

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2015  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

**PRESENT:-**

**D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) IN THE CHAIR - COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C. HINDLE , MRS S. LONG, MRS B.ROBINSON, AND T.SHARRATT.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**3939. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) Councillors W. Nelson and J. Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:**

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) informed the Parish Council of the health of District Councillor Dickinson.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

**3940. COUNCILLOR T. SHARRATT:**

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe ) on behalf of the Parish Council congratulated Councillor Sharratt on his recent appointment as a Honorary Alderman of the County Council . This was in recognition of his 32 years of service as a County Councillor.

Councillor Sharratt thanked the Parish Council for their good wishes and in particular referred to the card and letter he had received from the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw).

**3941. 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.

**3942. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 10th November 2014 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3943. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS**

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**DEALT WITH. THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT WISH TO RAISE ANY MATTERS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL RESUMED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING .**

### **3944. POLICE LIAISON:**

#### **(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

The Clerk circulated the current Police Air Support PACT newsletter.

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the location for PACT Meetings had changed to Brinscall from Clayton Brook and that at the Meeting be held on 6th January 2015 there had been one reported incident in Brindle during December. He also referred the trend in break ins in outbuildings and sheds.

The Clerk also circulated details of the Police and Crime Commissioner`s intention to request a 1.99% increase in the Police Authority Precept in 2015/2016.

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 .

### **3945. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities .

The Clerk reported that the Community Hall Management Committee had increased the hourly rate for the hire of rooms at the Hall by a £1.00 per hour with effect from 1st January 2015.

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

(2) That the increase be noted.

*Councillor Mrs S. Long declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this report in respect of being a representative of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.*

### **3946. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He also reported on the invitation to nominate the Chairman of the Parish Council to attend the Royal Garden Party in July. As the Parish Council had been represented in the past it was not eligible to make a recommendation.

Resolved: - That the reports be accepted.

### **3947. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). LITTER BINS:**

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the provision of a dog/waste bin at the Brindle side of Brindle Lodge.

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Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

### **(B). 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.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the increasing number of potholes throughout the Parish and wondered if the County Council was making adequate provision in their estimates. He recommended that any potholes should be reported as soon as possible to ensure that work was done in the current financial year.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

### **(C). MARSH LANE:**

A Member of the Public present indicated that the flooding still occurred at Harry Croft.

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

### **(D). KERB STONES - PRIVATE ROAD:**

Following a site visit the Clerk reported that the County Council was not proposing to re-lay the edging as this would necessitate a road closure and the permission of the land owner.

It was intended that the gap between the road and the carriageway would be cleaned out and filled.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that this work had not been done.

Resolved:- That the Clerk remind the County Council about the need for repairs to be done.

### **(E). 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.

### **(F). 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 regarding the use of the device in the Parish.

### **(G). FLOODING - LOWER COPTHURST:**

The Clerk reported that he had been notified that the work had been completed. Councillor Baldwin reported that United Utilities had done some work but this had not resolved the problem. He had undertaken some precautionary work but further improvements were required.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact United Utilities about this situation.

### **(H). STREET NAMEPLATES:**

It was reported that the nameplates at Holt Lane (at its junction with Denham Lane) had been repaired.

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would investigate the situation relating to the sign at Back Lane and inform the Clerk.

Resolved:- That the action to be taken be confirmed.

### **(I). SPRAYING OF GRASS VERGES:**

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At the last meeting it was reported that Chorley Council had sprayed the verges with herbicides on Holt Lane and Birch Lane which had had a detrimental effect.

The Clerk had contacted Chorley Council about this but no response had been received.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Chorley Council again.

### **(J). HIGHWAYS PROJECTS 2015/16:**

Following notifications of suggested schemes in Brindle for inclusion in the Highways Improvement Programme 2015/16. The Clerk had notified County Councillor Devaney.

He now reported that an assessment had been carried out and the schemes suggested were not considered to merit attention in 2015/16.

Councillor Hindle referred to the priority given to these projects by the County Council and considered that it would be some time before they were carried out to the further detriment of the road surfaces.

The Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that some time ago several areas in Windmill Lane had been marked for repair but nothing had been done.

Resolved:- That report be noted and the Clerk ascertain the situation regarding the repairs in Windmill Lane.

### **(K). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:**

A local resident reported that the footway near Woodville in Smithy Lane was badly damaged and required attention. The County Council had been informed.

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

### **(L). PIPPIN STREET:**

A local resident reported that there was running water on Pippin Street near Wilcock Farm. It was also reported that the road surface near to the entrance to Waterworks House was in need of repair. The County Council had been asked to investigate this.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to inform the Clerk of their findings.

### **(M). SLOW SIGN NEAR TO CROSSKEYS - SANDY LANE:**

A local resident reported 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.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

### **(N). TEMPORARY CLOSURE MINTHOLME CROSSING:**

The Clerk reported the temporary closure of the railway crossing for maintenance work by Network Rail in February 2015.

Resolved:- That the closure be noted.

