

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2014  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

**PRESENT:-**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- COUNTY COUNCILLOR M. DEVANEY AND A MEMBER  
OF THE PUBLIC.**

**3912. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from apologies were submitted from Councillors  
W. Nelson and District Councillor D. Dickinson

**3913. 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  
9th November 2014.

**3914. 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 declared an interest at this stage.

**3915. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 29th  
September 2014 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record  
and signed by the Chairman.

**3916 ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO  
RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS  
DEALT WITH. THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT WISH TO  
RAISE ANY MATTERS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL RESUMED THE BUSINESS  
OF THE MEETING .**

**3917. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

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The Clerk circulated the current police newsletter which reported one incident in the Parish.

The Clerk reported on the Police Air Support PACT Meeting on 17th October 2014..

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported on the PACT Meeting held on held on 4th November 2014 at Clayton Brook.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

### **(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:**

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

Resolved: - That the report be accepted .

### **3918. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities including the possible designation of the Community Hall and Field as a Centenary Field and the suggestion that a defibrillator be provided at the Community Hall.

At the last meeting the Clerk reported a complaint from a local resident that the wheelies bins at the Community Hall were being overfilled and the lids left open which he suggested had contributed to an outbreak of vermin in Water Street.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported the outcome of his discussions with the Management Committee.

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.*

### **3919. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

The Clerk had also received a copy of LALC Annual Accounts for 2013/14.

Councillor Sharratt and the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the LALC AGM held on 8th November 2014.

Councillor Sharratt indicated that copies of the Annual Report were only handed round prior to the meeting.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that it was intended to relaunch the Community Car Scheme.

Also the Annual Lancashire County Council and Parish Councils Conference would now be held on 21st March 2015 at Burnley Town Hall.

Resolved: - That the reports be accepted and that details of the Community Car Scheme be placed on the Parish Council Notice Boards and Brindle Voice.

**3920. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**(A). LITTER BINS:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Neighbourhood Officer was still investigating the provision of a dog/waste bin at the Brindle side of Brindle Lodge.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

**(B). ROAD SURFACE - HOUGH HOUSE HOLT LANE :**

The Clerk had requested the County Council to complete the repair work at this location. However, following an inspection the County Council had indicated that no further work was required.

It was also reported that there were several potholes along the length of Hillhouse Lane and Private Road. These had previously been reported to the County Council.

Councillor Hindle informed the Parish Council that the County Council had marked the potholes and it appeared that repair work was planned.

He also asked if any further information had been forthcoming regarding the County Council's policy relating to the requirements for the filling of potholes following the additional allocation granted by the Government.

County Councillor Devaney reported that the policy had not changed and that the County Council was concentrating on the repair and maintenance of footpaths and footways as these had been neglected in the past.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

**(C). MARSH LANE:**

It was reported that the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) and the Clerk had met a representative of the Highways Authority regarding the lack of progress on this issue and were informed that Marsh Lane had in fact been closed on 2nd September for work to the gullies but this did not extend to Harry Croft.

The County Council was currently investigating the situation at Harry Croft.

The Member of the Public present indicated that the flooding still occurred at Harry Croft.

Resolved:- County Councillor Devaney discuss the problems at Harry Croft with the County Council.

**(D). FOOTPATH SIGN FOOTPATH 37 WINDMILL LANE:**

The Clerk had contacted County Councillor Devaney regarding the delay in erecting the sign and it had been agreed to deliver a new sign.

This had been done and the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had agreed to erect it.

Resolved:- That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) be thanked for this.

**(E). KERB STONES - PRIVATE ROAD:**

Following a site visit the Clerk reported that the County Council were not proposing to re-lay the edging as this would necessitate a road closure and the permission of the land owner.

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It was intended that the gap between the road and the carriageway would be cleaned out and filled.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that this work had not been done.

Resolved:- That the Clerk remind the County Council about the need for repairs to be done.

### (G). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer had made arrangements to replace the missing sign but this would be dealt with in order of priority.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Devaney be asked to investigate this matter.

### (H). USE OF SPID DEVICES:

The Clerk had contacted Wheelton Parish Council regarding the use of their SPID device in Brindle and a response was awaited.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### (I). FLOODING - LOWER COPTHURST:

The Clerk had reported this situation to United Utilities who had replied that it was the responsibility of the Environment Agency he had contacted Councillor Baldwin who disputed this.

The Clerk had asked United Utilities to contact Councillor Baldwin they had not done so.

Resolved:- That United Utilities be asked to contact Councillor Baldwin again about about this.

### (J). JAPANESE KNOTWEED:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had requested details of the specific locations in the Parish where this was growing.

It was felt that this be left until the spring when the weed was growing.

Resolved:- That the course of action suggested be agreed.

### (K). STREET NAMEPLATES:

It was reported that the nameplates at Back Lane and Holt Lane (at its junction with Denham Lane) had fallen off and needed refixing.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the Neighbourhood Officer.

### (L). SPRAYING OF GRASS VERGES:

It was reported that Chorley Council had sprayed the verges with herbicides on Holt Lane and Birchin Lane which had had a detrimental effect.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the reasons for this.

