

BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 January 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Present:

Chair: Cllr David Metcalfe
Vice-Chair: Cllr Louise Crosdale, Cllr Cath Singleton, Cllr Barbara Robinson, Cllr John Baldwin, Cllr Bill Nelson

Cllr Alan Cullens
Chair Lancashire County Council and County Councillor

In attendance: Members of the public

Agenda Item:

1 Apologies and Announcements

Apologies received from Cllr and Chair Darren Cranshaw, Cllr Pauline McGovern and Cllr John Swann. Retrospective apologies received from Lancashire Constabulary.

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 11.12.2023 were agreed as a true and correct record for signing by the Vice Chair.

4 ADJOURNMENT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The members of the public present raised the following issues:

(i) Road Safety Issues (Including PAP)

(a) Commercial tractor and Trailer Units

A member of the public advised the meeting of the steps they had taken in reporting the use of the B5256/Sandy Lane by a number of commercial tractor and trailer units.

City Cllr Cullens and Brindle PC had both separately reported the issue and had been informed there was an enforcement notice in place (which was the subject of an appeal). LCC will be meeting with the developer where transport would also be raised.

Brindle PC had also reported the possible breach of the 7.5 tonne weight limit on the B5256/Sandy Lane to Lancs. Constab. A response was awaited.

The community confirmed that there had been no commercial tractors and trailers for the past week or so.

RESOLVED

Clerk to request an update from LCC.

(b) County Councillor Cullen's Meeting with Cabinet Member for Highways on 22.01.2024

At the meeting, the following steps were agreed:

- The B5256 will be designated a high-speed road, enabling LCC to put in more measures, such as signage, to try and moderate speeding behaviour;
- LCC will donate one or more SpIDs for deployment in the village centre, depending on demand;
- Extending the 20mph zone into the village centre is being considered; and
- The LCC speed survey will be re-run in view of the east and westbound volume (not speed) of traffic discrepancy.

County Cllr Cullens considered that enforcement by Lancs Constab. was imperative in conjunction with the community measures already in place and those planned. He also reiterated that chicanes, road humps and pelican crossings were not an option for the B5256/Sandy Lane.

RESOLVED

Clerk to liaise with LCC regarding the additional speed survey and the SpIDs.

(c) Road Safety Reports

County Cllr Cullens advised that unless a reported accident/near miss involves injuries, then the incident is not reported on to LCC. A member of the public expressed concerns in relation to whether reported accidents/incidents which were closed down with no further action, would still appear in statistics. The Clerk advised that this had been put to Lancs Constab. but without a response.

RESOLVED

Clerk to chase a response from Lancs Constab.

(d) Community Road Watch Scheme

This a community initiative and no update was available.

(e) "Progress Update on Road Safety Actions"

The Clerk advised that an updated report had been circulated detailing all the actions taken since the last meeting. Whilst some issues had already been discussed (see above), the Clerk went through the report on an item by item basis summarising progress and updating all items.

RESOLVED

Clerk to update the Progress Update on Road Safety Actions.

(iii) Brindle Community Hall Carpark

It was reported that this had become very icy over the past few days. The Clerk advised that Brindle Parish Council had no involvement in the ownership or operations of the Community Hall. It was agreed that a report would be made to the Brindle Community Hall Trustees.

RESOLVED

Clerk to report to the Trustees of Brindle Community Hall.

(iii)

Dog Fouling

A report was made by a member of the public regarding dog fouling around the village. This would be reported to Chorley BC.

RESOLVED

Clerk to report to Chorley BC.

(iv)

Cadent Box

An update was requested regarding the crash barriers protecting the Cadent Box. The Clerk advised that Cadent had been approached and an update was provided in the meeting on 03.09.2023. Cadent would not permit the crash barriers to be painted but planters could be used, although prior consent would need to be obtained. The Clerk advised that if planters were chosen as an option, they would need to be tended to.

RESOLVED

Clerk to put any proposals received to Cadent for permission.

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Police Liaison

The Clerk advised that PC Fitzsimmons had been due to attend the meeting, having been briefed by PC Conner (who was unable to attend due to a prior commitment) and his superiors, but he had failed to do so.

Brintle Parish Council advised that it was incredibly disappointing and frustrating given the need for enforcement to tackle speed issues within the village, and the pivotal role Lancs Constab. will have in terms of the Community Road Watch Scheme.

The Clerk advised that Mr Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner was scheduled to attend the meeting on 18.03.2024 and that Lancs Constab. would also be invited.

RESOLVED

Clerk to contact Lancs Constab to express disappointment, to arrange for outstanding queries to be answered and to secure attendance at the next Parish Council meeting.

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Community Hall

In the absence of Cllr Cranshaw, there is no update.

7 Lancashire Association of Local Councils Report

In the absence of Cllr Cranshaw, there is no update.

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Highways and Road Safety Matters

See item 4 above

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Chorley Borough Council/Lancashire County Council Update

None

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Planning Reports

Applications Received

Unless otherwise stated:

a. All Applications have been circulated to Parish Councilors by email for comment; and

b. No objection/neutral/no comment responses have been reported to the Chorley Borough Council Planning Portal.

Reference: 23/01034/FULHH

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: 23/01091/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural livestock building
Location: Breworth Fold Farm, Marsh Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NZ

Application no: 24/00006/FUL

Proposal: Creation of a new vehicular access driveway
Location: Leigh Farm, Marsh Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NY

Response is due **31 January 2024**. Unanimously agreed via email and by Cllrs attending the meeting that there is a no objection/neutral/no comments response.

RESOLVED

Clerk to provide response to Chorley BC via the Planning Portal.

