

# BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2024 at 7.30pm

at Brindle Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle, PR6 8NH

Present:	Cllr Darren Cranshaw	Chair
	Cllr Louise Crosdale	Vice-Chair
	Cllr John Swann, Cllr Bill Nelson	Parish Councillors
In attendance:	PC Connor Cross	Lancashire Constabulary
	Members of the public	

### Agenda Item:

#### 1 Apologies and Announcements

Apologies received from Cllrs Singleton, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr McGovern.

Mr David Metcalfe is no longer a Parish Councillor having chosen not to stand for re-election at the recent local elections. The Parish Council wishes to place on record sincere thanks to Mr Metcalfe who has been an active and valued member of Brindle Parish Council for many years, most recently as Vice Chair. The Parish Council passes on its very best wishes for the future to Mr Metcalfe and his family.

#### 2 Disclosure of personal or prejudicial interests

Members were reminded to disclose any interests they may have.

#### 3 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18.03.2024 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:

##### Road Safety (discussed in conjunction with items 5 and 8)

The Parish Council reported that since the last meeting, County Councillor Cullens had spoken with a senior Highway's manager to discuss Sandy Lane. The conclusion was as follows:

- Highways do not class the road as high speed and whilst some speeding takes place most of this is within the tolerance levels;

- Due to the nature of accident reporting the road is not classed as dangerous. There are many other roads in and around Lancashire that have a greater requirement to have funding made available. Therefore, Sandy Lane will not be considered for any traffic calming schemes at this stage; and
- Activity being taken by the residents and police should assist the problem with the Spid contributing greatly.

The members of the public contended that the information used by LCC to determine road safety features within the village is flawed, in that it does not consider the locus as a whole (e.g. narrow pavements and bends), it does not properly take into account the volume of traffic reported to be exceeding the speed limit nor the number of non-injury, non-criminal RTA's. Further discussions included other villages where speed calming measures had been put in place, together with potential funding methods for measures available to Brindle.

The community was encouraged to continue to report road traffic incidents, and to engage directly with LCC highways to contest the methodology/risk assessment utilised by it. The Clerk is to provide contact details to the community.

The other areas being focussed on are:

- The SpID;
- Community Speed Watch (community led); and
- Enforcement by Lancashire Constabulary (see below).

Two locations had been risk assessed as suitable by LCC. Both sites are within the 30mph zone with the first, where the current SpID is sited, and the second on Stoney Bank facing traffic coming into the village. Due to the layout of road, and the distance of the proposed SpID locations to the 30mph speed gates, reliable data capture would not be possible. The SpID would be moved between locations and would be taken down for short periods to maximise its effectiveness.

A possible third location in the centre of the village, which could potentially provide reliable data (but which would need to be assessed by LCC), was discussed and dismissed. It was accepted that the primary role of the SpID is to immediately moderate speeding behaviour.

The LCC protocol for SpID installation is being followed. Specialist mounting poles are to be installed, and properties near the SpID locations are to be consulted. The meeting was assured that pressure would be maintained to complete the installation as soon as possible.

## RESOLVED

Clerk to provide contact email for LCC Highways and to continue to progress all matters relating to the SpID installation.

### Police Liaison

PC Cross was in attendance and was thanked for increased visibility in the village, for successful policing at Denham Quarry and for securing speeding enforcement within the village over the bank holiday weekend.

In response to a concern about speeding motorcycles, PC Cross advised that he is liaising with Hoghton Tower in relation to events, such as the Hoghton Tower Sprint which appears to result in increased traffic through the village.

PC Cross informed the meeting of the steps required to set up speed traps and confirmed that he had advised the Division that more support in this area was required.

### Footpath High Cop to Marsh Lane

A report was received that the above PROW had been obstructed by the erection of a fence across the field.

RESOLVED

Clerk to contact PROW of Team at LCC to investigate.

#### Cadent Box

A member of the public requested an update in relation to enquiries regarding the Cadent Box. The Clerk reported Cadent had confirmed that neither the Cadent box itself nor the crash barrier could be painted. Plants in planters would probably be acceptable, but this required approval from Cadent. The Clerk offered to approach Cadent again if any proposals for planting were made.

#### 5 Police Liaison

See above.

