

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

4531. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Dr. P. McGovern W. Nelson, Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann..

4532. MR. D. CRANSHAW:

The Parish Council was informed that the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had been appointed Chairman of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils at their Annual General Meeting in November 2018.

Resolved:- That Councillor Cranshaw be congratulated on his appointment.

4533. FORMER COUNCILLOR T. SHARRATT:

The Parish Council was informed that had been admitted to hospital over the Christmas period but had now been discharged.

Resolved:- That he be wished a speedy recovery.

4534. 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.

4535. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th November 2018 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4536. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**AS NO MATTERS WERE RAISED BY THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THE
PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

4537. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) POLICING:

The police were not present.

(B) . POLICING BUDGET 2019/20:

The Clerk submitted two consultation documents from the Police and Crime Commissioner inviting the Parish Council to comment on the suggestion that the Police funding precept should be increased to pay for policing in 2019/20 and for the recruitment of additional Police Community Support Officers.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had responded on a personal basis.

Resolved:- That the proposals be supported on the understanding that more emphasis be placed on policing rural communities and that the consultation documents be placed in Brindle Voice.

(C) 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.

4538. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities. The Clerk reported an increase in the charges for the main hall with effect from 1st January 2019 these would not normally affect the Parish Council as there had been no increase in the charges for the Committee Room.

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.

4539. LALC Report:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the LALC AGM held in November 2018.

The County Council/Parish and Town Council Annual Conference had been cancelled.

The Annual Invitation for nominations of Chairmen to attend the Buckingham Parish Garden Party was submitted.

Details of the scheme to provide free trees for schools and communities scheme were reported.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

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

4540. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

Some minor work had been carried out in respect of the clearing of ditches at Dover Lane Windmill Lane and Duxon Hill..

Flooding was reported in two areas of Water Street and between Harry Croft and Lower Hilton Farm Marsh Lane.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Snowden be informed of the areas of flooding.

(B). PIPPIN STREET:

The closure of the entrance to the bridleway opposite Pippin Fold was being investigated by the Footpaths Officer.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for an update on the apparent closure of the bridleway.

(C). STILES:

It was reported that there had been no progress on the repair of the stiles.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

(D). TOP OTH LANE - ROAD SURFACE:

It was reported that the potholes at the intersection between Denham Lane and Holt Lane and at the bend after Hough House Farm on Holt Lane had now been repaired.

The grit bins at High Cop and Denham Lane had been reinstated.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(E). HILLHOUSE LANE - RESURFACING:

It was reported that the County Council had been asked to put a `Slow` marking on Hillhouse Lane near the junction of Gowans Lane.

A local resident reported a dangerous pothole near Yew Tree Farm.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed about the pothole and requested to provide `Slow` markings as soon as possible.

(F). SMITHY LANE - STREET NAMEPLATE:

The Parish Council was reminded that the supports to the street nameplate required attention. This had been reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(G). BIRCHIN LANE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

It was reported that Birchyn Lane would be closed temporarily between 0800 hours on 16th January 2019 until 17.00 hours on 18th January 2019 to allow utility work to be carried out. An alternative route for traffic would be in place.

The Clerk submitted advance notification that Birchyn Lane would be closed again in March 2019 for resurfacing work. Full details would be published nearer the time.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(H). STAGECOACH SERVICE 113:

It was reported that this service had been retained following the County Council's agreement to subsidise it.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(I). LIGHTING M65 - GORTON BROOK:

The Clerk reported the response of Highways England regarding the lighting on M65 at Gorton Brook. It was expected that maintenance work would take place on the M65 within the next six months and the lighting would be attended to then.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(J). FORMER SAND PIT SANDY LANE:

A local resident asked that the former sand site should be tidied up.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to look into this matter.

(K). WATER STREET - FOOTWAY:

It was reported that the footway from the Parish Church to the school was in poor condition.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to repair the footway..

4541. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4542. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The Clerk reported planning permission had been granted for developments in Denham Lane and at Sandy Lane since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the decisions be noted.

(B). Applications:

The Clerk reported that applications for developments in Water Street, at Sandy Lane, Pippin Street and Smithy Close had been submitted to Chorley Council since the last meeting.

Details had been circulated to all Members.No observations had been made regarding the proposals.These would be reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the action proposed be agreed.

4543. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room January 2019	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended December 2018	£979.87.
3. HMRC	Tax Quarter ended December 2018	£258.02..

4544. PARISH POUND:

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That the Parish Pound be included in the review of the Parish Plan and that in order to assess what is required a site visit be arranged.

4545. PARISH PLAN - REVIEW:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it had agreed to undertake a review of the Parish Plan. Members discussed possible projects.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council undertake a review of the following items for inclusion in the Parish Plan:-

1. Welcome to Brindle Signs.
2. Provision of SPID Equipment.
3. Denham Quarry.
4. Maintenance of stiles and footpaths.
5. Withnell Fold Nature Reserve.
6. Three Trees Maintenance.

4546. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2019/20.

The Clerk submitted a draft programme (circulated) of meetings of the Parish Council during 2019/20.

Resolved: - That the list of dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2019/20 be agreed subject to further consultation with affected organisations.

4547. LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 3rd February 2019.

Resolved: - That Clerk consult with Members of the Parish Council regarding attendance at this event.

4548. CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Liaison Committee would be Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 6.30. p.m. at Chorley Town Hall.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) attend.

4549. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:

The Clerk reported that the Best Kept Village Committee was considering changes to the competition in 2019 and had invited the Parish Council to an information meeting on either 7th or 11th February 2019.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) attend one of the meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

4550. COMMUNITY ISSUES - BOURNES ROW:

The Parish Council was informed of the current situation regarding the issues in Bournes Row. At the last meeting road humps had been suggested but it had been reported that the County Council was not in favour of providing them.

The police were also investigating the possibility of setting up a Community Road Watch Scheme for Bournes Row.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4551. BENCH - ORAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the owner of the land on which the bench had previously been sited had asked that a public apology should be made to him in the Brindle Voice for the siting of the bench on his land without consultation for the inconvenience he had suffered and the delay in re siting the bench.

The Parish Council had acted in good faith and put the bench in its first location only after seeking the approval of the County Council as it was understood to be County Council owned land. When the bench was relocated the Clerk had written to the landowner to apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Resolved:- That the landowner be informed that any further apology should come from the County Council as they had originally notified the Parish Council that the land was in their ownership.

4552. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.30. p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
11TH FEBRUARY 2019.**