

BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 March 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Present:	Cllr Darren Cranshaw	Chair
	Cllr David Metcalfe	Vice-Chair
	Cllr Louise Crosdale, Cllr Cath Singleton, Cllr John Baldwin, Cllr John Swann.	Parish Councillors
	Cty Cllr Alan Cullens	Chair Lancashire County Council and County Councillor
In attendance:	PC Connor Cross and 4 members of the public	

Agenda Item:

1 Apologies and Announcements

Apologies received from Cllr Bill Nelson and Mr Andy Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.

2 Disclosure of personal or prejudicial interests

Members were reminded to declare any interests they might have.

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting Held

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 22.01.2024 were agreed as a true and correct record for signing by the Chair.

4 ADJOURNMENT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The members of the public present raised the following issues:

Road Safety

See below at item 5 for input from Lancashire Constabulary.

Additionally, prior to the meeting the Road Safety Progress Update (as at 18.03.2024) had been printed and was available to all attendees, together with the results of the second Speed Survey undertaken in February/March 2024.

The meeting was advised that in relation to Sandy Lane both the December 2023 and the February/March 2024 Speed Surveys undertaken at the request of the Parish Council in the centre of the village, had recorded mean speeds of between 29 and 31 mph and 85th percentile speeds of between 34 and 35mph in both directions, with some evidence of outliers. LCC had scheduled a "full" assessment in November 2024, which would be chased.

A chicane or a pedestrian crossing was not an option for Sandy Lane in line with criteria from the Department of Transport and the 30mph zone on Sandy Lane would not be extended.

The Parish Council has identified the Elan City Evolis as the preferred SpID, having fully researched all the options and considered all relevant matters. LCC had been notified of the choice, causing the LCC SID Policy and Procedure to be activated. This process could take a number of months. The SpID will be capable of being sited at both ends of the village and will capture and transmit both the volume and speed of traffic via Bluetooth technology to the Parish Council, in effect providing a permanent speed survey in the village. Changes in the volume and speed of the traffic through the village would be notified to LCC.

RESOLVED - Clerk to continue to progress the purchase and siting of the SpID and diarise to chase the November 2024 "full" assessment of Sandy Lane.

Dog Fouling

The Clerk advised that this had been reported to Chorley BC and the village had been visited to review and refresh signage and undertake stencilling. A link for reporting dog fouling had been placed under "Useful Contacts" on the website and all were encouraged to use this tool.

5 Police Liaison

Having been briefed by Brindle Parish Council as to the issues concerning the community, PC Connor Cross provided the following information:

Denham Quarry

PC Cross intended on focussing on anti-social behaviour in and around Denham Quarry which included tackling illegal drug use using a number of resources including drug wipes and the establishment of a Public Space Protection Order in conjunction with James Walker, Public Protection Technical Officer at Chorley BC. The PSPO will make it unlawful to carry nitrous oxide within certain parts of the County without lawful reason. PC Cross is also liaising with his Sargeant with the intention to put steps in place to actively police the area. Attendees at the meeting were encouraged to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to James Walker who would compile a report to be forwarded to PC Cross on a weekly basis.

RESOLVED - The Clerk would obtain the email address of James Walker and would add this as a "Useful Contact" on the Brindle Parish Council website.

Road Safety

PC Cross discussed non-injury RTAs and how to report these. He also advised that some progress had been made with the community speed initiative with initial discussions scheduled for 02.04.2024. PC Cross would report back to the Clerk following the meeting.

PC Cross informed the meeting of the steps required before Lancashire Constabulary would be able to deploy speed guns which included identifying and assessing a suitable stretch of road, setting up an Ops Log and arranging for a Tac Ops vehicle to support the operation. It was anticipated that this could be set up relatively quickly.

Lancashire Constabulary also intended to deploy a camera van (one was noted in the village today) to assist with its drive to prevent and enforce.

Lancashire Constabulary Stinger/High Speed Training

The Clerk advised that a response had not been received to our enquiry about the use of Sandy Lane/B5256 as a high speed/stinger training route. PC Cross reported that he had tried to get a response, without success. He advised that many roads across the County are used for training purposes since a need to respond to an emergency call could involve any road. He would, however, continue to chase.

Anti-Social Behaviour

PC Cross was notified of suspicious behaviour and vehicles within the village. The meeting was advised to report any behaviour or vehicles causing concern.

Police Incidents

The police had a log of 15 incidents including 3 RTAs in the past 12 months, but no crime reports attached to the logs.

Brindle Parish Council thanked PC Cross for his attendance and the steps he had taken to address the long-standing concerns regarding road safety, anti-social and/or criminal behaviour within the village.

6 Community Hall

A report would be provided following a meeting of the Trustees of the Community Hall. All were encouraged to attend the Cuckoo Walks on the 20 April 2024.

7 Lancashire Association of Local Councils Report

A report would be provided following the next meeting.

8 Highways and Road Safety Matters

See item 4 above.

9 Chorley Borough Council/Lancashire County Council Update

None.

