

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 2015
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
GREGSON LANE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY, POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT
OFFICERS A. HOLLOWAY AND L. LUCAS AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

4080. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors W. Nelson, Mrs B.Robinson and J. Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

COUNCILLOR MRS. LONG:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) welcomed back Councillor Mrs Long following her recent surgery.

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.

4081. 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.

4082. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 29th June 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4083. ADJOURNMENT:

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO
RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS
DEALT WITH. THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT WISH TO
RAISE ANY MATTERS AT THIS STAGE SO THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED
WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

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4084. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Police circulated their current Newsletter, there had been no reported incidents in Brindle during August 2015.

The Clerk also circulated the current Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter and in particular referred to his Annual Report and the year on year reduction in crime figures.

In response to complaints from local residents the police had monitored traffic speeds on the B5256 Sandy Lane. A speed van had been sited on the Cavendish Arms Car Park. County Councillor Devaney suggested that the police should be asked to indicate how many people had been stopped as a result of the operation.

The Clerk would request details of the figures.

Councillor Sharratt reported the problems arising from a car parked on Hoghton Lane near to Bells Lane. This had been raised with Hoghton Parish Council and the police had agreed to look into the matter. The police would carry out further investigations.

Councillor Hindle asked what was the trend of crime statistics over the last twelve months. The Police indicated that these were steady and there was no increase over the period.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 1st September 2015 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

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 .

4085. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities. It was also reported that the Community Hall Management Committee was seeking volunteers to sit on the Committee.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

4086. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

It was also reported that AGM would be held on 7th November 2015 at County Hall Preston.

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Notification of delegates was required by 16th October 2015 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 21st August 2015. No resolutions were made.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted and that the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor T. Sharratt be appointed the Parish Council's delegates to the LALC AGM.

4087. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A) LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council was still considering the proposed sites for a litter bin.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(B). HOLT LANE:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had done some work and put the remainder on a list to be done when funds allow.

Councillor Baldwin felt that the damage was done as a result of surface water.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

(C). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had suggested that the lack of a sign be included in the Signposting Survey which was being carried out.

Councillor Hindle reminded the Parish Council that the sign referred to was the one opposite Oram Farm.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed that the Parish Council is disappointed at the lack of action and reminded that the loss of the sign had been reported over twelve months ago.

(D). FOOTPATHS MAINTENANCE:

Councillor Hindle reported that the footpaths at Back Lane and Duxon Hill were overgrown and required attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify the County Council.

(E). SIGN POSTING PROJECT:

The Clerk reported that following the invitation from the County Council for the Parish Council to join a countywide Sign Posting Project, he had contacted them to ask how this survey impacted on the National Survey carried out by the Ramblers Association.

The County Council had replied that this scheme was separate from the Ramblers Association survey.

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Councillor Sharratt referred to the survey of bridleways undertaken by the British Horse Society some years ago and suggested that the County Council should include bridleways in any survey being undertaken both locally and nationally. The Clerk had consulted the County Council and they had confirmed that bridleways were part of the survey.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

(F). USE OF SPID DEVICE:

The Clerk had contacted Wheelton Parish Council regarding the use of their SPID device in Brindle and a response was awaited. It was reported that the necessary equipment had now been received and the Parish Council would be notified when the device was available.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Wheelton Parish Council again regarding the use of the device in the Parish.

(G). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:

At a previous meeting the police had been requested to contact the owner of the vehicle which was parked near Woodville on Smithy Lane. The outcome of their visit was awaited. The police had confirmed they had spoken to the vehicle owner.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(H). SURFACE WATER PIPPIN STREET :

The Clerk reported that United Utilities had fixed the problem.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

(I). SLOW SIGN NEAR TO CROSSKEYS - SANDY LANE:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had indicated that the Slow Marking would be repainted.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(J). JAPANESE KNOT WEED/HIMALAYAN BALSAM:

A member of the public had offered to provide details of the site locations of both types of weed. A site location map was currently being circulated in the Parish and when complete would be sent to the Clerk for onward transmission to the County Council.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

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

The Clerk submitted a photograph from the County Council identifying the stile in question. As previously reported County Council considered that the stile was safe.

The Parish Council felt that the stile required attention.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council feels that the Footpaths Officer should meet them on site to view the stile.

