

BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 January 2025 at 7.30pm

at Brindle Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle

Present:	Cllr Darren Cranshaw	Chair
	Cllr Louise Croasdale	Vice-Chair
	Cllr Singleton, Cllr Greenways, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Swann, Cllr Robinson, Cllr McGovern	Parish Councillors
	Cllr Cullens (joining part way through the meeting)	Lancashire County Council
In attendance:	9 members of the community	
	PC Matt Walton, PCSO's Deary and Penny	Lancashire Constabulary

Agenda Item:

1 Apologies and Announcements

Apologies received from Cllr Baldwin

The Chair confirmed that this was a Parish Council meeting, with public input invited at item 4. The Chair proposed bringing forward the road safety issues (including a second SpID) and the Police Liaison at item 5 and then proceed with the Public Participation at item 4.

The Clerk read out a position statement (copy attached) detailing the steps taken by it to address road safety concerns.

The Chair reiterated all the steps taken by the Parish Council:

- Working closely with local residents;
- Liaising with a view to influencing Lancashire Constabulary in terms of enforcement and LCC regarding the physical aspects of highway safety;
- Prepared and executed an action plan (see PC website); and
- Purchased a SpID and more recently a solar panel, which has received good feedback and is considered to have had a positive impact on road safety.

The Parish Council have been assessing all information and have determined that it will fund the purchase of a second SpID plus solar panel. This has not been budgeted for this financial year, but it is factored into the agreed budget for the year 2025/2026. The purchase will take place when funds allow in March or April 2025.

RESOLVED: The Parish Councillors in attendance unanimously agreed to purchase a second SpID plus solar panel when funds are received in the financial year 2025/2026.

2 Disclosure of personal or prejudicial interests

Members were reminded to disclose any interests they have. Cllr Cranshaw declared his interest as Trustee of Brindle Community Hall, a member of Brindle Historical Society and his involvement with LALC.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 08 November 2024 were agreed as a true and correct record for signing by the Chair.

4 AJOURNMENT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present raised the following issues which were discussed

Pippin Street

- Repeated UU works on Pippin St were reported with particular difficulties arising from the works and the diversion route on 09.12.2024 during freezing weather. Clerk to request UU undertake more thorough investigations and repairs due to repeated problems.
- The footpath between Holt Lane and Bury Farm was overgrown with vegetation at the base of the hedges meaning that the pavement is narrow and pedestrians are forced to walk on the road. Clerk to raise with LCC to ask for it to be raked out.

Questions posed by a Parishioner via letter

- Speed Surveys – Information is on the PC website, which will continue to be populated.
- Rotation of SpID 1 – A second SpID is to be purchased so rotation will not now be required. Both SpIDs will remain permanently on, unless and until the PC is instructed to the contrary by LCC.
- Speed restrictions on Sandy Lane – This is a matter for LCC with enquiries being made by Cllr Cullens.
- Footpaths and Stiles – Advice to report to LCC via the Love Clean Streets App. Matters to be referred to the PC if escalation required.
- Mud/Muck on Smithy Lane – It is understood that this is now clear. Advice to report to LCC via the Love Clean Streets App. Matters to be referred to the PC if escalation required. Those attending were directed to the "Useful Contacts" page of the PC website for official reporting lines for a host of issues, which is regularly updated.
- Public Records – The PC finances are subject to two independent, professional audits per year. The AGAR Reports for 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 are published on the website under Governance.
- Teams/Zoom meetings – The PC is small with limited resources and is comfortable with present arrangements.
- Tree replacement – The PC does not own any land nor is it responsible for any trees. It may be something to look at as a Parish Project in the future.
- CIL Funding – CIL funding is received from Chorley BC if it is raised on a development in the Parish. The receipt and payment accounting method used by the PC does not allow for inclusion of prospective receipts, so possible or likely future CIL income cannot be treated as money in the PC bank unless and until it is received. Therefore, whilst the PC is aware of proposals and even the grant of Planning Permissions in its area, until the development commences, the CIL is paid to Chorley BC as the Planning Authority and then forwarded to the PC at one of two points during the financial year (October and April), it cannot be factored into the PC accounts. A CIL payment was received on 01.11.2024 in the sum of £2286.33 which has been factored into the PC accounts.