10 Planning Reports

Applications Received

Unless otherwise stated:

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

Proposal: Installation of Air Source Heat Pump

Location: 57 Bournes Row, Brindle. PR5 0DR

Reference: 24/00120/FUHH

Response Due: **13.03.2024 – Parish Council to highlight concerns regarding noise pollution.**

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

Location: 43 Smithy Close Brindle Chorley PR6 8NW

Reference: 24/00126/CLPUD

Response Due: **12.03.2024**

Proposal: Single storey rear extension including new roof to existing store (following demolition of existing rear extensions and conservatory)

Location: Mill House Cottage Mill House Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NS

Reference: 24/00144/FULHH

Response due: **26.03.2024**

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

Reference: 24/00194/FULHH

Response due: **29.03.2024**

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to the western elevation of an existing outbuilding and the removal of 2no. doors in the eastern elevation

Location: Brereworth Manor Marsh Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NZ

Reference: 24/00181/FULHH

Response due: **3 April 2024**

Proposal: Application for listed building consent for removal of canopy extension from western elevation, removal of a window on western elevation and insertion of a solid single oak door

Location: Brereworth Manor Marsh Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NZ
Reference: 24/00168/LBC
Response due: **3 April 2024**

Application no: 24/00034/CLPUD

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

Response due: **04 May 2024 - Parish Council to highlight concerns regarding parking.**

Enforcement

None

Determined Applications

Application no: 23/01034/FULHH

Decided: Thu 25/01/2024

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and conversion of part of garage to non-habitable accommodation

Location: 10 Smithy Close, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NW

Application no: 23/01056/FULHH

Decided: Tue 30/01/2024

Decision: Refuse Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of a detached outbuilding

Location: Crabtree House, Hill House Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NR

Application no: 23/01091/FUL

Decided: Wednesday 21/02/2024

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of agricultural livestock building

Location: Breworth Fold Farm Marsh Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NZ

Application no: 23/01015/LBC

Decided: Thursday 29/02/2024

Decision: Grant Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Application for listed building consent for a replacement roof

Location: Batesons Farm Sandy Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NL

Application no. 23/01036/LBC

Decided: Friday 01/03/2024

Decision: Refuse Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Application for listed building consent for removal of canopy extension from western elevation, removal of a window on western elevation and insertion of a door to create disabled access on western elevation

Location: Brereworth Manor Marsh Lane Brindle Chorley PR6 8NZ

11 Parish Finances

The Clerk reported that as at 18.03.2024 there is £9,601.18 in the Parish accounts. The financial position can be broken down as follows:

	BOOK	PARISH ELEMENT	CIL ELEMENT	GRANT
Income	£17537.05	£10050.46	£6686.59	£800.00
Expenditure	£7935.87	£7935.87		
Total	£9601.18	£2114.59	£6686.59	£800.00

12 Accounts for Payment

Name	Details	Amount
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Brindle Community Hall	Room Hire for 18.03.2024	£20.00
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Copy invoice/s were available for inspection at the meeting. The accounts were approved, and cheque/s signed/authority confirmed for electronic payment.

13 Environmental Issues and Concerns

Fly Tipping

Chorley BC continue to respond promptly to reports of fly tipping.

Dog Fouling

See item 4 above.

14 Future Parish Council Projects

It was reported that:

- a. The application for a Neighbourhood Grant for the improvement of elements of the Withnell Fold nature reserve walk, to increase safety and widen accessibility, had been made and discussed by Chorley BC. The Application was supported by County Councillor Cullens. A formal decision is awaited.
- b. A report had been circulated to Councillors with costings for replacement notice boards at Top O'th' Lane and the Church. Following consideration of the paper and discussions regarding style, functionality, location and safety, it was decided that two notice boards from Whitehall Direct Limited were to be purchased. Cllr Singleton is to arrange for the notice boards to be fixed and for some hard standing to be placed underneath the Top O'th' Lane board.
- c. Further research is to be undertaken regarding the information board/plinth for the Parish Pound.

RESOLVED - Clerk to report on the Grant Application result and proceed with the purchase of two noticeboards. Clerk also to make further enquiries regarding the information board/plinth for the Pound.

15 Chorley Borough Council Neighbourhood Meetings

As per item 14 above, County Councillor Cullen reported that he had supported the Parish Council grant application for the improvement of elements of the Withnell Fold nature reserve walk. A result was awaited.

16 Brindle St James Primary School Anniversary Committee

Cllr Croasdale confirmed that exciting plans were underway for this event which is pencilled in for 13.07.2024. All are encouraged to attend.

17 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2024

The Application has been made. The Clerk would contact all specifically identified "outstanding features" within the village to advise of the judging dates and criteria in order that appropriate can be made. The Clerk referred to the focus on environmental and sustainability in the marking criteria which is something to be encouraged.

RESOLVED - The Clerk to contact all relevant parties as per above.

18 Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed that Trevor Greenwood would be appointed internal auditor this year for a fee of £50.

19 Denham Quarry

It was reported that Chorley BC had undertaken repairs to wooden fencing following extensive, and what appears to have been deliberate damage. The work was completed as part of a bigger project.

20 80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings

The Parish Council has received an invitation to become involved in the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings. The main element is the lighting of beacons across Lancashire, scheduled to take place at 21:15 hrs on 06.06.2024. The Parish Council purchased a beacon together with Brindle Scouts who would be invited to participate on behalf of the Parish Council and village.

RESOLVED - Clerk to contact Brindle Scouts.

21 Any Urgent Business

- a. Potholes - Councillors and members of the public reported a number of significant potholes within Brindle. Advice was provided to make reports via the LoveCleanStreets App.
- b. Pippin Street Flooding – December 2023/January 2024. This has been reported by Councillor Cranshaw, County Councillor Cullens and members of the community. In addition, Councillor Swann had inspected the location on two occasions and spoken with the farmer responsible for the adjoining field. As at 12.03.2024 works by LCC's gully cleaning team, to include jetting and cleansing the gullies have been completed.

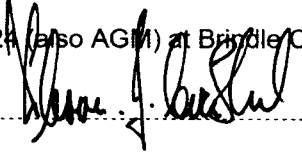
Councillor Cullens advised that the gulleys are cleansed and jetted annually. The Clerk is to contact LCC with a request that this routine maintenance is undertaken more frequently.

RESOLVED - Clerk to contact LCC as per above.

22 Date of Next Meeting

13 May 2024 (also AGM) at Brindle Community Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Signed



Chair

Date

13/05/2024