**(O). ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN:**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest environment bulletin.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**(P). RAILINGS:**

Councillor Baldwin reported that sections of railings were missing at Holt Lane near House House and at Birchin Lane.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

**3948. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

**3949. 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 accepted.

**(B). APPLICATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

1. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of two storey and single storey side extensions incorporating balcony to rear and creation of new vehicular access with 2m high gates Thorpe Cross Pippin Street (App no 14/01167/FUL) Applicant Mr. and Mrs Turner.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

2. Application to discharge condition 6 (upgrading of access road to include passing places) and 7 (external materials) of planning approval ref 12/00363/FUL (which was for the demolition of former redundant above ground reservoir building and erection of two storey dwelling) Brindle Waterworks House Pippin Street. (App no 14/01211/DIS) Applicant Mr. Robinson.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

*Councillor Mrs Robinson declared a financial interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting*

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3. Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension 79 Bournes Row (App no 14/01284/FUL) Applicant Mrs Appleton. Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4. Amendments to application no 14/01146/FUL for the erection of two storey side extension with basement below Weavers Cottage Holt Lane Applicant Mr .Stead.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council.

The amendments concerned the rendering to the building.

The front and side were to be of stone and the rear simple render.

It was considered that the extension should be completely in stone to match existing properties.

The Clerk had reiterated the Parish Council`s previous objections to the development and notified Chorley Council of the views regarding the rendering to the building.

Resolved:- That the action taken be confirmed.

5. 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.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council .

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application and Chorley Council be informed accordingly.

### **(C). DRAFT BIO DIVERSITY AND NATURE CONSERVATION CONSULTATION:**

The Clerk submitted the draft consultation document prepared by the Central Lancashire Authorities of Chorley Preston and South Ribble. The Parish Council were asked for their observations.

Resolved:- That no observations be made.

### **(D). ONSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION:**

The Clerk reported that in November 2014 the Parish Council was notified of a scoping document on this topic and no comments were made. The County Council had now produced its supplementary planning document which was designed to apply policies and procedures to any planning applications submitted. Details had been circulated to Members.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it would be consulted on individual applications.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the fracking element contained in the consultation.

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Resolved:- That should any member wish to comment they inform the Clerk by 26th January 2015.

### **3950. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

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| 1. Brindle Community Hall  | Hire of Room January                         | £20.00  |
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| *4. Public Work Loan Board | Repayment of Loan (February 2015 instalment) | £312.46 |
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\* paid by direct debit.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

### **3951. CLERK - SALARY :**

The Clerk reported that the recent National Salary awards which took effect from January 2015 included a non consolidated payment for December 2014.

The Parish Council's Payroll Administrators had calculated that this payment amounted to £67.57.

The Clerk had consulted the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) who had approved this one off payment in the Clerk's January Salary.

Resolved:- That the action taken be approved.

### **3952. APPLICATION FOR GRANT - BRINDLE ARTS GROUP:**

The Clerk resubmitted a request from the Secretary of the Group for a grant. He circulated details of their activities.

Resolved: - That a grant of £50.00 be made to the Brindle Arts Group.

### **3953. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that they had agreed to allow a local company to keep the notice boards tidy and circulated a copy of the notice which would be displayed informing the public of the procedure to be followed.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had agreed the the form of the notice.

These had been ordered for placing on the boards and the estimated cost was £73.40.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **3954. DENHAM QUARRY:**

The Clerk reported on the current situation following the meeting with Mr Carson of Chorley Council to discuss the future management and upkeep of the Quarry.

A member of the public present reported the presence of Himalayan Balsam.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the Clerk inform Chorley Council of the

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presence of Himalayan Balsam in the quarry.

### 3955. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that following discussions with the Neighbourhood Officer he had approached St. Joseph's RC Church regarding the siting of the proposed bench on Private Road and they had agreed in principle subject to discussions about the location.

The Clerk also referred to the siting of a litter/dog bin in this location.

It was suggested that a meeting be held to discuss these matters with the Church.

Resolved:- That the Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) the Clerk and the Neighbourhood Officer meet representatives of St. Joseph's RC Church.

### 3956. CHINESE LANTERNS:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that in September Councillor Sharratt referred to the Parish Council's previously stated opinion on Chinese Lanterns and the action it had taken in the past in requesting legislation prohibiting their use.

The Government had indicated it was looking into this suggestion.

He reported that he had become aware that a new industry code of practice had been issued but it was not clear whether regulations were to be introduced with force of law or merely the suggested code of practice. He recommended that the Parish Council contact the local MP to see what had been introduced and to obtain a copy of it to see what exactly had been done. The Clerk wrote to the Local MP regarding this matter and he circulated a copy of his reply which enclosed details of the guidance which had been issued.

Councillor Sharratt commented on the Code of Practice.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### 3957. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2015/16.

The Clerk submitted a draft programme (circulated) of meetings of the Parish Council during 2015/16.

Resolved: - That the list of dates be agreed for meetings of the Parish Council in 2014/15 be agreed subject to further consultation with affected organisations.

### 3958. LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 1st February 2015.

Resolved: - That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) represent the Parish Council at this service.

### 3959. LETTERS OF THANKS :

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Brindle Over Fifty Fives Club and Brindle Voice in respect of the donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the letters be received.

### 3960. PLANTING OF DAFFODIL BULBS :



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The Clerk reported that various organisations within the Parish had planted daffodil bulbs offered by Chorley Council.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

3961. EASTERN PARISHES MEETING:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on 16th February 2015.

Resolved: - That the Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

3962. LCC CONSULTATION ON PRECEPT

The Clerk submitted consultation documents relating to the County Council's proposal to increase its precept this year by 1.99%.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

3963. RURAL BROADBAND:

Councillor Mrs Robinson reported on the problems with broadband and the action she had taken regarding its improvement.

She had been informed that an order had not yet been placed with BT for the upgrading of broadband in Brindle despite various measures being in place.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact the County Council regarding the early installation of better broadband facilities in the parish.

**3964. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 23rd February 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane.

**There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**23RD FEBRUARY 2015.**