#### 6 Community Hall

At the last meeting, the following was discussed:

- Ice on carpark – the carpark is not gritted, on advice from its Insurer. There would also be cost implications if gritting were to take place. The meeting was also reminded that the Community Hall is run by a small team of volunteers.
- Field – the field has not been mown frequently this year due to the weather.
- Dog Fouling – the problem persists despite the provision, at cost, of a dog waste bin.
- Cuckoo Walks – they were a great success, raising in the region of £1000 for charity.

A report was made regarding the hedge at the entrance to the Community Hall in that it restricts the view of vehicles entering and exiting the Hall.

RESOLVED

Clerk to report the hedge concern to the Community Hall Trustees.

#### 7 LALC

Nothing to report.

#### 8 Highways and Road Safety Matters

See above.

Additionally:

- Hill House Lane T Junction – a concern was raised by a member of the public regarding the lack of markings or signage at this location. The Clerk advised that line painting (plus renewal of red textured strips) was scheduled for this year which would include the T Junction. A request was made for signage. Clerk to investigate.
- Marsh Lane – An initial report was made on the 21.03.2024 and is yet to be resolved. It is diarised to be chased.

RESOLVED

Clerk to investigate potential signage at Hill House Lane T Junction with Sandy Lane and continue to chase re Marsh Lane.

#### 9 Chorley Borough Council/Lancashire County Council Update

Following the Chorley Council elections, Irene Amahwe has been appointed Councillor representing Clayton East, Brindle and Hoghton Ward.

#### 10 Planning Reports

Applications Received

Unless otherwise stated:

- a. All Applications have been circulated to Parish Councillors by email for comment; and
- b. No response or no objection/neutral/no comment responses have been reported to the Chorley Borough Council Planning Portal.

Application: 24/00264/FULHH

Proposal: single storey outbuilding extension to side/rear property (retrospective), demolition of existing garage, 1.6m high fence to side and rear boundary, 1.2m high boundary wall within the existing front driveway and replacement of existing front driveway from concrete to tumbled Yorkstone Setts.

Location: School House Water Street Brindle Chorley PR6 8NH

Response date: **26.04.2024**

Application no: 24/00248/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of vacant public house and erection of drive-thru restaurant (Use Class E / Sui Generis) 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

Response date: **23.04.2024**

Objection submitted on the grounds of anti-social behaviour, including driving and littering.

Application Reference No : 23/00613/FULHH

Proposal: Erection of detached outbuilding (garage) and store

Location: Beech Cottage Water Street Brindle Chorley PR6 8NH

The following amendment has been made to the above application:

- Position of the store has been changed; the store has been moved to the rear of the site.

Response date: **16.05.2024**

Proposal: Replacement of roof to single storey side projection involving an increase in eaves and ridge height.

Location: Rectory Cottage Sandy Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NJ

Reference: 24/00336/FULHH

Response date: **30.05.2024**

Application no: 24/00314/MNMA

Proposal: Minor non-material amendment to planning permission ref 23/00623/FULHH (Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) to change the external materials from brick to render

Location: 15 Smithy Close, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NWA

Determination deadline: **20.05.2024**

Application no: 24/00335/NOT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove and replace 3no. antennas, removal of 2no. existing cabinets and replacement of 1no. new cabinet and associated ancillary works

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

Determination deadline: **26.05.2024**

Enforcement

None

#### Determined Applications

Decided: Monday 25/03/2024

Decision: **Permit Full Planning Permission**

Proposal: Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) (retrospective)

Location: Ansdell, Sandy Lane, Brindle

Application no: 24/00126/CLPUD

Decided: Mon 15/04/2024

Decision: **Grant Certificate of Lawfulness**

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed outbuilding (summerhouse)

Location: 43 Smithy Close, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NW

Application no: 24/00120/FULHH

Decided: Tue 16/04/2024

Decision: **Application Withdrawn**

Proposal: Installation of Air Source Heat Pump

Location: 57 Bournes Row, Brindle, Preston, PR5 0DR

Application no: 24/00170/CLEUD

Decided: Mon 29/04/2024

Decision: **Grant Cert of Lawfulness for Est Use**

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing garage, car port, and kennel area

Location: Hedgerows, 7 Sandy Lane, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 0SQ

Application no: 24/00194/FULHH

Decided: Tue 30/04/2024

Decision: **Permit Full Planning Permission**

Proposal: Porch to the front elevation and a part single/part two storey rear extension

