

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 30TH MARCH 2015
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STEET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

3991. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Swann, District Councillor D. Dickinson and County Councillor M. Devaney.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that District Councillor Dickinson continued his recuperation.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy return to health.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR M.DEVANEY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council of the recent illness of County Councillor Devaney.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

3992. 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.

3993. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 23rd February 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3994. 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 RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES.

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FRACKING:

A Member of the Public referred to recent press reports regarding the possibility of fracking taking place in Brindle.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that there were currently no plans to undertake fracking in Brindle but the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

VILLAGE WELLS:

A local resident referred to the number of wells in the Parish and considered they should be preserved as historical features. The one located at the St. James`s Church required particular attention.

Members of the Parish Council identified other sites.

Resolved:- That the well at St. James`s be cleaned as soon as possible and that the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) discuss the other wells identified with the Brindle Historical Society.

3995. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current Police Newsletter, there had been three reported incidents in Brindle during February 2015.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 7th April 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 .

3996. 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 representatives of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.

3997. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

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3998. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A) SURFACE WATER HEWNGATE/GREGSON LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding problems with running water at this location.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(B) LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council was carrying out further investigations regarding the siting of a litter bin near Friths Farm .

Resolved:- That the Neighbourhood Officer be asked to meet representatives of the Parish Council to discuss this matter further.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C) STREET NAMEPLATE - OAK BANK :

Following the last meeting when it was reported that public authorities did not differentiate between the properties in Hewngate and at Oak Bank. Chorley Council had been asked to provide a street nameplate for Oak Bank sited so as to make the distinction between the two sets of properties to enable emergency vehicles to attend the right location. This was being investigated by the Neighbourhood Officer.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(D). ROAD SURFACE - HOUGH HOUSE HOLT LANE :

The Clerk had requested the County Council to complete the repair work at this location. However, following an inspection the County Council had indicated that no further work was required. Councillor Nelson felt that further work was required. The Clerk had informed the County Council.

Resolved:- That Councillor Nelson investigate the current situation at Holt Lane and notify the Clerk.

(E). MARSH LANE:

The Clerk reported that flooding still occurred at Harry Croft.

Resolved:- County Councillor Devaney be requested to discuss the problems at Harry Croft with the County Council.

(F). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer had made arrangements to replace the missing sign but this would be dealt with in order of priority.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney be asked to investigate this matter.

(G). USE OF SPID DEVICES:

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.

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

(H). WINDMILL LANE:

The Clerk reported that Windmill Lane was to be closed temporarily on 17th April to enable surface dressing work to be carried out. Notices would be placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

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The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reminded the Parish Council that in October 2014 the County Council were informed of various potholes in Windmill Lane and these had been marked for repair . It was hoped that these repairs would be done before the resurfacing work.

Resolved:- That the closure be noted and the Clerk confirm with the County Council that the potholes would be repaired prior to the road surfacing work.

(I). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:

The Clerk reported that the damaged kerb near Woodville on Smithy Lane been inspected by the County Council and arrangements had been made for it to be repaired but it was considered that this would happen again if the vehicle continued to park here in a manner that restricted other vehicles.

Resolved:- That the police be asked to look into this matter.

(J). PIPPIN STREET:

Following the report by a local resident that there was running water on Pippin Street near Wilcock Farm and that the road surface near to the entrance to Waterworks House was in need of repair. The County Council had investigate these matters and felt there was no further action required .

Councillor Sharratt referred to a similar situation in Water Street where there was running water.

Resolved:- That the Clerk discuss this flooding in Pippin Street with the local resident concerned and seeks the views of the County Council regarding the running water in Water Street.

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

Following the report by a local resident that the Slow markings on the B5256 Sandy Lane near to the Cross Keys required attention as it was near to the T junction with Smithy Lane. The County Council had been asked to repaint the markings.

They had informed the Clerk that the this had been included in a list of future lining works but it was not possible to say when this would be done.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney be asked to discuss this situation with the Highways Authority.

(L). RAILINGS:

Councillor Baldwin reported that current situation relating to missing sections of railings at Holt Lane near Hill House Lane and at Birchin Lane. It was considered that the railings were the responsibility of the County Council.

Councillor Mrs Robinson referred to the white railings at Pippin Street.

Resolved:- (1) That the Clerk request a site meeting with the County Council to discuss the issue.

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(2) That further consideration be given to the repainting of the white railings in Pippin Street.

(M). JAPANESE KNOT WEED/HIMALAYAN BALSAM:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that a member of the public had previously reported that Japanese Knot weed was growing at various locations in the Parish and it had been decided to wait until the Spring to notify the County Council about the weed.