(L). WHITE RAILINGS PIPPIN STREET :

Councillor Baldwin reported that the landowner was Mr Singleton.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) consult the landowner regarding the proposed painting of the white railings at the entrance to Pippin Street.

(M). DUXON HILL:

The Clerk reported that County Council had commented about the repair of the road surface. Duxon Hill was put forward for a low cost carriageway surface treatment known as re-treading. However the contractor advised that the road was too steep to carry out these works and resurfacing was the only option. They did not have the funding to carry out resurfacing of Duxon Hill in the 2015/16 capital highways programme, as all monies have been committed to higher priority works.

It was accepted that the carriageway was not in a good condition and it would be considered for inclusion within a future year's maintenance programme. In the meantime they would undertake safety repairs as required.

Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that two potholes had been filled.

Resolved:- That the County Councillor Devaney raise this with the Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council.

(N). TRAFFIC SPEEDS - BOURNES ROW:

Councillor Hindle had reported speeding vehicles on Bournes Row.

The police indicated that they would be working with the schools on this matter.

Councillor Hindle also raised the issue of the enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit. The Chief Constable had indicated that his officers would now enforce this limit.

Resolved:- That the police be asked to keep the Parish Council informed on the issue of speeding in Bournes Row.

(O). SANDY LANE - CATS EYES:

A local resident reported that when the public notices relating to the resurfacing of Sandy Lane had been published they referred to the replacement of the cats eyes on Sandy Lane. Some replacement work had been done on the stretch from the Cavendish Arms to Radburn Brow. The nature of the work was poor. The cats eyes had been repositioned and the existing holes not filled in properly, also sections of the white lines had been broken.

The stretch of Sandy Lane from the Cavendish Arms to Brindle Bar had not been done.

County Councillor Devaney had reported this to the Environment Director and the County Council were not proposing to carry out any further work on this issue.

Resolved:- That the situation be noted.

(P). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE - HILLHOUSE LANE:

Councillor Mrs Long indicated that some work had been done privately at this location but flooding occurred opposite .

Resolved:- That the County Council be notified.

(Q). 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 asked for further information.

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would submit details to the Clerk who would notify the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(R). ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN:

The Clerk circulated the current environment bulletin for Chorley.

(S). APPLICATION FOR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE:

The Clerk submitted details of an application for the continued use of Slack Farm as an HGV Operating Centre.

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application.

(T). FLOODING - BIRCHIN LANE:

Councillor Baldwin reported that flooding was occurring again by the Canal on Birch Lane. He felt that problem was a blocked drain.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney be asked to look into this problem.

4088. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4089. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

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

1. Application for Certificate of lawfulness for erection of a proposed garden store Silcock Farm Windmill Lane (App no 15/00399/CLPUD) Applicants Mr. And Mrs Dean - Granted

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Erection of single storey rear extension 93 Bournes Row (App no 15/0676/FUL) Applicant Mr. Loram.

Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments made. The Clerk had notified Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

2. Notification of intention to install electronic communications apparatus to replace existing dish on existing pole. Huggarts Farm Denham Lane. (App no15/00714/TEL) Applicant WHP Ltd.

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Details had been circulated to all Members and no comments made. The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3. 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.

Details were circulated to all Members and no comments made. The Clerk would notify Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C). BROOKFIELD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE DOVER LANE:

The Clerk reported the current position regarding the Planning Enforcement Officer`s investigations in the work to extend the car park at the centre.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(D). SOUTH RIBBLE LOCAL PLAN:

The Clerk reported that the Local Plan had been adopted on 22nd July 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4090. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Trinity Methodist Churchy	Hire of Room August 2015	£20.00
2. A. Harkness	Print Cartridges	£43.56
*3. PWLB	Loan Repayment (August instalment)	£321.46

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

* Payment by Direct Debit.

4091. DEFIBRILLATORS:

The Clerk circulated a copy of a request from the Secretary of the Community Management Committee for a contribution towards the cost of providing defibrillators in the Parish.

Resolved: - That the Parish Council agrees in principle to the making of a grant and that further developments be awaited.

4092. RURAL COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the presentation made by Chorley Council`s Champion for Rural Communities on the proposed action plan for rural communities including Brindle and Hoghton.

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Resolved: - That the issues raised be noted and that further information be awaited.