Location: 6 Top O'Th' Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8PA

Application no: 24/00034/CLPUD

Decided: Fri 03/05/2024

Decision: **Grant Certificate of Lawfulness**

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed use of a detached outbuilding as a hairdressing salon (operating Monday to Friday 10am to 7pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm with a maximum of two clients at any time and no more than two clients a day)

Location: Prospect Cottage, Gregson Lane, Brindle, Preston, PR5 0ED

## 11 Parish Finances

### a. End of Year 2023/2024

At the start of the financial year 2023/2024, there was £5804.66 in both bank accounts. At the end of the financial year, the total funds in both accounts amount to £9007.38 with CIL of £6686.59 and Grants totalling £800.

AT BANK	Current Account	£7056.51
	Deposit Account	£1950.87
	Total	<b>£9,007.38</b>

	BOOK	PARISH ELEMENT	CIL ELEMENT	GRANT
Income	£17537.05	£10050.46	£6686.59	£800.00
Expenditure	£8529.67	£8529.67	Nil	Nil
Total	<b>£9007.38</b>	£1520.79	£6686.59	£800.00

b. Position as at 13.05.2024

The precept of £15,000 has been received and it has been confirmed that no further CIL is due for the year ending March 2024.

As at 13.05.2024, there is £23,962.55 in held in both bank accounts.

c. AGAR

The Parish Council's gross income/expenditure for the financial year ending 31.03.2024 did not exceed £25,000 and the remaining criteria for exemption from a limited assurance review were met. The Parish Council is therefore exempt from a limited assurance review.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (the "AGAR") for the year ended 31.03.2023, which was available for inspection by the Councillors at the meeting was considered:

- i) The Internal Auditor's report completed by Mr T Greenwood on 10 May 2024 was noted.
- ii) The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk/RFO.
- iii) The Accounting Statements, having been signed by the Clerk/RFO prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair.
- iv) The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk/RFO.
- v) The commencement date for the exercise of public rights is 03.06.2024.

**RESOLVED**

The Certificate of Exemption be sent to the External Auditor

The Certificate of Exemption, Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Explanation of Variances and Notice of Public Rights be displayed on the Brindle Parish Council website and on the notice boards for the period of the exercise of public rights.

d. Neighbourhood Grant

As previously reported, Parish Council has been successful in its Application for a Neighbourhood Grant to improve elements of the Withnell Fold walks. Contact was awaited from Chorley BC to confirm amount of award and next steps. It is to be noted that any funds received by way of Neighbourhood Grant is ring-fenced.

e. Insurance

The Parish Council is in the final year of a three-year rolling Long Term Agreement for insurance with Hiscox which will expire on 31.05.2025. Discussions are on-going with the brokers as to the extent of cover for the Parish Pound, other matters having been resolved. An update will be available at the next meeting.

12 Accounts for Payment

Name	Details	Amount	Cheque Number
Brindle Community Hall	Room Hire for 13.05.2024	£20.00	500993
Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Jan – March 2024	£108.00	500994

The community is invited to attend.

17 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Email contact had been made with all organisations entered in the Outstanding Feature category to advise of the judging timetable and criteria in order that preparations can be made.

18 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D Day Landings

The Group Scout Leader advised that the Scout group were unable to take part in this event.

19 Grant Requests

a. Brindle WI

A request for a donation towards the costs of Brindle WI's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in June 2024.

Agreed at £80. Cheque no 501000

b. Brindle Village Show

A request for a grant for the Brindle Village Show on 31.08.2024.

Agreed in the sum of £150. Cheque no 501001

c. Brindle Cubs

A request for a contribution towards the purchase of cones to try and alleviate parking concerns on a Wednesday evening.

Granted in principle, subject to evidence of cost.

20 Parish Pound

After discussion, it was agreed that Brindle Parish Council would make an Application for Adverse Possession in respect of the Parish Pound for the continued use of the community. The Clerk advised that she was already in discussion with the insurers to ensure that the land and the items in the Pound were insured. Cllr Cranshaw would be able to assist with a statement/statutory declaration, but Solicitors would be appointed for advice and dealings with the Land Registry.

RESOLVED

Clerk to start the process of securing ownership of the Parish Pound.

21 Any Urgent Business

None

22 Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm on 8 July 2024 at Brindle Community Hall

Signed..........Chair

Dated.....8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.....