

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS MRS S. LONG, W. NELSON, MRS B.ROBINSON, T.SHARRATT
AND J. SWANN. AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

4105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J.Baldwin and C.Hindle and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the current state of health of District Councillor Dickinson.

He also reported that District Councillor Dickinson had resigned as Deputy Mayor of Chorley but would continue as a District Councillor until May 2016.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

4106. 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.

4107. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 10th August 2015 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4108. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT WISH TO RAISE ANY MATTERS AT THIS STAGE SO THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4109. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

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The Police circulated their current Newsletter, there had been no reported incidents in Brindle during September 2015.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to two incidents which were not reported in the newsletter. These were the distraction burglary at the Cavendish Arms in August and the incident in the layby opposite Annsdell in early September.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 6th October 2015 at the Brinscall Sports and Social Club.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted, and the Clerk seek further information from the police as to why the incidents referred to by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) were not reported in the newsletter and an update on the incidents mentioned.

(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.

4110. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Mrs 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.

4111. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter and the Association's Annual Accounts for 2014/15.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

4112. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A) LITTER BIN - FRITHS FARM:

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the provision of a litter bin at Friths Farm.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(B). HOLT LANE:

At the last meeting Councillor Baldwin felt that the damage at Holt Lane was done as a result of surface water and the County Council were asked for their views.

The County Council had noted the views expressed by Councillor Baldwin.

They had advised that defects could be caused in numerous ways, damage, poor reinstatements, general deterioration over long periods of time, or a combination of these. They could all be exasperated by the introduction of water, especially in winter

when it could freeze and in doing so forced open any cracks or defects wider increasing the rate of deterioration.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(C). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had noted the Parish Council's views regarding the delay in replacing the sign and included it in the Signposting Survey which was being carried out.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(D). USE OF SPID DEVICE:

The Clerk reported that the device was trailer mounted and this caused problems for the acquisition and location of the equipment.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would look into possible locations and report back to the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(E). SURFACE WATER - PIPPIN STREET:

The Clerk reported that a local resident had thanked the Parish Council for arranging for the work by United Utilities to stop the flooding in Pippin Street.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(F). DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported the current situation regarding the emergency work required at Duxon Hill.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact County Councillor Devaney about this matter.

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

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the County Council had been requested to make a site visit.

Resolved:- That the Clerk request the County Council again for a site visit.

(H). WHITE RAILINGS PIPPIN STREET :

Resolved:- That this matter be deferred for the time being.

(I). TRAFFIC SPEEDS - BOURNES ROW:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) suggested the police be asked to monitor the situation following the start of the school year.

Resolved:- That the police be requested to patrol the area particularly at school opening and closing times.

(J). FLOODING BRINDLE RISE - HILLHOUSE LANE:

In the past Councillor Mrs Long indicated that some work had been done privately at this location but flooding occurred opposite. The County Council had been informed and they had replied that the work was listed.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to carry out the work as soon as possible.

(K). FLOODING NEAR CALVERTS FARM WATER STREET:

At a previous meeting a local resident had reported that the problem with running water in this location continued.

The County Council had been informed and would be contacting the resident shortly.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(L). STREET LIGHT - WATER STREET:

Councillor Nelson reported that a street light on Sandy Lane was not working and was obscured by tree branches.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

(M). BRIDLEWAY GORTON BROOK TO SEED LEA:

Councillor Nelson reported that the bridleway was overgrown.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

4113. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4114. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

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

1. Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to remove Condition 9 (Certification Code for Sustainable Homes) attached to Planning Permission 13/00519/FUL in respect of the property known as Craven Lodge Sandy Lane. Applicants Mr and Mrs Morton. - Granted.

The Clerk reported details of a supporting statement from Mr and Mrs Morton.

2. Erection of single storey rear extension 93 Bournes Row (App no 15/0676/FUL) Applicant Mr. Loram. - Granted.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATION:

The Clerk reported that the following planning application has been received since the last meeting.

1. Conversion of a series of barns to 4 dwellings and erection of three single garages Leigh Farm Marsh Lane (App no 15/00833FUL) Applicant Mr. Ormisher.

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

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council of the views of the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this matter and left the room during consideration of the application.

Councillor Mrs Robinson returned at this point.

(C). BROOKFIELD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE DOVER LANE:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the owners of the centre had been asked to submit a retrospective planning application for the work.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the work had stopped.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(D). PLANNING SEMINAR:

The Clerk reported details of a Seminar on Planning on Line organised by Chorley Council on 2nd November 2015 at the Town Hall Chorley.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4115. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room September 2015	£20.00
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4116. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2014/15:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Accounts for 2014/15 had been completed and no issues had been highlighted.

