

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
GREGSON LANE.**

PRESENT:-

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS C. HINDLE , MRS S. LONG, AND W. NELSON.**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4472. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

4473. 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 did so at this stage.

4474. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th July 2017 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw).

4475. 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 INDICATED THEY WOULD RAISE ISSUES DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING.

THE PARISH COUNCIL PROCEEDED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4476. POLICE REPORT:

Councillor Mr Long reported that following her discussions with the Police it was their intention to be present at future meetings of the Parish Council.

Councillor Nelson reported that there had been a burglary at High Cop Farm.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

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Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4477. 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.

4478. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He reminded the Parish Council that the LALC AGM would be held on 18th November 2017 at County Hall Preston.

Notification of delegates was required by 27th October 2017 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 18th October 2017.

The next meeting of the Chorley Area Committee would be held on 5th October 2017 at Chorley Town Hall. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would attend.

Resolved:- (1) That the reports be accepted.

(2) That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) be appointed the Parish Council's delegate to the Annual General Meeting and no resolutions be put forward..

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared a personal and non prejudicial interests in this matter in respect of being Vice Chairman of the Association and took no part in the discussion.

4479. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reported on the meeting held on 10th August 2017 with the new County Councillor to discuss long standing problems in Brindle with him. The Parish Council then proceeded to consider the latest position in relation to the issues raised.

With regard to stiles and footpaths it was reported that due to reductions in expenditure the Countryside Service would no longer maintain footpaths and stiles in the Parish..

This responsibility would revert to landowners.

Resolved:- That report be noted..

(B). FLOODING:

The Clerk reported latest situation regarding the clearing of gullies and ditches.

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Members of the Public reported problems with the gullies at Top oth Lane, Hillhouse Lane and Denham Lane.

Councillor Nelson reported problems with the gulley near the post box on Holt Lane.

Resolved:- That the flooding situation continue to be monitored,that the Clerk contact the County Council to ascertain the latest position and report the latest gulley problems.

(C). PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the work to support the carriageway and clear the gullies near Holly Bank. The County Council was currently preparing an improvement scheme..

A Member of the Public reported several deep potholes on Private Road and there was severe flooding near the church..

Resolved:- That the Clerk request the County Council to complete the work as soon as possible.and notify them about the pothole problem.

(D). HOLT LANE - HIGHWAY DEFECTS:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that this was one of the subjects discussed with the County Councillor on 10th August 2017 and he had agreed to investigate the delays in dealing with this.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position from County Councillor Snowden.

(E). HIGH COP:

The Clerk reported the County Council had investigated the signage at Top oth Lane and indicated that the purpose and position of the sign was not clear although it appeared to have been absent since 2009. Records did not indicate a safety concern in the area which would suggest the requirement for signage and therefore no further action would be required at this time.

The Member of the Public who had previously raised this issue commented that this response was unsatisfactory.

The Clerk reported that the County Council had removed the damaged salt bin..It would not be replaced.

Members of the Public expressed their concerns.

With regard to the manhole covers OpenReach had completed the work to them.The County Council had inspected them and they were satisfactory.

The County Council would be responsible for their future maintenance..

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted and that County Councillor Snowden be asked to contact the local resident to discuss the situation regarding the sign and the possible replacement of the salt bin...

(F). PIPPIN STREET:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the street nameplate sign had had been replaced, the vegetation cut back and the fallen tree had been removed.

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At previous meetings it had been reported that a resident of Pippin Street had referred to the deterioration in the road surface and the existence of a large pothole this had been reported to the County Councillor on 10th August 2017.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for an update on these matters.

(G). POTHOLE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the potholes on Marsh Lane had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted..

(H). BOURNES ROW/BOURNESFIELD:

The Clerk reported that proposals to include this in a future maintenance programme. were currently under review. This had been reported to County Councillor Snowden for investigation

Resolved:- That the report be noted

(I). FOOTPATH SIGN - SLACK FARM:

Councillor Nelson had reported there had been no progress on this. County Councillor Snowden had been informed. The Parish Council was reminded of the changes to the maintenance of footpaths and that this was now the responsibility of the landowner.

Resolved:- That the report be noted..

(J). HILLHOUSE LANE - ROAD SURFACE:

At the last meeting Councillor Swann reported that the road surface in Hillhouse Lane two hundred metres from the junction with Sandy Lane was in poor condition.

Councillor Baldwin reported that Birchin Lane was similarly affected.

The County Council had previously acknowledged that the road surface in Bournes Row and Bournesfield and Duxon Hill required attention. County Councillor Snowden had been informed at the meeting on 10th August 2017.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Snowden be informed of the conditions at Hillhouse Lane and Birchin Lane and asked for an update on the road surfacing proposals for Bournes Row, Bournesfield and Duxon Hill.