The Clerk confirmed that a query had been received from a member of the public regarding the proposed McDonalds outlet at Clayton Green in relation to concerns as to how it would impact on anti-social behaviour and littering at Denham Quarry and Top 'Oth' Lane. A formal Application has not been made, but following a discussion, it was agreed that when it is made, an objection will be submitted for those reasons.

RESOLVED

The Clerk will circulate the McDonald's Application when received and collate any further comments to prepare an objection.

Enforcement

None

Determined Applications

Application no: 23/00920/FUL

Decided: Thu 21/12/2023

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of extension to northern elevation of existing building (resubmission of planning application ref: 23/00093/FUL)

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

Application no: 23/00867/TPO

Decided: Wed 03/01/2024

Decision: Consent for Tree Works

Proposal: Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 11 (Brindle) 1999: T6 Beech - 2 metre reduction to provide clearance from church tower; T4-Beech - 3 metre reduction over road/towards property, 2 metre crown raise over grave yard; and T1/T2- Yews - Both yew trees to have branches over the road cut back and then prune accordingly to rebalance shape

Location: St James Parish Church , Water Street , Brindle , Chorley , PR6 8NH

Application no: 23/00926/FULHH

Decided: Fri 05/01/2024

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Conversion of existing mezzanine floor within detached garage to art studio and hobby room including new external balcony to rear and new 2m high stone walling to rear boundary
Location: Silcock Barn, Windmill Lane, Brindle, Chorley, PR6 8NX

Application no: 23/00977/FUL

Decided: **Mon 08/01/2024**

Decision: Permit Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Creation of a wildlife pond

Location: Land To the East Of The Old Barn, Top O'Th' Lane, Brindie, Chorley, PR6 8PA

Application no: 23/00903/TPO

Decided: **Mon 15/01/2024**

Decision: Consent for Tree Works

Proposal: Application for works to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 11 (Brindie) 1999: T1 Horse Chestnut - Crown raise

and prune back from boundary, reshaping into main crown
Location: Cross Keys Villa, Sandy Lane, Brindie, Chorley, PR6 8NJ

11 Parish Finances

The Clerk reported that:

- The annual CIL Report had been submitted to Chorley BC showing CIL retained for the year 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023 if £4358.73.
- The precept had been requested.
- As at 22.01.2024 there is £10,829.90 in the Parish accounts. The financial position can be broken down as follows:

BOOK	PARISH	CIL ELEMENT	GRANT
Income	£17537.05	£10,050.46	£800.00
Expenditure	£6707.15		
Total	£10,829.90	£6686.59	£800.00

12 Accounts for Payment

Name	Details	Amount
Brindie Community Hall	Room Hire for 22.01.2024	£20.00
Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll fees Oct, Nov, Dec 2023	£108.00

Copy invoices were circulated prior to and were available for inspection at the meeting. The accounts were approved, and cheques signed/authority confirmed for electronic payment.

13 Environmental Issues and Concerns

The Clerk reported that the Top Oth Lane fly tipping case was still with the Chorley BC Legal Dept for confirmation of next steps and as a consequence an update is not available.

RESOLVED

Clerk to chase.

14 Future Parish Council Projects

Following a discussion, the Parish Councilors agreed that the following would be progressed at this stage:

- Parish Council Notice Boards at the Church and Top O'th' Lane;
- Parish Found Information Board; and
- Withnell Fold Walk

RESOLVED

Clerk to undertake full research into the above projects to include price/quality, value for money and life cycle costing for a decision to be taken by the Councilors.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Metcalfe regarding the Withnell Fold Walk and potential grant funding opportunity.

15 Chorley Borough Council Neighbourhood Meetings

The potential of the Parish Council making a grant application in respect of funding towards the Withnell Fold Walks was discussed, with a Proposal Form to be completed no later than the 5 February 2024. Cllr Metcalfe would try and walk the route to determine what action was required.

Other options discussed included community Defibrillator training or a community vegetable plot.

RESOLVED

The Clerk and Cllr Metcalfe would research and consider making an application for a neighbourhood grant. There would be consideration of Defibrillator training and/or a community vegetable plot at a later date.

16 Brindle St James Primary School Anniversary Committee

Cllr McGovern was not present at the meeting to provide a report.

RESOLVED

The Clerk would contact the school to obtain details of the next meeting date.

17 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2024

Cllr Cranshaw had attended Brindle St James Primary School to present it with the Highly Commended Certificate in the School category. It is reported that the school was delighted and proud at receiving the award.

The Clerk provided details of the 2024 competition, and it was agreed that Brindle PC would enter the village together with some Outstanding Features (for example the school, the Parish Pound, Notice Boards) in the competition.

The entry fee is £25.00

RESOLVED

The Clerk to complete the Application.

18 Migrating Toad Signs

A request from the community was presented to the meeting, together with evidence. The cost of two signs is estimated at £48.00 plus VAT. After due consideration, the Parish Cllrs agreed to provide a grant representing 50% of the estimated cost.

RESOLVED

Clerk to inform the member of the community and raise a cheque.

19 Any Urgent Business

- (i) Flooding and pothole Lower Copthurst near Denham Springs Dairy. Cllr Metcalfe agreed to make the report.
- (ii) Brindle Community Notice Board facebook page

A concern was raised regarding the naming of individual members of the Parish Council in posts on the above facebook page, which is not a formal route of communication for the Parish Council, and which is run and moderated by the community.

The Parish Council welcomed enquiries but requested they were made in a courteous and respectful manner, via members of the Parish Council themselves or the email address.

20 Date of Next Meeting

18 March 2024 (also Parish Meeting) at Brindle Community Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Date

Signed

18/03/2024

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Chair