

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 15TH AUGUST 2016  
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH  
GREGSON LANE**

**PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) - COUNCILLORS MRS S. LONG, W. NELSON, AND T.SHARRATT .**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS.**

**4289. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) Councillors J. Baldwin C. Hindle, Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann.

**4290. COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS:**

The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council welcomed County Councillor Cullens who was attending his first meeting.

**4291. 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 did so at this stage.

**4292. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th July 2016 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4293. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

**4294. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A) NEWSLETTER:**

At the last meeting the Clerk reported that due to police cutbacks the police would attend Parish Council Meetings only in exceptional circumstances or issue, A newsletter would be published on line.

It was also understood that no further PACT Meetings would be held.

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He had contacted the Police and Crime Commissioner to ascertain the situation. No response had been made.

Councillor Mrs Long indicated that Chorley Council had been informed that the police were currently undertaking a review of police engagement with the Council and local residents.

The Clerk also reported a public consultation exercise regarding the future of policing in Lancashire.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) suggested that a resolution could be put to the LALC AGM requesting LALC to lobby the police for better engagement with Parish Councils.

Resolved:- That the Police and Crime Commissioner be asked to respond to the enquiries made by the the Parish Council,that Members complete and submit the online survey. .

### **(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.

### **4295. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

### **4296. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter,he also reported that NALC had requested the Parish Council to complete a survey on Community Led Housing. The Clerk had circulated a copy of the survey.

He also reminded the Parish Council that any resolutions to the LALC AGM on 19th November 2016 at County Hall Preston were required by 24th August 2016.

At the last meeting it had been suggested that a resolution be considered regarding the deterioration in the Countryside Service..

The Clerk also reminded the Parish Council that the next Chorley Area Committee meeting would be held in October 2016.

Resolved:- (1) That the reports be accepted.

(2) That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw ) consider resolutions for discussion at the Annual General Meeting of LALC.

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(3) That the survey on Community Led Housing be completed online.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter in respect of him being Vice Chairman of LALC.*

### **4297. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). SMITHY LANE - SALT BIN:**

The Clerk reported that the repairs had been carried out.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

#### **(B). FLOODING:**

The Clerk reported that the clearing of gullies had been prioritised and would be cleared as appropriate.

The gullies near Calverts Cottage would be cleared in the near future and the gully opposite the Community Hall had been cleared and the drain was now running.

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson reported that there was severe flooding in Pippin Street and Councillor Sharratt reported a similar situation near the car park at Denham Hill. These had been included on the list

He also circulated copies of maps showing the location of gullies in Brindle.

Resolved:- That the flooding situation continue to be monitored.

#### **(C). PRIVATE ROAD:**

The Clerk reported that the County Council had undertaken an investigation of the road at Holly Bank on Private Road. County Councillor Cullens indicated that he was aware of this situation.

They found no signs of subsidence in the carriageway surface although there appeared to be an element of undercutting from surface water runoff under the edge of the carriageway. They were considering installing hazard markers and a white line to encourage vehicles to keep away from the very edge and monitor the location for signs of failure. They would provide a further update in three weeks.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

#### **(D). STILES:**

Following the last meeting the Clerk had contacted the County Footpaths Officer again about the safety of the stiles but they had not replied.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Cullens investigate this matter.

#### **(E). FOOTPATH - GORTON BROOK: .**

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson requested information as to whether this footpath had been maintained. The Clerk had contacted the County Council regarding this matter. However, no response had been received.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact the County Council again.

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### **(F). FOOTPATH SIGNS - ORAM ROAD:**

Councillor Hindle had reported to the Clerk that the signs had been re-erected.

At the last meeting Councillor Hindle had requested the erection of bollards at the grass triangle at the junction of Oram Road and Hillhouse Lane to prevent further deterioration. The County Council had responded that this was not considered to be of sufficient priority

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

### **(G). POTHoles:**

the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had undertaken a site inspection and the County Council had been informed of the location of the potholes .

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

### **(H). IRON MAN EVENT:**

Following the event on 17th July The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had reported that organisers had left debris at the junction of Holt Lane . The County Council had asked them to remove it.

The Clerk circulated a consultation letter from Chorley Council requesting the views of the Parish Council on the organisation of the event.