He reported the presence of Himalayan Balsam in several locations.

A member of the public present offered to provide details of the site locations both types of weed.

Resolved:- That the Clerk be informed of the sites where knot weed and Himalayan Balsam are growing and report them to the County Council.

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

The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer was investigating the problems relating to a stile on the public footpath at Lady Hall Farm.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to expedite this matter.

(O). CATTLE GRIDS - MARSH LANE:

It was reported that the County Council had repaired the cattle grid on Marsh Lane, however the wooden fencing at the second cattle grid was damaged and needed attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council of the damage to the cattle grid.

(P). CONDITION OF ROAD - JUNCTION OF BACK LANE AND DOVER LANE :

At the last meeting The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that following the repair work on Back Lane and Dover Lane the north edge had broken up and the edge on the south side has subsided on the road 100 metres east of junction.

The County Council had been informed but no work had been done.

It was also reported that a local resident had contacted District Councillor Dickinson regarding the damage to the lanes and grass verges in this location by heavy vehicles.

The complaint had been passed on to the County Council and County Councillor Devaney for attention.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) circulated photographs of the type of damage which had occurred.

The County Council had agreed to restore the verges but felt there was little which could be done to prevent this occurring in the future.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney be informed about the pothole in Dover Lane and the situation regarding damage to the grass verges continue to be monitored.

(Q). DUXON HILL:

The Clerk reported that County Councillor Devaney had inspected Duxon Hill following a complaint by a local resident and had asked the County Council to carry out repair work as soon as possible.

Councillor Sharratt suggested that any resurfacing work could be carried out when the work to Windmill Lane was done.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation and the County Council be asked to consider extending the resurfacing of Windmill Lane to Duxon Hill.

(R). TRAFFIC SPEEDS - BOURNES ROW:

Councillor Hindle reported speeding of vehicles on Bournes Row.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) would raise this issue at the next PACT meeting on 7th April 2015.

Resolved:- That the course of action suggested be approved

(S). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE HILLHOUSE LANE:

Councillor Mrs Long reported that the grid near Brindle Rise was blocked and water was flooding the road.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify the County Council.

(T). POTHOLES - MINTHOLME:

Councillor Hindle reported that several potholes near the Mintholme Railway Crossing had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

3999. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4000. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

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

1. Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 09/03/0073 to alter the roof from a green roof to a bituminous felt flat roof Gregson Lane County Primary School Bournes Row. (App no LCC/2015/0015) Applicant Lancashire County Council.- No observations made.

2. Demolition of the existing house and construction of new house Crabtree House Hillhouse Lane. (App no 14/01267/FUL) Applicant Mr. and Mrs Currie.- Granted.

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3. Link Extension between existing detached lounge and existing main dwelling (resubmission of application no 13/00434/FUL) Silcock Farm Windmill Lane. App no 14/01340/FUL 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. Proposed single storey rear extension Hillview Brindle Road (off Pippin Street) (App no 15/00187/PDE) Applicants Mr and Mrs Gardner.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations were made.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify Chorley Council.

2. Extension to existing milk bottling building for new automatic bottling plant Denham Springs Farm Birchin Lane (App no 15/00211/FUL) Applicant J and P.A. Baldwin and Sons

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations were made.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify Chorley Council.

Councillor J. Baldwin declared an interest in this matter and left the room during consideration of the application following the decision Councillor Baldwin returned.

Erection of two storey rear extension 4 Lower Copthurst Birchin Lane App no 15/00119/FUL) Applicant Mrs Holden.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that he had been approached by a neighbouring resident about the potential flooding and loss of light that this development could cause.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) have further discussions with the local resident concerned about her concerns.

(C). PLANNING IN PRACTICE:

Councillor Hindle reported on this seminar which he had attended held at Chorley Town Hall on 23rd March 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(D). PIPPIN FOLD:

The Clerk reported the comments of the Planning Enforcement Officer following a visit to Pippin Fold on Pippin Street.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

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4001. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room March 2015	£20.00
Richardson Trading Ltd	Supply of notices for Notice Boards Cartridges	£76.80

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

4002. PARISH PRECEPT:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had approved the Parish Precept for 2015/16 which amounted to £454.00 for a Band D property.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4003. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the outcome of the meeting of the Best Kept Village Group which discussed the issues raised by the Judges Report in 2014. He reported that the judging this year would be restricted to the centre of the Village and the Group would look at the situation relating to Bournes Row for next year.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had entered the Competition in 2015 and had included the Community Hall, and the Cavendish Arms in the Certificate of Merit Section.