### (M). WHITE RAILINGS - PIPPIN STREET:

Councillor Mrs Robinson asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the white railings.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) explained the history of this.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### (N). WINTER BRIEFING NOTE:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the County Council's Winter Briefing Note.

Resolved:- That details be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards and in Brindle Voice.

## **(O). HIGHWAYS PROJECTS 2015/16:**

Councillor Hindle asked if there were any highways projects scheduled for Brindle during 2015/16.

County Councillor Devaney reported that the programme was currently under consideration by the County Council. If the Parish Council wished any projects to be considered they should submit them to the County Council.

Resolved:- That Members be asked to consider projects for inclusion in the Highways Improvement Programme 2015/16 and submit them to the Clerk.

## **(P). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:**

A local resident reported that the footway near Woodville in Smithy Lane was badly damaged and required attention.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

## **(O). PIPPIN STREET:**

A local resident reported that there was running water on Pippin Street near Wilcock Farm. It was also reported that the road surface near to the entrance to Waterworks House was in need of repair.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to investigate this.

## **(Q). SLOW SIGN NEAR TO CROSSKEYS - SANDY LANE:**

A local resident reported that the Slow markings on the B5256 Sandy Lane near to the Cross Keys required attention as it was near to the T junction with Smithy Lane.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

## **3921. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

## **3922. PLANNING REPORT:**

### **(A). DECISIONS:**

The Clerk reported no applications had been granted since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

With regard to the development of an agricultural storage building Pippin Fold Pippin Street (App no 14/00314/FUL) Applicant Mr. Dewhurst.

The Enforcement Officer had visited the site a couple of times and whilst he had seen some machinery on the site there had been no other activity and therefore he would monitor further.

A local resident had agreed to log any vehicle movements to and from the site, and whether these had involved the delivery of any vehicles to the site. This would assist in determining whether there has been a breach of planning control.

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Resolved: That the reports be accepted and the Clerk liaise with the Enforcement Officer on a regular basis regarding the use of this site.

### **(B). APPLICATIONS:**

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

1. Erection of detached garage building with storage, Reservoir adjacent to Brindle Waterworks House Pippin Street (App no 14/00939/FUL) Applicant Mr. Robinson.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council and no observations had been made .

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

*Councillor Mrs Robinson declared a financial interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting*

2. Resubmission of application ref no 14/00030/FUL for the erection of two storey side extension with basement below Weavers Cottage Holt Lane (App no 14/01146/FUL) Applicant Mr .Stead.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council .

Councillor Nelson had commented that the site location plan did not show the already built extension to Stone Cottage to the left next door giving an impression of a bigger space between the properties.

Resolved:- (1) That the Parish Council draw attention to the anomaly in the Site Location Plan as indicated.

(2) That the objections to the previous application be reiterated i.e.

The proposal was an overdevelopment of the site.

The development would overlook the adjoining property.

In addition any rendering should be in stone in keeping with other properties in the area.

(3) That the Clerk notify Chorley Council of the comments made.

### **(C). CHORLEY LOCAL PLAN - SITES FOR TRAVELLERS:**

The Clerk reported that he had been notified of changes to the Local Plan to include a site for travellers at Cowling Chorley. The Parish Council were asked for their observations. No comments were made.

Resolved:- That no observations be made.

### **(D). CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been asked for its comments on the proposed Refresh of the Strategic Plan, The County Council's Mineral and Waste

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Local Plan Review, Statement of Community Involvement Review, the Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document and the South Ribble Cuerden Strategic Site Masterplan.

Resolved:- That details be circulated to all Members of the Parish Council for comment.

### 3923. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Stationery and Print Cartridges	£39.83.
*2. Douglas Tonks Ltd	Payroll - June - September 2014	£1038.80
3. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room November	£17.50

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

\*Payment by Direct Debit.

### 3924. HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Clerk submitted a half-yearly financial statement (circulated) to 30th September 2014 indicating deposits of £14343.91 and expenditure of £3486.05 leaving a balance of £10857.66. A forward projection of expenditure to the year-end would amount to £9851.00 and give an estimated balance of £4492.91.

The financial statement was accepted and referred to the Independent Financial Auditor. The Accounts Book signed was by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) and Clerk.

### 3925. BUDGET PROCESS:

The Clerk submitted a report on the process for the making of the annual budget.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### 3926. PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES 2015/16:

The Clerk submitted a report (circulated) dealing with the Parish Council's Estimates for 2015/16, the report gave details of actual spending in 2013/14 together with an update of spending in the current financial year and together with an estimate for 2014/15. He also reminded the Parish Council of the grant element contained in the precept in relation to welfare payments.

Resolved:- That subject to the the Clerk ascertaining amount of welfare payments required from Chorley Council, the Estimates as set out below be approved and that the Parish Council's 2015/16 precept on Chorley Council amount to £6,800.00.

