only on the Council's website/

(2) That the Clerk provide copies of the Minutes to Members of the Public on request.

### 3879. IRON MAN EVENT:

The Clerk referred to the event and suggested that a meeting be held with the organisers to review it.

Resolved:- That the suggestion be agreed.

### 3880. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported that Mr Carson of Chorley Council had agreed to meet the Parish Council to discuss the future management of the Quarry on 14th August 2014 and following discussion with the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) he had made the arrangements.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### 3881. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that he was making arrangements to discuss the siting of benches for public seating with the Highways Authority.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and that arrangements be made for a meeting with the County Council to discuss the siting of the benches.

### 3882. RURAL BROADBAND:

The Clerk reported the reply from Lindsay Hoyle MP regarding the provision of broadband in Brindle.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

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### 3883. LETTER OF THANKS- BRINDLE ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY HALL:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Management Committee for the donation towards the refurbishment of the Hall.

Resolved:- That the letter be accepted.

### 3884. CHORLEY CIVIC TRUST:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council nomination for an award had been unsuccessful.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### 3885. STATIONERY CHARGES:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the agreement with Hoghton Parish Council to apportion stationery and equipment charges on an annual basis.

The stationery costs for 2012/13 were £440.78 and Hoghton Parish Council's share amounted to £220.39 a cheque for this amount had been paid into the Parish Council's Bank Account.

Resolved: - That the payment of the apportioned charges be noted.

### 3886. VETERANS IN COMMUNITIES:

The Clerk submitted correspondence from this organisation

Members considered that this organisation duplicated the work of the Royal British Legion.

Resolved:- That the correspondence be noted.

### 3887. VAT REPAYMENT:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the VAT for 2013/14 had been reclaimed amounting to £151.56.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

### 3888. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 29th September 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**29TH SEPTEMBER 2014.**