(K). TOP OTH LANE - GULLIES:

It was reported that the gullies had been cleaned.

A Member of the Public referred to the material deposited in the drains and asked who would pay for any work to them.

This had been reported to the Highways Agency for investigation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(L). IRON MAN EVENT:

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The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had requested the views of the Parish Council on the organisation of the event.

The Parish Council reiterated that the route should be changed from Top oth Lane and Water Street to Holt Lane.

Resolved:- That the Clerk consult other Members of the Parish for their comments and all the comments made be submitted to Chorley Council.

(M). NOTICE BOARD - TOP OTH LANE:

It was reported that the door to the notice board needed attention and the area around it was overgrown. A local resident had done some cutting back and it was suggested that hardstanding be provided.

The Clerk had contacted a joiner about the door.

Resolved:- That the report be noted, the local resident thanked for clearing the vegetation round the notice board and the Clerk make arrangements for suitable hardstanding to be provided.

(N) . TOP OTH LANE:

(1) Traffic Speeds:

Members of the public expressed concern at the speed of traffic through Top oth Lane, which had the national speed limit. Several households had more than one car, parking was scarce and there were cars parked on either side of the lane. Walkers and residents were forced into the road when walking along here. It was suggested that either the roadway should have SLOW signs painted at either end of Top oth Lane introduce a 20 mph limit or have speed humps.

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that a 20 mph limit had been put forward to the County Council in the past and this had been not been agreed to.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed of the concerns of residents at Top oth Lane and asked to consider the provision of SLOW markings or speed humps.

(2). Road Levels:

Members of the Public reported the tarmac repair across the roadway by 20 Top oth Lane had sunk below the road level. There were many heavy vehicles that use this roadway and the vibration causes the houses to shake.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council and ask that appropriate action be taken.

(3) Flooding:

Members of the Public reported concerns regarding flooding in heavy rain. This was a regular occurrence in Winter because the drain could not cope with the flow of water It was constructed when much less water was used by households and when there was a cobbled road that absorbed much of the heavy rain. A local resident had requested a water flow test in the drain. .

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to undertake a water flow test of the

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drains at Top oth Lane.

(O). DENHAM LANE - GRIDS:

The Members of public present reported that a local resident had mentioned that some of the grids on the roadway of Denham Lane were set too deep and a problem to cars when they roll over them in passing large vehicles.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to investigate.

(P). SANDY LANE - GRASS VERGES:

The Members of the public present reported that length of Sandy Lane from the centre of the Village to Holt Lane was dangerous for walkers because the verges were not cut and walkers had to use the road way passing blind bends.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to cut the verges on Sandy Lane.

4480. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Councillor Mrs Long reported there were no issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4481. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved :- That the report be noted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved:-That the report be noted.

4482. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room - 4th September 2017	£20.00.
2. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration Quarter ended June 2017.	£36.00.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

4383. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2016/17:

This matter was deferred

4484. LETTER OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from BOFF`s for the donation made to them by the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the letter be accepted.

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4485. FIRE AUTHORITY CONSULTATION:

The Clerk circulated a report dealing with a review of the Fire Service Emergency Cover 2017.

Resolved: - That the review be noted.

4486. WITHNELL FOLD NATURE RESERVE:

The Clerk submitted a report and press statement on the future of Withnell Fold.

The owner of the Brindle Estate also submitted his views.

Resolved: - That an amended press statement be placed in the Brindle Voice.

4487. PARISH POUND:

The Clerk reported that a meeting would be held on 11th September to discuss the provision of a story board at the Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4488. PARISH PLAN - BENCHES:

The Clerk reported on the present position regarding the possible location of benches in Workhouse Lane, Oram Road and Water Street.

The bench at Workhouse Lane had been fitted and a resident was planning to put up a slate plaque that he would engrave, giving the history of the stone.

A letter of thanks had been sent to everyone who had helped to provide the bench in this location.

With regard to the bench at Oram Road this had been put up but the adjoining occupier requested it be removed as it was situated on private land. .

Permission to put a bench in Water Street was awaited.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted , that further investigations be made into the siting of the bench on Oram Road and the County Council be asked for an update on the proposed site for the bench in Water Street.

4489. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had contacted Chorley Council regarding the litter on the car park at the Quarry.and had suggested a larger bin be provided.

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A resident of Top oth Lane had commented that the footpaths in the Quarry were overgrown with vegetation and not being maintained by Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ask Chorley Council to undertake maintenance work to the footpaths..

4490. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding the winding up of the Trust

Resolved :- That the report be accepted..

4491. SOCIAL ISOLATION PILOT PROJECT:

This item was deferred.

4492. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9th October 2017 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 8.45 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

9TH OCTOBER 2017