Road Safety – Cllr Cullens

- Cllr Cullens had reported that LCC had declined his initial suggestion of a speed reduction along the entirety of Sandy Lane. Cllr Cullens was to try a different approach of a gradual reduction in speed limit towards the 30mph zone in the centre of the village. He reiterated that any decision by LCC would be evidence led, and the real issue was one of enforcement by Lancashire Constabulary.
- Concerns were raised by Parishioners regarding the conduct of agricultural contractors using roads within Brindle, the narrow pavements to the side of the Church wall opposite the ginnel, and the effectiveness of the 20mph speed limit in Wales.
- There was a discussion as to whether the data sets from the road surveys indicated an increase or decrease of traffic speeds in the village of Brindle over time.
- The Parish Council provided advice regarding a permissive path and a parking concern.

FOIA Response

- The PC confirmed that an FOIA request had been received and a response would be provided within statutory time limits.
- A number of attendees with strong opinions contributed to the meeting. All attendees were reminded by the Chair of the manner in which a meeting should be conducted and were advised that they may be asked to leave if the behaviour continued.

Transparency

- Concerns were raised about the transparency of the Parish Council's finances in particular in relation to the Minutes of 18.11.2024.
- The Chair advised how the PC evidenced and authorised payments, details of which are published. The Budget was discussed in detail at the meeting on 18.11.2024 and the PC accounts are subject to two independent audits per year with the results of the Audit being published in the PC website.
- The PC confirmed that it did not use an accounting package but used a spreadsheet which one of the Parishioners present stated was acceptable.
- Attendees were again reminded by the Chair of the manner in which a meeting should be conducted and advised that attendees would be requested to leave if the behaviour continued.
- A number of attendees left the meeting.

5 Police Liaison

Road Safety

- Work was on-going to locate a speed van with two new sites identified for assessment.
- A handheld speed gun had been deployed with several warnings given and one ticket issued for a vehicle at 37mph.
- A parking issue had been addressed.
- Chief Superintendent Crowe had looked at enforcement in conjunction with the Safer Roads Team.
- A covert survey had been undertaken by it. Details were not available and a FOIA request would be required.

Denham Quarry

- Reports were made of anti-social behaviour (including drug use) at Denham Quarry, Denham Lane, Holt Lane and the lay-bys.

- PSCO Deary would refer the issue to the "Designing Out Crime" Team and would report back at meeting on 10.03.2025.

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain the covert survey data from Lancashire Constabulary.

6 Community Hall

- The first meeting since the AGM took place last week.
- Annual reports and accounts had been received.
- An interesting talk has been scheduled looking at the Old Tram Road from Preston to the Lancaster Canal
- The Best Kept Village plaque is to be secured at the Hall
- Defib training is to be scheduled

7 LALC

Nothing to report.

9 Chorley Borough Council/Lancashire County Council

CBC – nothing to report

LCC – as there has been a devolution deal, elections are to go ahead.

10 Planning Reports

Applications

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage

Location: Brookvale Farm Sandy Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8LZ

Reference: 24/00979/FUL

No objection

Proposal: Application to discharge conditions 4 (materials), 5 (demolition methodology) and 7 (reasonable avoidance measures for bats) of planning permission ref. 22/00023/FUL (Conversion and extension of former farm shop to form 2no. dwellings)

Location: Head O'th Marsh Farm Sandy Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8PQ

Reference: 24/01057/DIS

Notification by Chorley BC. No comments permitted.

Application no: 24/01087/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 4 (materials) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Application no: 24/01089/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 13 (CEMP) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Application no: 24/01090/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 10 (arrangements for future management and maintenance of roads) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Application no: 24/01091/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition 16 (RAMS - bats) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works)

Location: The Beaumont, Wooddale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Application no: 24/01095/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition no.12 (site access and off-site highway work details) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works.)

Location: The Beaumont, Wooddale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Application no: 24/01096/ADV

Proposal: Application for advertisement consent for the erection of 1no. illuminated totem sign

Location: The Beaumont, Wooddale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Application no: 24/01098/DIS

Proposal: Application to discharge condition no.11 (delivery and servicing plan) of planning permission ref. 24/00248/FUL (Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant with associated access, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and other associated works.)

Location: The Beaumont, Wooddale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Application no: 24/01101/ADV

Proposal: Application for advertisement consent for the display of various signs, screens and graphics

Location: The Beaumont, Wooddale Road, Clayton-le-woods, Chorley, PR6 7TY

No response

Proposal: Creation of a pond (retrospective)

Location: Pippin Fold Pippin Street Brindle Chorley PR6 8ND

Reference: 25/00005/FUL

Discussed at meeting. No response

Decisions

Application no: 24/00958/NOT

Decided: Fri 06/12/2024

Decision: Approve - Telecom

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 6no. existing antennas and 3no. existing cabinets to be replaced with 3no. new antennas and 1no. new cabinet with associated ancillary works thereto

Location: Orange PCS, Telecom Mast Site NO LAN0040, Huggarts Farm, Denham Lane, Brindle

Application no: 24/00953/FULHH

Decided: Fri 03/01/2025

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of garage/store building and porch connecting the garage/store building to main dwelling (following demolition of existing storage building).

