

**BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2017
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4366. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors W. Nelson, Mrs B. Robinson and J.Swann and County Councillor A. Cullens.

4367. MRS B. CRANSHAW:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) referred to the recent death of Mrs Cranshaw. All present stood silent for a few moments as a mark of respect.

4368. COUNCILLOR MRS ROBINSON:

Councillor Mrs Long informed the Parish Council of the current state of health of Councillor Mrs. Robinson.The Parish Council wished her a speedy recovery.

4369. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) on behalf of the Parish Council thanked the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) for his attendance as the Parish Council's Representative at the Remembrance Day Service at the St. James Parish Church on 13th November 2016.

4370. 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.

4371. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th November 2016 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4372. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUE.

UNAUTHORISED USE - TOWN HOUSE FARM:

The members of the public expressed their concerns about the time being taken to resolve the long running problem of the parking of large vehicles at the farm.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor Mrs. Long referred to the action taken by the Parish Council regarding the matter and informed the meeting of the current position.

The Members of the public felt that Chorley Council should be pressed to take more urgent action.

Resolved: That the Chief Executive at Chorley Council be asked to meet local residents to discuss the problem and that the local MP be informed of the matter.

THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4373. POLICE REPORT :

(A.) LIAISON

The Clerk circulated copies of the current newsletter.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the policing of the Remembrance Day Service in Houghton and asked if there had been similar problems in Brindle.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed Councillor Sharratt of the arrangements in Brindle which did not necessitate any road closures or police involvement.

Resolved :- That the reports be noted.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4374. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities including the proposed installation of CCTV cameras and a removable barrier to the rear car park.

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.

4375. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter,

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the County Council`s Champion for Parishes for the Parish Council to send two delegates to the Lancashire County Council`s Parish

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and Town Council Conference on Saturday 25th February 2017 at County Hall from 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

The Clerk also referred to the Annual Invitation to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 23rd May 2017. Nominations were restricted to Chairman only.

There would also be a Finance Workshop for Councillors on 23rd February 2017 and the Chorley Area Committee would meet on 2nd February 2017 at Chorley Town Hall.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted and that the Councillor T. Sharratt be appointed the Parish Council delegate to the Parish and Town Conference on 25th February 2017.

4376. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

The Clerk reported latest situation regarding the clearing of gullies and that the proposed highways asset management team would commence operations in April 2017.

With regard to ditches in Windmill Lane Dover Lane and Duxon Hill the County Council had contacted the landowner to request the cleaning of the ditches.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reminded the Parish Council that this issue had been under investigation for a considerable time without resolution.

A member of the public commented that the edge of the carriage way in this area was deteriorating rapidly partly due to the state of the ditches and that large very deep potholes were appearing.

The blocked drains at Birchin Lane, Water Street and Denham Lane were still to be looked at. County Councillor Cullens had indicated that the ditches in Pippin Street would also be looked at.

Councillor Hindle reported flooding on Oram Road near Sycamore Villas.

A member of the public reported that the gulley on Marsh Lane near Harry Croft was flooding.

It was reported that following an inspection of the culvert on Birch Lane the County Council had indicated that it had not collapsed and the cause of the flooding had been repaired. Councillor Baldwin disputed this action would solve the problem.

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

(B). PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had undertaken further investigations following discussions with the landowner at Holly Bank on Private Road it was decided not to install hazard markers and a white line to encourage vehicles to keep away from the very edge but undertake work to support the carriageway and clear the gullies.

They would provide an update by the end of January 2017.

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Resolved:- That the Clerk request the County Council to complete the work as soon as possible.

(C). HOLT LANE - HIGHWAY DEFECTS:

the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had undertaken a site inspection following complaints from local residents and the County Council had been informed but no further action had been taken.

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

(D). MANHOLE COVERS:

A local resident reported that the lid to the manhole at High Cop still needed attention this had been previously reported. The County Council had indicated the work had been done. It was reported that some temporary work had been done.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to arrange for the work to be permanently completed as soon as possible.

(E). TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE:

The Clerk circulated details of the temporary road closure at Copthurst Lane and Birchin Lane to enable overhead electricity cabling work to take place on 17th January 2017.

