

# MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2021

## PRESENT:-

COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS MRS S. LONG, AND DR. P. McGOVERN.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- PC C. EXLEY AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

### 5036. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, C. Hindle, W. Nelson, Mrs B. Robinson and J.Swann.

### 5037. PC C. EXLEY:

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor N. Peter) welcomed PC Exley the Police Officer responsible for an area which included Brindle and Hoghton who was attending his first meeting.

He indicated his role was to try and help with the issues in the area. He wanted to obtain as much information about the area problems, and was doing this through the police system 'In The Know'. This allowed local residents to tell the police their issues, and allowed them to contact them via text or email telling them of what the police had been doing. They wished to disseminate information to local residents, to engage with the community as a whole, as well as in person. He was a firm believer of bobbies back on the beat, and would try to do this in the next year.

### 5038. 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.

### 5039. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th January 2021 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) as appropriate.

### 5040. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**AS THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT WISH TO RAISE ANY ISSUES THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA**

### 5041. POLICE LIAISON:

#### (A). POLICING:

PC Exley submitted details of recent policing incidents in the Parish.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics dealing with the introduction of the Government restrictions arising from the Coronovid pandemic and the proposals for the police budget in April 2021.

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

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

**5042. LALC Report:**

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

The Clerk submitted the views of NALC on the proposed Model Design Code following the White Paper on Planning issued by the Government in 2020.

The Parish Council supported the comments of NALC and would seek the views of Chorley Council on this issue.

Details of a further consultation on the use of under utilised public land for housing purposes was circulated. The proposals were noted.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) in his role as Chairman of the Association circulated an update from LALC on current issues.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council he had received the invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2021/22 amounting to £268.73 compared with the figure for 2020/21 of £269.00.

A sum of £280.00 had been allocated in this year's estimates for the fees.

The Parish Council agreed to continue membership of the Association of Local Councils and to pay the annual subscription fees.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter being Chairman of the Association and left the Meeting during consideration of the Subscription Fees. The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) was in the Chair .*

**The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) returned to the Meeting at this point.**

**5043. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**(A). FOOTPATHS:**

The Parish Council was reminded that the County Council Countryside Service put every report regarding a footpath on a list to be dealt with in order of priority. There were several outstanding problems on footpaths within the Parish which had not been dealt with and Lockdown meant there had been an increase in walkers using footpaths.

Many need attention but had not been reported.

The Parish Council had agreed to undertake its own programme of footpath repairs and renewal in the Spring and would be considering a priority list for discussion with the relevant landowners.

**(B). FLOODING - WATER STREET :**

Following the investigation by United Utilities into the causes of the flooding the County Council was asked to carry out work the drains either side of Water Street.

However, flooding continued and it appeared that a blocked gully further up Water Street was contributing to the problem,

The County Council would be notified again and asked to provide a permanent solution to the problem.

**(C).TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

**i.SMITHY LANE:**

Smithy Lane would be closed from 0800 hours to 1700 hours from Monday 8th March to Tuesday 16th March 2021 to allow Cadent to install a new gas main. The diversion route would be via Sandy Lane and Pippin Street.

**ii MINTHOLME CROSSING:**

The level crossing would be closed from 2330 hours to 1530 hours on Saturday 11th April to 0700 hours on Sunday 12th April 2021 to allow Network Rail to carry out annual level crossing works. It would be closed again on from 2330 hours on Saturday 8th May to 0730 hours on Sunday 9th May 2021 to allow them to undertake rail corrosion inspection works. The alternative route on both occasions would be via Gregson Lane - Daub Hall Lane - The Straits - Blackburn Old Road - Houghton Lane - Sandy Lane- Hillhouse Lane and vice versa.

**iii. HILLHOUSE LANE:**

Hillhouse Lane would be closed from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Tuesday 13th April 2021 or until completion of the work. This was to allow British Telecom to carry out customer connection service works. The diversion route was via Hillhouse Lane - Gowans Lane - Windmill Lane - Sandy Lane and vice versa.

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

Copies of the latest Briefing were circulated.

**(E). GRIT BINS:**

The County Council had been asked to provide grit bins at Hillhouse Lane near the level crossing and at the grass triangle near the junction of Hillhouse Lane and Oram Road. These locations were currently being assessed

**(F). PRIVATE ROAD:**

It was reported that Private Road was still subject to a temporary closure order as ongoing work continued regarding the sinkhole which had appeared.

**(G). DUXON HILL:**

Duxon Hill had been swept.

**(H). TRAFFIC - SMITHY LANE:**

It was reported that a local resident had contacted the new Operations Manager at Places for People and instructions had been issued to his staff to drive appropriately when using Smithy Lane.

Reference was made to the possible operations of SPIDs on Sandy Lane and in other locations in the area.

The local resident was thanked for the action taken.

**(I). ACCESS TRACK - JUNCTION OF BACK LANE AND DUXON HILL:**

A chain had been put across the access to the former tip site in this location which obstructed the footpath.

The County Council would be asked to investigate this.

**5044. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Details of the actions taken by the Council in relation to the Pandemic were reported as well as the Budget consultations, the introduction of a new website for Chorley and the local elections.

**5045. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A) Decisions:**

Applications had been granted for developments at Pippin Fold and Gowans Lane and for tree works in Water Street since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

**(B). Applications:**

Applications for two separate developments at Bournes Row, together with developments at Pippin Fold, Smithy Close, Gregson Lane, and Hillhouse Lane had been submitted since the last meeting.

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

Chorley Council had been informed of the comments.

**5046. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

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

1. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration Quarter ended 31st December 2020	£50.40
2. D. Metcalfe	Zoom Rental	£14.39

**5047. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:**

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

**5048. PARISH POUND:**

The Parish Council were reminded of the intention to improve the Parish Pound in the Spring. An estimate for the work amounting to £5109.46 plus VAT had been accepted.

The funds would be met from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

The Clerk reported that the Residents Group had carried out some work prior to the start of the scheme and provided some additional features.

They were thanked for the work undertaken.

**5049. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:**

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

The Clerk would now consult the County Council on the location of the signs with the view to avoiding clutter.

**5050. CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk circulated consultation documents on Chorley Open Space, Sports and Recreation Strategy Action Plan 2020 - 36, the development of the Covid Vaccination Programme and an `Our Lancashire` project in Brinscall.

**5051. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the competition in 2020 had been postponed because of the Pandemic.

The Competition Organisers had decided to run the Competition this year based on the entries from last year.

It was agreed that the Parish should participate.

The Clerk would write to the Community Hall, and the Cavendish Arms to see if they wished to enter the Certificate of Merit Section.

He also reminded the Parish Council that the Competition Rules indicated that a maximum of two entries could only be made in this class and he would write to the Schools indicating that they would not be entered.

**5052. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 17th May 2021 the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

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

**SIGNED**

**CHAIRMAN  
17TH MAY 2021**