Location: Leigh Farm, Marsh Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NY

Enforcement/Other

Finnington Lane – letter of objection drafted, approved and uploaded on to Chorley BC Planning Portal. Email to Cllrs Imawhe and Beach to review the Application.

Cllrs have agreed to make £200 available to the Friends of Finnington Lane campaign group given the direct and indirect significant impact success in this Application will have on the Parish.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Hoghton PC to confirm agreed contribution towards campaign.

11 Parish Finances

Financial Statement as at 13 January 2025

AT BANK	Current Account	£10,019.82
	Deposit Account	£1,982.70
	Total	£12,002.52

	PARISH ACCOUNT	PARISH ELEMENT	CIL ELEMENT	GRANT
Opening Balance plus Income YTD	£27,612.71	£16,799.79	£8972.92	£1600.00 + £240.00 =£1840.00
Expenditure YTD	£15,610.19	£9700.70	£5219.49	£450.00 + £240.00 =£690.00
Total	£12,002.52	£7099.09	£3753.43	£1150.00

RESOLVED Cllr Cranshaw approved and signed the Financial Statement.

12 Accounts for Payment

Name	Details	Amount
Brindle Community Hall	Room Hire for 13.01.2025	£20.00**
Mrs K Milnes	Salary	£711.88
Easy Web Sites	Monthly Management Fee	2 @ £60.72 *
Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll (Oct, Nov, Dec 2024)	£108.00
Elan City	Solar Panel	£444.12 (incl VAT)

Copy invoice/s were available for inspection at the meeting. The accounts were approved and cheque/s signed/authority confirmed for electronic payment.

*Pre-approved DD payments

**authority provided to make payment when it falls due/invoice received.

Cllrs further agreed:

- Standing Order for Clerk's salary payments for Jan, Feb and March 2025 at £711.88.
- Easy Web Site Schedule of Costs produced for year. Payments by monthly DD agreed.

13 Environmental issues and concerns

Higher Cop RoW

Investigation by LCC reveal it is electric fencing for cattle.

Pippin St Flooding

Discussed as part of item 4 above.

Breworth Fold Farm Lagoon

The UU drain has not been located and UU are to undertake their own investigations. UU do not consider the lagoon has impacted the drain.

Motorway Underpass Graffiti

Works completed in September 2024 but only notified when Clerk chased.

14 Parish Council Projects

- (i) Neighbourhood Grant/Withnell Fold Walk (within the Parish)
- (ii) Parish Pound Plinth
- (iii) Parish Pound (including title)

Due to time constraints, this item has been held over to the next meeting.

15 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Due to time constraints, this item has been held over to the next meeting.

16 Bus Service

Clr Cullens had reported that the first attempt at securing a bus route through Brindle had been unsuccessful. A route to be considered may include Walton Le Dale, Hoghton, Brindle, Clayton Brook, Walton Summit and Buckshaw. Clr Cullens to continue working on this project.

17 Chorley Ramblers

An offer of a grant has been made in the sum of up to £500 as part of a legacy grant from Chorley Ramblers to improve or replace a stile. If the grant was accepted, a plaque would need to be secured to confirm that it had been purchased with a contribution from the Chorley Ramblers

RESOLVED: The Clerk to accept the generous offer on behalf of the PC to use in conjunction with the PROW grant and the Neighbourhood Grant.

18 Neighbourhood Priorities 2025/2026

Details distributed to Cllrs. Consideration to be given to suitable projects.

19 Planning Process

Due to time constraints, this item has been held over to the next meeting.

20 Any Urgent Business

The Councillors resolved to authorise the Chair to exercise the powers set out in the Complaints Policy and the Vexatious Complaints Policy, in relation to any persons carrying out vexatious conduct in relation to the PC, where the conduct has a disproportionate and detrimental effect on the resources and operation of the PC. Should the powers be exercised, it will be reviewed by the PC after 12 months.

21 Date of Next Meeting

10 March 2024 (Also Annual Parish Meeting). 7.30pm at Brindle Community Hall.

Signed..... *L. Cordero* Chair

Dated..... *10/3/25*