The completion of the audit had been publicised and following the introduction of new audit arrangements no fee was payable.

He also reported details of the Transparency Code Scheme of Grants and explained its affect on the Parish Council.

Resolved:- (1) The audit opinion be noted and the Annual Return approved and adopted.

(2). The Transparency Code Scheme of Grants be noted.

4117. COMPUTER RENTAL:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that as part of its agreement for the provision of a computer it paid a quarterly rental of £20.00 per quarter, the existing computer had required extensive repair and it was more cost effective for the Clerk to buy a new one. In the circumstances he now requested the Parish Council to increase its rental fee by £10.00 per quarter to £30.00.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council agrees to increase the rental fee from £20.00 to £30.00 from 1st September 2015.

4118. DEFIBRILLATORS:

The Clerk reported details of the current situation relating to the appeal for donations towards the acquisition of defibrillators in the Parish. The Parish Council had agreed in principle to the making of a grant

Resolved: - That further developments be awaited.

4119. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The Clerk reported that he had received an invitation from the Brindle St. James Parochial Church Council inviting the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Church of St. James on Sunday 8th November 2015 at 10.45 a.m.

Resolved: - That the invitation be accepted, that a wreath be purchased to be laid at the Memorial to the Fallen by the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) on behalf of the Parish Council and that the wording on the wreath be as follows "In memory of all in the Parish who gave their lives."

4120. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - RESULTS:

The Clerk referred to the 2015 Best Kept Village Competition.

The Clerk had asked for a copy of the Judges report.

Resolved: - That the report be awaited.

4121. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported that the current position regarding the fitting of glass doors to the notice boards.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4122. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported that there had been no further developments at the Quarry since the last meeting.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

4123. PARISH PLAN :

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the provision of a bench at the junction of Denham Lane and Birchin Lane was outstanding.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the bench on Denham Lane near Huggarts Farm was very well used.

The Clerk also reported on the current situation regarding the provision of 'Welcome to Brindle' signs.

The Parish Council discussed the location and type of signs they wished to see erected.

Resolved:- (1) That the provision of a bench in this location be deferred until Spring 2016.

(2). That further consideration be given to the Signs at the next meeting.

4124. CORPORATE STRATEGY REVIEW:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document regarding the County Council's corporate strategy to 2020 and beyond.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed that the Parish Council is concerned that resources for highways and public footpaths are being withdrawn from the Parish.

4125. ADOPT A KIOSK:

The Clerk reported that the lease agreement had been signed and Bt had removed the phone equipment.

Arrangements would be made to tidy up the box.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that residents from Top oth Lane had expressed an interest in maintaining the box and funds were being raised for the provision of a defibrillator.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact local residents regarding the future maintenance of Telephone Box at Top oth Lane.

4126. THREE TIER LIAISON:

The Clerk reported changes to the operation and constitution of the Forum the next meeting would be held in October 2015 at the Town Hall Chorley.

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

4127. EQUALITY FORUM:

The Clerk reported that the Forum was set to leave Chorley Council control and become a community led body as part of the Voluntary Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) network which worked in partnership with the council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4128. WILD FLOWER AREAS:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had offered their expertise in locating wild flower areas in the Parish.

Resolved:- That the offer be noted.

4129. APPLICATION FOR GRANT - SKYLARKS CHOIR:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Choir for a grant towards their activities.

Resolved:- That the Clerk was requested to seek further information regarding the Choir.

4130. RURAL BROADBAND:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that a local resident had contacted the Parish Council via the website requesting information regarding the provision of broadband.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council about this.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4131. HUMANITARIAN CRISIS:

The Clerk reported Chorley`s position on the crisis.

4132. FRACKING:

The Clerk reported notification from the Chorley and South Ribble Anti Fracking Group regarding a meeting in Chorley on 29th September 2015.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4133. CHORLEY CONVERSATION:

The Clerk reported an invitation from Chorley Council to participate in a scheme whereby residents are asked to communicate their views on issues in Chorley on line.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4134. DUMPING OF TYRES:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported the prompt action of the Neighbourhood Officer at Chorley in removing tyres which had been dumped in Dover Lane.

Councilor Sharratt also reported the dumping of tyres in one of the laybys on Sandy Lane which had also been removed.

He hoped that the dumping of tyres was not a growing trend.

Resolved:- That the Chorley Neighbourhood Officer be thanked for his prompt action.

4135. PARISH POUND SIGN:

Councillor Nelson requested information regarding the replacement of the Parish Pound sign.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4136. CLAY PIGEON SHOOT:

Councillor Nelson reported on the amount of money raised at the latest shoot and to the total amount raised since 2003.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4137. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

9TH NOVEMBER 2015.