4093. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the current position regarding the fitting of glass doors to the notice boards.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4094. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported that work to tidy up the Quarry had been undertaken by Officers from Chorley Council, representatives from the Mormon Temple at Chorley and a resident from Top oth Lane on 21st July 2015. The clean up had been organised by Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That report be accepted and those participating in the clean up be thanked for the work done.

4095. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that the benches had now been sited at Private Road, Denham Lane and at the Parish Pound.

He submitted an account for the supply and installation of the benches from Mr. J. Savage the contractor amounting to £1750.00.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) circulated a photograph of the bench at Private Road.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the siting of the bench on Denham Lane and thanked Councillor Swann for his suggestion. He congratulated all who had been involved in the work.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should now consider the provision of Welcome to Brindle signs.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted, the contractor thanked for his work, the account be paid and that the Clerk liaise with County Councillor Devaney regarding the signs.

4096. ADOPT A KIOSK:

The Clerk reported that the consultation period for the proposed scheme had finished and no objections had been received.

He submitted a copy of the lease agreement with BT.

He reminded the Parish Council that if the Parish Council entered into the lease the telephone equipment would be removed.

It was proposed to put a defibrillator in the phone box.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that Bryning with Warton Parish Council had a similar arrangement.

Resolved:- (1) That the Parish Council enter into a lease agreement for the Telephone Box at Top oth Lane at a cost of £1.00. and that the Clerk make the necessary Arrangements.

(2). That the Clerk contact Bryning with Warton Parish Council about their installation of a defibrillator.

4097. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE:

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The Clerk circulated a copy of the report to Chorley Council setting out their views on the matter and suggesting the establishment of an additional electoral ward for Chorley. County Councillor Devaney reported that there would be some effect on his ward under the new proposals.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

4098. THREE TIER LIAISON MEETING:

County Councillor Devaney reported that major changes had been made to the constitution and operation of the Forum.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Chorley Council about the changes.

4099. EQUALITY FORUM MEETING:

The Clerk reported that the meeting scheduled for 28th July had been cancelled. The next meeting would be on 13th October 2015 at Legacy Rainbow House Salt Pit Lane Mawdesley.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4100. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT -LETTERS OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted letters of thanks from the Brindle Gardening Club and the BOFFs in respect of the donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved: That letters be accepted.

4101. PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION:

The Clerk reported that he had been notified that the company which administered the Parish Council's payroll had gone into receivership in June. As consequence he had not received payment of his salary and expenses.

Following discussions with LALC he had contacted a local firm of accountants Whitehead and Aldrich of Ribblesdale Place Preston and they had agreed to carry out the payroll administration on behalf of the Parish Council at a similar annual charge to that currently being made by the previous company.

He submitted an agreement which had been drawn up and asked the Parish Council to confirm the arrangements. He also submitted a pay slip relating to his salary and expenses for the quarter ending in June 2015.

Resolved:- (1) That Whitehead and Aldrich be confirmed as the Parish Council's Payroll Administrators.

(2). That the Clerks Salary and Expenses amounting to £848.89 and the Income Tax of £202.60. be paid.

4102. IRON MAN EVENT:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that he had received information that not all residents of the Parish had received notification of the event and one local resident at Top oth Lane had complained of empty water bottles being thrown on the road and not collected.

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Councillor Hindle reported that insufficient information had been given of road closures on approaching roads and asked that more information should be given in future.

Councillor Nelson had reported that at about 10am the emergency doctor was called to an 86 year old man living at Rose Cottage Sandy Lane. The doctor and driver were in a unmarked car but with the green light on top. As they approached from the Blackburn direction they were stopped at St. James Church and not allowed to continue despite telling the marshall that it was an emergency call and they did not know the seriousness of the visit until they arrived. Despite this they were turned around and had to via Clayton Brook.

This was unacceptable and needed to be addressed for future events.

Also at the Holt Lane and Sandy Lane junction there was no marshall just a sign saying no left turn although there most vehicles ignored the sign and turned left.

Resolved:- That the Clerk bring these matters to the attention of the Iron Man Event Organisers.

4103. SKY LANTERNS:

Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council of its views on Sky lanterns and reported that two articles had appeared in the press recently about the dangers of Sky Lanterns. The Local Government Organisations was seeking to ban their use. He also reported an article about a balloon which had caused considerable damage.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4104. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 28th September 2015 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 9.15 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

28TH SEPTEMBER 2015