Councillor Baldwin requested further details regarding this.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Councillor Nelson had suggested that the County Council should be asked to repair the roadside where it was collapsing into the watercourse whilst the closure was in place.

Resolved:- That the temporary closure be noted, that further details be sent to Councillor Baldwin and that the County Council be asked to consider the suggestion made by Councillor Nelson.

(F). HIGH COP:

A member of the public reported that the sign near High Cop Farm had been knocked over.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the sign was no longer there.

He also felt that the signs on the bend at High Cop were wrongly located and should be positioned where they could be seen before the bend came into view.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) indicated that the grit bin at High Cop was damaged, he had notified the County Council and they had replied that it was not a priority. He would contact County Councillor Cullens about this.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted and the Clerk contact the County Council about the missing road sign, and the location of the bend signs.

(G). FOOTPATH 40 - BROKEN STILE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that a stile at the junction of Duxon Hill on the footpath running from Duxon Hill to Windmill Lane had collapsed.

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Resolved:- That the Footpaths Officer be notified.

(H). HILLHOUSE LANE/ORAM ROAD:

Councillor Hindle reported that the sign at the junction of Hillhouse Lane and Oram Road had been knocked down.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to repair the sign.

4377. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Councillor Mrs Long reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4378. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

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

1. Prior approval application for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse and associated operational development land south east of Warburton House Holt Lane (App no 16/01040/P3PAO) Applicant Mr.Pawson. - Refused.

(B) APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Amendment to planning permission comprising changes from an mansard roof to gable ends and front elevations, facing material change from all render to match existing extensions to a mix of white render and stone (as per existing dwelling). Change of use from patio door with sire lights in carers room to front elevation to casement window with side access door and interior layout change resulting in larger window to application's bedroom side elevations. Brindle Rise Gowans Lane (App no 16/01173/MNMA) - Applicant Ms Proudfoot.

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

2. Demolition of the existing rear porch, proposed construction of front porch and the construction of a two storey rear extension 22 Top oth Lane (App no 16/01190/FULHH) Applicants Mr and Mrs Lockwood.

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C). EXTENSION OF CONSERVATION AREA:

The Clerk reported that a local resident had requested that Chorley Council be asked to consider again the extension of the Conservation Area to include Smithy Close in order to preserve the rural aspect in the light of recent planning applications.

Resolved:- That the Clerk seek the views of Chorley Council about this suggestion.

(D). PLANNING IN PRACTICE:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from Chorley Council to send delegates to a seminar to be held at the Town Hall on 13th March 2017 from 4.45p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The topic of the Seminar was the role of the County Council's Highways Department in

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consultations on Planning Applications.

Resolved:- That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) be appointed the Parish Council's delegate at this seminar.

4379. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 31st December 2016.	£1056.65.
2. A Harkness	Print Cartridges	£25.75
3. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room January 2017	£20.00

4380. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

(A) BRINDLE GRDENING CLUB:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Gardening Club for a grant .

Resolved: - That a grant of £75.00 be made.

(B) BRINDLE GUIDES :

The Clerk submitted a request from the Guides for a donation.

Resolved: - That a donation of £75.00 be made.

4381. BEST KEPT VILLAGE:

The Parish Council gave consideration to the location of the plaque which had been awarded to mark the parish winning the Small Villages section of the Competition.

Resolved:- That an approach be made to the Cavendish Arms regarding the display of the Plaque.

4382. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the winding up of the Trust

Resolved : That the report be accepted.

4383. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported on the current situation. It was reported that sections of the fencing had been damaged again.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed of the damage to the fencing..

4384. PARISH PLAN:

A member of the Public reported on the present position regarding the possible location of a stone bench in Workhouse Lane.

Chorley Council had been asked for their views on the siting of a bench at Oram Road.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted.

4385. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2017/18.

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The Clerk submitted a draft programme (circulated) of meetings of the Parish Council during 2017/18.

Resolved: - That the list of dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2017/18 be agreed subject to further consultation with affected organisations.

4386. 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 5th February 2017.

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

4387. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

13TH FEBRUARY 2017.