

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2014
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, MRS S. LONG, W. NELSON, T. SHARRATT AND J.
SWANN.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D.DICKINSON AND FIVE
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

3889. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors C.Hindle and Mrs B. Robinson.

3890. 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.

3891. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 11th August 2014 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3892. ADJOURNMENT:

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO
RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS
DEALT WITH. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING
ISSUE.**

BOURNES ROW - POTHoles:

A Member of the Public reported that some repair work had been carried out to the carriage way in Bournes Row. However some potholes had not been filled in. He felt that the pothole outside his property 8 Bournes Row was particularly dangerous and required urgent attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify the County Council's Highways Department about this.

THERE WERE NO FURTHER ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THIS STAGE AND THE PARISH COUNCIL RESUMED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING .

3893. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the current Air Support and local police newsletters together with the latest Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter.

He also circulated an invitation to the Parish Council regarding their attendance at the last ever Police Air Support PACT Meeting on 17th October 2014 at 10.00 a.m. at the Black Horse Gregson Lane.

Councillor Sharratt indicated he would be attending.

The police newsletter stated that there had been one reported incident of crime in Brindle during the period to September 2014.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported on the PACT Meeting held on 2nd September, the next PACT meeting would be held on 7th October 2014 at Clayton Brook.

The Clerk reported changes to the In The Know Police Newsletter.

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 .

3894. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities including the possible designation of the Community Hall and Field as a Centenary Field.

The Clerk reported that he had received 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 Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the problems with vermin had been previously identified and reported to the Pest Control Officer.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted and that the attention of the Community Hall Management Committee be drawn to the problems with the litter bins.

3895. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

Resolved: - That the reports be accepted.

3896. 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 :

At the last meeting it was reported that the edge of the highway near Hough House on Holt Lane was deteriorating. It was understood that some work had been done but further work was required.

Resolved:- That the Clerk request the County Council to complete the work.

(C). MARSH LANE:

The Parish Council was informed that Marsh Lane had not been closed on 2nd September for work to the gullies.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) and the Clerk meet representatives of the Highways Authority regarding the lack of progress on this issue.

(D). FOOTPATH SIGN FOOTPATH 37 WINDMILL LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that the sign had still not been erected.

The Clerk had contacted County Councillor Devaney regarding the delay in erecting the sign.

Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council that the County Council had a statutory obligation to replace this sign.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(E). ROAD MARKINGS - SMITHY CLOSE /SMITHY LANE.

The County Council had arranged for the white line markings to be repainted.

Resolved :- That the report be accepted.

(F). KERB STONES - PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had inspected the site and there did not appear to be any further movement. They were not proposing to re-lay the edging as this would necessitate a road closure and the permission of the land owner.

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 issue be mentioned at the proposed meeting with the County Council regarding Highway matters in the Parish.

(G). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:

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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 deal with 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). LANCASHIRE LOST WAYS PROJECT:

Councillor Sharratt had previously queried whether this applied to bridleways and the County Council was asked if this was the case. District Councillor Dickinson had raised the issue of bridleways with County Councillor Devaney and he had confirmed that bridleways would be included in the project.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(J). OLD WORKHOUSE SITE -TOP OTH LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that following complaints from residents at Top oth Lane he had requested Chorley Council, the owners, to tidy up the site.

A local resident confirmed that the site had been strimmed and offered for rental as allotments, however, there had been no takers.

It was felt that further investigations be made by Chorley Council regarding the use of the land.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to inform the Parish Council on the future use of this land.

(K). WINDMILL LANE TO DOVER LANE:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had replied that it did not propose to make any further passing places or impose a 20 mph limit on Windmill Lane and Dover Lane.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(L). JAPANESE KNOTWEED:

The Clerk reported that the County Council were investigating the areas in the Parish where this was growing.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

(M). GRASS CUTTING:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had now cut the grassed verges in Hillhouse Lane, Oram Road and Private Road had been missed during the recent grass cutting exercise.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(N). HEDGE - GORTON BROOK:

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Councillor Nelson that he had received a complaint that the hedge on the bend between the new development at Pippin Street Farm and the junction at Gorton Brook Farm was overgrown and needed cutting back. Chorley Council had inspected the area and had not found any overgrown hedges.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(O). FLOODING - LOWER COPTHURST:

Councillor Baldwin reported that in the past he had mentioned the problems at Lower Copthurst and United Utilities had carried at an inspection but nothing further had been done. He also reported that the water from the canal was not running into the drain and flooding onto the carriageway.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact United Utilities about this.

(P). TEMPORARY CLOSURE - WINDMILL LANE AND BACK LANE:

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The Clerk reported that he had been notified by the County Council that Windmill Lane would be closed from 09.30 to 15.30 on 17th December and Back Lane closed from 0930 to 1530 on 18th December 2014 to allow BT to lay new cables.

The alternative route was via Dover Lane and Sandy Lane.

Resolved:- That the temporary closures be noted.

3897. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

3898. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

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

With regard to the decision to grant the erection of Agricultural Storage Building Pippin Fold Pippin Street (App no 14/00314/FUL) Applicant Mr. Dewhurst.

The response from the Chief Executive had been circulated by the Clerk. The letter proposed that residents should monitor the situation by completing a form dating times and type of activities taking place.