It had been agreed that maximum publicity should be given to the event, the competition criteria and the timing of the judging. Details would be placed in the Brindle Voice St. Josephs Parish Newsletter, and Parish Notice Boards. Voluntary Organisations, the schools and the churches would be contacted .

Resolved: - That action be approved.

4004. NATIONAL PLANT MONITORING SCHEME:

The Clerk reported details of a government backed scheme which was being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland - Centre for Ecology regarding a National Plant Monitoring Survey. The scheme was the first of its kind and asked for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they found there in several different plots. The Scheme would enable the exploration of how plants in different habitats were responding to changes in the environment.

Resolved:- That the Clerk send details to the voluntary organisations and schools in the Parish.

4005. FUTURE OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN CHORLEY:

The Clerk referred to the consultation document and call for evidence form relating to the proposed future of public services in Chorley. This was submitted at the last meeting . Chorley Council was seeking the views of individuals on the issue.

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had suggested that more information was required on how Parish Councils would be involved in any further consultations. These comments had been passed to Chorley Council.

The Clerk reported that the County Council had declined to comment on the issue.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4006. TRANSPARENCY CODE:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council on the proposals contained in the code of recommended practice issued by the Government and reported that the issues had been resolved.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4007. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the glass doors to the notice boards were to be fitted by Easter 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4008. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding the future management of Denham Quarry he was awaiting details of the Clean Up Day.

He also reported a letter from Chorley Motorcycle Club regarding the Quarry.

Resolved:- That further developments regarding the Clean Up Day be awaited and the Parish Council reaffirms its view that Trial Biking should not take place in the Quarry.

4009. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that following discussions with the Neighbourhood Officer and representatives from St. Joseph's RC Church the siting of the proposed bench on Private Road had been agreed. The Parish Council at its last meeting had agreed the type of bench to be provided and this had been accepted by the Church Authorities.

Arrangements were being made to discuss the the supply and fitting of the bench. with a contractor.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

4010. REVIEW OF THREE TIER LIAISON PILOT SCHEME:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council that the County Council and Chorley Council had undertaken a review of this scheme and asked for comments on its operation.

Resolved: - That no observations be made.

4011. ADOPT A KIOSK:

The Clerk submitted details of the Bt Adopt a Phone Kiosk Scheme.

He reminded the Parish Council of Bt's views about the phone box at Top oth Lane

It was suggested that this scheme might provide the solution.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council of the suggestions for the provision of a defibrillator in the phone box at Top oth Lane.

Reference was made to the box being a listed structure.

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Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council of its responsibility should the proposal be approved.

He also reported that the telephone in the kiosk in Water Street was not working.

Resolved:- (1) That the Clerk investigate the scheme further and the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) discuss the provision of a defibrillator at Top oth lane with the residents concerned.

(2). That the views of residents at Top oth Lane be sought regarding the suggestion that the phone box should be adopted by the Parish Council.

(3). That Bt be asked to repair the telephone in the kiosk in Water Street.

4012. CHORLEY GRAND PRIX CYCLE RACE:

The Clerk submitted details of the route of this cycle race to held on 4th April 2015. It would not pass through Brindle.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that the Iron Man Challenge Cycle Race would take place on 19th July 2015 using the same route as last year.

Resolved:- That the Chorley Grand Prix Cycle Race route be noted and that notice regarding the Iron Man Event be published in Brindle Voice.

4013. CLERK - PENSION:

The Clerk reported that new legislation was being introduced making it compulsory for all Parish Councils to offer pensions.

Resolved:- That the Clerk undertake further investigations regarding this.

4014. SOUTH RIBBLE - CENTRAL PARKS:

The Clerk submitted details of a consultation document relating to the establishment of the Parks.

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

4015. GREGSON LANE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR:

Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council that in the past they had nominated him as their representative on the governing body of this school. Over the years there had been changes about how governor representation was to be decided.

Following recent further changes by the Government he had been approached by the Headteacher of the school to see if he wished to continue as a governor. He had indicated he wished to do so and requested the Parish Council for their views on this.

Councillor Mrs Long agreed that Councillor Sharratt should continue as a governor.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council supports the view that Councillor T. Sharratt should continue his role as a governor on Brindle Gregson Lane County Primary School and that the Clerk notify the Headteacher of the school.

4016. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 11th May 2015 at.7. 30 p.m. The Annual General Meeting to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

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There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

11TH MAY 2015