

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2021

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

5021. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

5022. 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.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor J. Baldwin declared an interest in a planning application at Denham Lane.

5023. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd November 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) as appropriate.

5024. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: DEVELOPMENT - HILLHOUSE LANE.

The Member of the Public present indicated the current situation relating to a development at Hillhouse Lane.

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER ISSUES THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:

5025. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police were not present.

A range of consultations had been circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics dealing with scams during the pandemic, drug dealing arrests, Neighbourhood Watch, and the Know Where You Are scheme.

Several complaints had been received from local residents regarding drug taking and anti social behaviour at Denham Quarry and about policing in the Parish generally.

The Clerk had written to the Chief Constable requesting more robust policing and the matter had been referred to the Management Operations Team at Chorley.

A Member had recorded various events at the Quarry and suggested taking further action. He had been in contact with the police at Chorley and had been informed that a new Community Beat Manager had been appointed for the area.

The Officer had agreed to meet him at the Quarry to discuss the issues with him.

The Clerk would contact the Community Beat Manager and ask him to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The member concerned would report on the outcome of his meeting with the Community Beat Manager.

It was reported that thefts had occurred from the honesty fridge.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

5026. LALC Report:

The current newsletter had been circulated as well as various consultations mainly about Covid.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the LALC AGM held on 14th November 2020 via Zoom. He also confirmed his appointment as Chair of the Association for a third and final year.

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

5027. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FOOTPATHS:

The County Council Countryside Service had issued a statement setting out the situation and explaining the future maintenance and improvement of footpaths in the County. A copy of which had been circulated.

The Parish Council were reminded that as part of the Parish Plan it was agreed to carry out some footpath maintenance and improvement work in 2021 and would consider a list of priorities. This would be circulated at the next meeting.

(B). FLOODING - CALVERTS FARM:

United Utilities had made some investigations into the causes of the flooding and suggested that some of the drains either side of Water Street needed looking at and this was a matter for the County Council They had been contacted but had not replied.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the potholes in Water Street had been repaired on three separate occasions over the last year and it appeared this was a consequence of the flooding.

The County Council would be reminded of the issues and asked to carry out any necessary work to the drains.

(C).TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

i.WINDMILL LANE:

Windmill Lane would be closed from 0930 hours to 1530 hours on Friday 29th January 2021 to allow British Telecom to carry out pole installation The diversion route would be Dover Lane - Sandy Lane - Hillhouse Lane - Gowans Lane.

ii BRINDLE ROAD:

Brindle Road at its junction with Pippin Street would be closed from 0930 hours to 1530 hours on Thursday 21st January 2021 to allow British Telecom to carry out pole installation. There was no diversion route.

iii. BRINDLE ROAD:

The level crossing at the Hospital Inn Brindle Road would be closed daily from 22.00 hours until 10 00 hours from 9th January to 25th January 2021 or until completion of the work. This was to allow utility works to be carried out. The diversion route was via Brindle Road - Kellet Lane - Tramway Lane - Four Oaks Road - A6 Preston Road - A6 Church Road - A6 Lostock Lane - B6258 Station Road - Collins Road - Brindle Road and vice versa.

(D). HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE BRIEFING:

Copies of the latest Briefing were circulated.

(E). LITTER:

The Chorley Council had agreed to make more extensive litter collections.

(F). HOLT LANE - BEWARE OF HORSES SIGN:

Following the request to move this sign the County Council had indicated that under Highway Regulations this was the appropriate location for the signs.

(G). DENHAM LANE:

The County Council had been notified about the gullies in Denham Lane.

(H). PIPPIN STREET

Flooding had been reported on Pippin Street and the County Council was asked to look into this.

Also a local resident had reported that United Utilities did some work before Christmas. Unfortunately the grass verges had been damaged and rubbish had been left .

They were asked to clear up the rubbish and repair the verges. They said they would come back and restore the verges and tidy up the rubbish by 11th January.

An inspection had shown that some work was outstanding and they had been asked to return and complete the work.

(I). GRIT BINS:

A Member of the Parish Council referred to the dangerous condition of Hillhouse Lane in icy weather particularly near the level crossing and requested that the County Council should be asked to provide a grit bin.

The Parish Council was reminded that there had been several traffic incidents in recent times and of the response of the County Council.

There were also problems at the grass triangle near the junction of Hillhouse Lane and Oram Road and it was suggested that a grit bin be located on the grass triangle.

The Parish Council would approach the County Council again about the provision of grit bins at the locations referred to.

(J). PRIVATE ROAD:

It was reported that the recently repaired sinkhole near Holly Bank on Private Road was subsiding again.

The County Council would be notified.

(K). DUXON HILL:

It was reported that Duxon Hill required sweeping.

Chorley Council would be asked to do this.

5028. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Details of the actions taken by the Council in relation to the Pandemic were reported and the arrangements for the proposed 2021 National Census including details of possible scams.

5029. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

Applications had been granted for a development at Lower Copthurst and for tree pruning at a property on Sandy Lane since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

(B). Applications:

Applications for developments at Gowans Lane and Denham Lane had been submitted since the last meeting.

Details had been circulated to all Members and observations were made on the proposals at Gowans Lane.

Chorley Council had been informed of the comments.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor J. Baldwin declared an interest in the application for development at Denham Lane and left the meeting.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe took the Chair for consideration of this application.

The Parish Council decided that in view of the short notice of the proposals at Denham Lane consideration of them should be deferred to allow Members to submit their views to the Clerk who would circulate them to the Parish Council before sending them to Chorley Council.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor J. Baldwin returned to the meeting at this point.

5030. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk reported the following accounts for payment had been received.

1. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration	£50.40*
2. A. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 31st December 2020	£1094.50*
3. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses	£304 .58*
4. D. Metcalfe	Zoom Rental	£14.39
5. A. Harkness	Print Cartridge	£26.60
6. G. Webster	Christmas Lights	£93.95

*Payment approved by Chairman and Vice Chairman under delegated powers.

5031. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Condensed versions had been submitted to Brindle Voice. Councillor Dr Ms P. McGovern was thanked for producing this.

5032. PARISH POUND:

The Clerk reported that residents on Smithy Close had organised the siting of a Christmas Tree in The Parish Pound which had been donated free by Goosefoot Nurseries Samlesbury. The Parish Council had agreed to the cost of providing lights for the tree.

Arrangements had also been made for the Pound to be a food bank collection point.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would send a letter of thanks to the residents and the Clerk had thanked the owners of Goosefoot Nurseries for the donation of the tree.

The Parish Council were reminded of the intention to improve the Parish Pound in the Spring.

5033. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:

A report was submitted on the present position regarding the signs.

5034. COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION:

The Clerk submitted a consultation paper from the County Council on its budget proposals for 2021/22.

5035. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 8th March 2021 the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

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There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
8TH MARCH 2021**