The Enforcement Officer would also undertake unannounced visits to the site.

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 no applications had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C) MINERALS LOCAL PLAN NEWSLETTER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Autumn newsletter.

Resolved:- That the newsletter be noted.

3899. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Print Cartridges	£39.92.
2. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room September 2014	£17.50
3. D. Metcalfe	Website Registration (two year rental)	£107.39

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Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

3900. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

(A). BRINDLE VOICE:

The Treasurer of St. James Parish Church submitted a request for a donation towards the publication costs of the magazine. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that the magazine published reports on meetings of the Parish Council.

In the past County Councillor Devaney indicated that he had funds available and could make a grant to this organisation.

Resolved: - (1) That in view of the publication of Parish Council proceedings in the magazine a donation of £100.00 be made to Brindle Voice.

(2) That the Treasurer be requested to contact County Councillor Devaney regarding the possible making of a grant.

(B). BRINDLE ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH MOTHER`S UNION:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Chair of the Mother`s Union for a donation towards their running costs.

The Parish Council was reminded of its policy of not making grants to church organisations.

Resolved:-That the Parish Council adhere to its existing policy.

3901. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2013/14:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Accounts for 2013/14 has been completed and a minor issue relating to the grant element had been highlighted. The completion of the audit had been publicised and following the introduction of new audit arrangements no fee was payable.

Resolved: That the audit opinion be noted and the Annual Return be approved and adopted.

3902. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported the current position regarding the provision of doors to the notice boards.

He also reported that the vegetation round the notice board at Top oth Lane needed cutting back.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and Councillor Baldwin make arrangements to tidy up the notice board at Top oth Lane.

3903. IRON MAN EVENT:

The Clerk reported that arrangements had been made to review the event with the organisers on 15th October 2014.

Local residents present commented on the event.

The Clerk reported that a local resident had contacted him regarding the substantial increase in cyclists and cycling clubs using Top oth Lane and had asked what could be done to make them more aware of issues for local

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residents. Whilst it was possible to inform the organisers of the Iron Man event, there were other cycling organisations and individual cyclists using the lanes in the Parish that the Parish Council could not contact.

Resolved:- (1). That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) be requested to meet representatives of the Organisers of the Iron Man event on 15th October 2014 and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

(2) That the Clerk respond to the local resident regarding the use of Top oth lane by cyclists.

3904. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the outcome of the meeting with Mr Carson of Chorley Council to discuss the future management and upkeep of the Quarry held on 14th August 2014.

Resolved:- (1) That the Clerk write to Chorley Council seeking their assistance in the maintenance of the Quarry and that they involve the Parish Council in all future discussions regarding the use of the Quarry.

(2) That the Northern Parishes Neighbourhood Committee be asked to consider Denham Quarry at its next meeting.

3905. PARISH PLAN - PUBLIC SEATING:

The Clerk reported that he was making arrangements to discuss the siting of benches for public seating with the Highways Authority.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3906. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The Clerk reported that he had received an invitation from the Brindle St. James Parochial Church Council inviting the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Church of St. James on Sunday 9th November 2014 at 10.45 a.m.

Resolved: - That the invitation be accepted, that a wreath be purchased to be laid at the Memorial to the Fallen by the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) on behalf of the Parish Council and that the wording on the wreath be as follows "In memory of all in the Parish who gave their lives."

3907. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - RESULTS :

The Clerk referred to the 2014 Best Kept Village Competition and informed the Parish Council that Village had finished 9th in the Small Villages Category the Temporary Closure of the Cavendish Arms had been the major factor in the judges decision.

The Clerk had asked for a copy of the Judges report.

Resolved: - That the report be awaited.

3908. CHINESE LANTERNS:

Councillor Sharratt referred to the Parish Council's previously stated opinion on Chinese Lanterns and the action it had taken in the past in requesting legislation prohibiting their use.

The Government had indicated it was looking into this suggestion.

He reported that he had recently become aware that a new industry code of practice had been issued but it ws not clear whether regulations were to be introduced with force of law or merely the suggested code of practice. He recommended that the

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Parish Council contact the local MP to see what had been introduced and to obtain a copy of it to see what exactly had been done.

Resolved:- That the Clerk write to the Local MP regarding this matter.

3909. CAVENDISH ARMS - BEER FESTIVAL:

The Clerk reported on the action taken by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) to inform residents about the Festival and of the comments received following it . It was further reported that the Tenant wished to maintain the dialogue with the Parish Council regarding future events at the Cavendish Arms.

Resolved:- (1) That the action taken by the Chairman (Councillor D, Cranshaw) be agreed and that he be thanked for undertaking the discussions on behalf of the Parish Council.

(2). That a letter be sent to the landlady of the Cavendish Arms thanking her for her co-operation with regard to the recent Beer Festival.

3910. PHONE BOX -TOP OTH LANE:

Two of the Members of the Public present suggested that a defibrillator be located in the phone box. This would require the involvement of North West Ambulance or the British Heart Foundation and entail Top oth Lane residents being trained in the use of the equipment. It was felt that this was appropriate in view of the number of walkers and cyclists using the area.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact BT regarding using the phone box for this purpose.

3911. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 10th November 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

10TH NOVEMBER 2014.