

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2020  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE.  
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C. HINDLE , W. NELSON, MRS B.ROBINSON, AND  
J. SWANN.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**4923. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs S. Long and Dr. Ms P.McGovern.

**COUNCILLOR MRS. S. LONG:**

The Chairman (Councillor D, Cranshaw) referred to the illness of Councillor Mrs Long and on behalf of the Parish Council wished her a speedy recovery.

**4924. 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.

**4925. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th November 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4926. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON ISSUES ON THE AGENDA OR RAISE ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:**

**1.TRAFFIC SPEEDS - SANDY LANE/SMITHY LANE/WATER STREET:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported the current situation regarding the proposed public meeting with County Councillor Snowden, officers from the County Highways Department, the police and local residents regarding road safety aspects on the B5256 Sandy Lane, Smithy Lane and Water Street.

As previously agreed when a date had been known local residents would be notified in advance.

Also circulated were details of the Resident's Action Group Campaign for Road Safety Improvements by Lancashire County Council. ePetitions had been registered with the County Council and details would be publicised locally.

It was also reported that vehicles had parked on the grass verges in Smithy Lane causing considerable damage and making it hazardous for other vehicles and pedestrians.

**2. CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN:**

The Clerk had circulated further consultation documents dealing with the revised planning issues in the Central Lancashire Development Plan.

The document had identified possible residential developments at Friths Farm and Bournes Row. Local residents attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the proposals.

In relation to the development adjacent to Friths Court it was felt that there would be an increase in traffic arising from the development onto what was a narrow country lane. They considered that a second access to the road would be required, there would be a significant impact on local infrastructure, the local primary schools would be oversubscribed the nearest doctor's surgery was in Bamber Bridge.

The land was prime agricultural land and the development would affect the carbon footprint and possibly cause flooding.

The residents were also planning a leaflet drop and meetings locally to co-ordinate their objections to the proposals.

These observations would be referred to the Planning Officer at Chorley and residents were advised also to write to Chorley regarding their objections.

It was also considered that the development of the site at Bournes Row would be subject to similar problems.

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

**4927. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A). POLICING:**

The police were not present.

The Clerk circulated Police and Crime Commissioner consultation documents regarding Neighbourhood Watch, The Herbert Protocol relating to the reporting of missing persons and the proposed increase in the Police Precept 2020.

A local resident indicated that he had reported fly tipping in Smithy Lane, drug taking at Denham Quarry plus the reckless speeding on roads in the Parish.

He suggested that the Parish Council should write to the Divisional Commander to complain about the lack of policing in the area.

He had also volunteered as a local police champion but had heard nothing. The Clerk would investigate this.

**(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:**

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

**4928. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities.

The Community Hall Management Committee had decided to increase the fees for the hire of the Hall from 1st January 2020. The cost to the Parish Council for hire of the Meeting Room would be £22.50 per meeting

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

**4929. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk circulated the December 2019 newsletter and referred to the formation of Community Reliance Groups.

He submitted the Annual request from the Association regarding the nominations to attend the Annual Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

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

**4930. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**(A). GREGSON LANE - FOOTPATH SIGN:**

The Countryside Service had been contacted regarding the signs at Gregson Lane and Bournes Row but no action had been taken.

**(B). FLOODING :**

At the last meeting extensive flooding had occurred near Calverts Cottage and the school. The Clerk had contacted United Utilities about this. They had indicated it was not their responsibility. It was suggested that the landowner should be contacted about this and asked to take action.

The County Council had been informed of flooding near Bury Farm and at Windmill Lane.

**(C). DOVER LANE:**

The County Council had been asked to clean the ditches in Dover Lane as soon as possible.

**(D). WINTER SERVICE BRIEFING:**

A briefing note had been circulated on the winter service for highways.

**(E). FOOTPATHS AND STILES:**

The County Council was investigating the current situation regarding the stiles at footpaths 21 Breworth Fold and 63.Chesham Farm and the footpath 23 at Smithy Lane .

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would inspect Footpath 63 to ascertain the problem.

**(F). OVERGROWN TREES - SANDY LANE:**

The the County Council had been informed that several overgrown trees on Sandy Lane were considered a hazard to buses.