### DRAFT ESTIMATES 2015/2016

LAST YEAR 2013/14	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YEAR 2014/2015/ESTIMATES 2015/16	
ACTUAL £		ORIGINAL 2013/14	ESTIMATES 2014/15

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		£	£
RECEIPTS			
6037.51	B/FWD	7165.45	7165.45
6800.00	PRECEPT	6800.00	6800.00
318.43	VAT	151.56	160.00
11.84	INTEREST	10.00	10.00
212.29	HOGHTON STATIONERY REFUND	240.00	240.00
455.21	QUEEN`S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT - DONATION BRINDLE ESTATE	NIL	NIL
13835.28	TOTAL RECEIPTS	14367.01	7359.45
PAYMENTS			
3884.31	PAYROLL	4200.00	4400.00
750.00	GRANTS – SECTION 137 PAYMENTS	750.00	800.00
284.90	INSURANCE	350.00	350.00
220.00	LAPTC SUBSCRIPTION	250.00	250.00
194.00	AUDIT FEES	50.00	50.00
147.50	HIRE OF ROOMS	155.00	175.00
577.40	STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT	600.00	650.00
60.00	TRAINING	50.00	60.00
NIL	WREATH	15.00	30.00
624.92	LOAN REPAYMENTS	625.00	625.00



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1087.50	COMMEMORATION OF WORLD WAR ONES DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENTS.	NIL	NIL
92.13	PARISH PLAN	500.00	500.00
NIL	NOTICE BOARDS	250.00	300.00
200.00	ELECTION FEES	200.00	400.00
12.00	BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION	12.00	12.00
NIL	DENHAM QUARRY MANAGMENT PLAN	500.00	500.00
150.00	COMMEMORATION OF WORLD WAR ONE	300.00	300.00
NIL	PARISH POUND	300.00	300.00
NIL	HIRE OF SPID	500.00	500.00
NIL	WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS	300.00	300.00
8284.66	TOTAL	9902.00	10502.00

### 3927. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

#### (A). BOFFS:

The Clerk submitted a grant application from the organisation.

Resolved: - That a grant of £75.00 be made to the Brindle Over Fifty Fives Club.

#### (B). BRINDLE GARDENING CLUB:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Chair of the Gardening Club for a donation towards their running costs.

Resolved: - That a grant of £75.00 be made to the Brindle Gardening Club.

#### (C). BRINDLE ARTS GROUP:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Secretary of the Group for a grant toward their activities.

Resolved: That further information be requested to enable the Parish Council to assess the suitability for grant aid.

### 3928. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the estimate for the provision of doors to the Notice Boards at the Parish Church and Top oth Lane was £300.00.

Resolved:- That the estimate be accepted and Mr. Fowler the joiner be asked to put the work in hand, and that he be asked to carry out similar work to the notice board at Bournes Row.

3929. IRON MAN EVENT:

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the meeting with the organisers 15th October 2014 to review the event. The next race would be held on 19th July 2015 and the Church Authorities had been notified.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### 3930. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation following the meeting with Mr Carson of Chorley Council to discuss the future management and upkeep of the Quarry.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### 3931. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that the County Council and Chorley Council had approved siting of benches suggested by the Parish Council **except for the one on Hill House Lane . This was felt to be an inappropriate site for safety reasons, as it would be located on a bend, on a de-restricted road, also the bench was not passively safe.**

The Parish Council discussed the location of the benches.

Councillor Sharratt reported that Himalayan Balsam was a problem in Denham Lane.

Resolved:- (1) That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) investigate the suitability of locating the site for the bench at Denham Lane and the junction of Holt Lane to the grass verge opposite and inform the Clerk.

(2) That in the meantime the Clerk contact Brindle St Joseph`s Church regarding the siting of the bench in Private Road.

### **3932. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:**

The Clerk submitted the Judges` report on the Parish.

Resolved: - That Judges Report be noted .

### **3933. PLANTING OF DAFFODIL BULBS :**

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had offered daffodil bulbs for planting in the Parish.

Resolved: - That the Clerk approach organisations within the Parish regarding the planting of the bulbs..

### **3934. CHAMPION FOR RURAL AREAS - CHORLEY COUNCIL:**

The Clerk submitted a letter from District Councillor Whittaker following his appointment by Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the letter be noted.

### 3935. EASTERN PARISHES - PROJECTS:

The Clerk reported that the new Neighbourhood Team Manager had requested the Parish Council to identify projects in the Parish to be undertaken under the Neighbourhood Initiative.

The Parish Council felt that projects be undertaken at Denham Quarry and the Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed.

### 3936. REVIEW OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Lancashire County Council was

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starting work on a revised Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) for Lancashire. They would be consulting on the draft in due course but in the meantime if any consultee wished to make a representation to support the assessment of need they would take this into account when preparing the draft.

Resolved;- That no observations be made.

### 3937. EQUALITY FORUM:

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Forum held on 20th October 2014. In particular he referred to the introduction of a Meals on Wheels Scheme by Chorley Council and the change to the name of the Forum which would be known as the Equalities Group in future.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and that details of the Meals on Wheels scheme be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

### **3938. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 12th January 2015 at.7. 30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**12TH JANUARY 2015.**