Councillor Mrs Long referred to the problems for one local resident arising from an extension in the time of road closures without prior notification .

The Parish Council discussed the matter.

Councillor Nelson referred to the dumping of tie raps in the grass verge after the signs were taken down.

He also reiterated his views that the route should be changed from Top oth Lane and Water Street to Holt Lane.

Resolved:- That the Clerk consult other Members of the Parish for their comments and all the comments made be submitted to Chorley Council.

### **(I). MANHOLE COVERS:**

The Clerk reported that the County Council had undertaken temporary repairs to the broken cover on Sandy Lane and had requested United Utilities to carry out a permanent repair.

It was also reported that the broken manhole cover at High Cop had been repaired by the County Council

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(J). WHITE RAILINGS - PIPPIN STREET:**

Councillor Nelson reported that the railings had been painted on the roadside but not on the field side,

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Resolved:- That the Clerk seek clarification regarding this.

### **(K). SLACK FARM - FOOTPATH SIGN:**

Councillor Nelson reported that the footpath sign was obscured by vegetation.

Resolved:- That the Footpaths Officer be informed.

### **(L) . SANDY LANE:**

County Councillor Cullens reported that he had received several complaints regarding detritus from farm vehicles being deposited on Sandy Lane. Chorley Council Council had swept the area but further action was required. He had asked the County Council to contact local farmers to try to alleviate the problem.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **4298. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

### **4299. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISION:**

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

Single storey rear extension 4 Smithy Close (App No 16/00523/PDE) Applicant Mr. Mercer. - Granted.

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

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

1. Lean to extension to cover midden Gorton Brook Farm Brindle Road (App no 16/00605/FUL) Applicant Mr. Baldwin.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

2. Adaptation of existing extension and its enlargement to provide special needs accommodation to an existing dwelling and conversion of an existing garage to provide a hydrotherapy pool Brindle Rise Gowans Lane (App no 16/00657/FULHH) Applicant Mr and Mrs Proudfoot..

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

3. Conversion of barn to create one dwelling Lower Copthurst Farm Birchin Lane (App no 16/00597/FUL) Applicant Mr Mayor.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations were made . The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

4. Notice of intention to install Bt Openreach Broadband Cabinet near Yew Tree Farm Hillhouse Lane/Oram Road (App no 16/00718/NOT) Applicant Bt Openreach.

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Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations were made . The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

5. Felling of diseased horse chestnut tree St. James Parish Church Water Street (App no 16/00750/TCON.) Applicant Brindle St. James Church.

Details were circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations were made. The Clerk would inform Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(C) UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT:**

The Planning Enforcement Officer was investigating possible unauthorised development at Town House Farm Sandy Lane and Silcocks Farm on Windmill Lane..

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

### **4300. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. D. W. Savage	Painting of Railings Pippin Street	£1100.00
2 Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration April - June 2016	£30.00
3. Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room August 2016	£20.00
4. A Harkness	Print Cartridges	£80.98

### **4301. LETTER OF THANKS:**

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Treasurer of the Historical Society for the donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That the letters of thanks be accepted.

### **4302. EQUALITY FORUM:**

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Community Forum held on 28th July 2016.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

### **4303. DENHAM QUARRY:**

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the Quarry.

Councillor Sharratt reported that a section of the fencing at the car park to the Quarry had been removed.

Resolved That the Clerk report the removal of the fencing to Chorley Council.

### **4304. PARISH PLAN:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding

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the siting of a bench at Workhouse Lane.

Resolved:- That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) report to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **4305. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:**

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the winding up of the Trust

Resolved : That the report be accepted.

### **4306. BEST KEPT VILLAGE:**

It was reported that the Village was through to the next stage of judging which would take place in the next two weeks.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4307. APPLICATION FOR GRANT:**

The Clerk submitted an application for grant aid towards maintenance costs from the caretaker of Brindle St. Joseph`s Parish and Community Hall .

Resolved:- That the application be considered at the next meeting.

### **4308. VAT REPAYMENT:-**

The Clerk reported that VAT for 2015/16 had been reclaimed amounting to £210.01.

Resolved:- That the VAT repayment be noted.

### **4309. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 10th October 2016 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 8.40 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**10TH OCTOBER 2016.**