**(G). LITTER PICK SANDY LANE:**

Chorley Council had undertaken a litter pick of the grass verges near the village centre.

It was recommended that a litter pick of the area of Sandy Lane from Windmill Lane to Marsh Lane should be undertaken.

The Clerk would request Chorley Council to do this.

**(H). PIPPIN STREET:**

United Utilities had recently carried out work in Pippin Street and had left the area in an untidy condition.

They would be asked to revisit the site to clean it up.

**(I). SMITHY CLOSE - PAVEMENTS:**

A local resident indicated that the footways on Smithy Close were in poor condition.

The County Council would be asked to carry out any necessary repairs.

**4931. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

**4932. PLANNING REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for developments at Holt Lane and Marsh Lane. A certificate of lawfulness was approved for a property in Sandy Lane.

**(B). Applications:**

The Clerk reported that four applications had been submitted to Chorley Council for planning permission relating to developments in Sandy Lane, Smithy Close and Bournes Row.

Details had been circulated to all Members and observations made,these would be reported to Chorley Council.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in the application at Bournes Row and vacated the Chair the Vice Chairman (Councillor D, Metcalfe took the Chair).*

**THE CHAIRMAN THEN RETURNED TO THE CHAIR.**

**4933. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room January 2020	£22.50.
2. A. Harkness	Salary and expenses quarter ended 31st December 2019	£1036.47.
3. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses quarter ended 31st December 2019	£281.03
4. D.Metcalfe	Website Update	£115.18

That the accounts were agreed for payment and cheques signed.

**4934. APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

The Clerk submitted an application for grant from the Treasurer of Brindle Voice. A copy of the Society`s Income and Expenditure Statement for 2018/19 had previously been circulated.

A grant of £150.00 was made.

**4935. CHORLEY BUDGET CONSULTATION:**

The Clerk submitted a Consultation document relating to proposed changes to the Council Tax system and its possible effect on the Parish Precept.

The Parish Council objected to the proposals on the grounds that the money would be better spent locally.

**4936. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

The next meeting would be held at Chorley Town Hall on Wednesday 15th January 2020. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would attend.

**4937. CONSULTATIONS:**

No further consultation documents were presented.

**4938. PARISH POUND:**

The Clerk reported the current position regarding an appropriate surface for the Parish Pound. A suitable surface was identified and the Clerk would seek estimates

**4939. PARISH PLAN:**

**(A) WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:**

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the provision of the signs.

**(B) FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS:**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the footpaths requiring attention in the Parish following a survey undertaken by the Chorley Branch of the Ramblers Association.

The Ramblers Association had suggested a programme of footpath maintenance and improvement work. This was agreed by the Parish Council .

The Clerk would make the arrangements.

**4940. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2020/21.**

The Clerk submitted a draft programme (circulated) of meetings of the Parish Council during 2020/21. He referred to the problems in arranging meetings at Bournes Row.

It was suggested that some meetings should be held at St. Joseph`s Parish Church Hall.

The Clerk would make some enquiries about this.

**4941. 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 2nd February 2020.

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) would represent the Parish Council at this service.

**4942. WILD CAT:**

A local resident asked if anyone reported a large black cat in the area. He had seen it on New Year`s Day behind the workhouse lane site climbing up the large tree that was full of crows and magpies. Since then the birds had disappeared including sparrows, wood pigeons, robins etc. in the immediate area behind the houses at Top oth Lane.

It was probably twice as big as a large domestic cat.

**4943. MAYOR OF CHORLEY CHARITY BALL:**

The Clerk submitted an invitation to the ball on 14th February 2020 at the town hall tickets were £30 each.

**4944. DIGITAL INCLUSION:**

Chorley Council were proposing Computer Training Classes and had asked if anyone would be interested in attending.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) indicated he would be prepared to take part.

**4945.TREE PLANTING SCHEME:**

The Parish agreed to consider the promotion of a tree planting scheme in the Parish

**4946. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 10th February 2020 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 9.35. p.m.

**SIGNED**

**CHAIRMAN  
10TH FEBRUARY 2020.**