

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL WATER STREET BRINDLE.

PRESENT:-

COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, Ms L. CROASDALE, W. NELSON, AND MRS
B.ROBINSON.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS AND ONE
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

5126. COUNCILLOR J. BALDWIN:

Councillor Baldwin was elected to the Parish Council in May 1996.

The Parish Council congratulated Councillor Baldwin on his 25 years of service as a Member of the Parish Council and arrangements would be made for a presentation to mark the event.

5127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Dr. Ms P. McGovern and J. Swann.

5128. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:

The Clerk reminded Members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. No one did so at this stage.

5129. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th August 2021 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw).

5130. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**AS NO ISSUES WERE RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:-**

5131. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police were not present.

At the last meeting reference was made to the theft of stone flags. CCTV footage had been made of the theft and offered to the police.

This was subsequently acknowledged and they were taking action on the matter.

In the meantime a photograph of the vehicle involved in the theft had been circulated and it had been identified as a Vauxhall Corsa van 58 plate. The back windows were painted out.

Details had been sent to the police and circulated to all Members.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on views of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding policing in Rural Areas and in particular attendance at Parish Council Meetings which was raised at his recent meeting with LALC.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

5132. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current developments.

There still remained a vacancy for a Parish Council representative.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being a representative of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.

5133. LALC Report:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) in his role as Chairman of the Association circulated updates from LALC on current issues. Various consultation documents had been circulated since the last meeting.

The Parish Council was reminded that 77th LALC AGM would be held on 20th November 2021 via Zoom.

Notification of delegates was required by 15th October 2021 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by the same date.

Further consideration was given to the appointment of delegates and any possible resolutions for discussion at the AGM.

No resolutions were proposed and the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) was appointed the Parish Council's delegate to the AGM.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being a representative of the Parish Council on the LALC.

5134. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

(i) WATER STREET:

County Councillor Cullens reported on the response from the Highways Department to the flooding in Water Street.

Drainage work had been included on a list of small improvements but the County Council were unable to specify when the work would be done,

Once completed they would be monitored for their effectiveness.

If necessary they would contact neighbouring landowners and encourage them to take steps to manage run off from their fields. However, they had no powers to make local farmers do anything because the run off from their land was a natural process

They had suggested that the Parish Council should raise this topic with the relevant farmers to see if they would be willing to consider options for alleviating the flooding.

The County Council's Flood Risk Management Team would be able to offer advice.

It was suggested that the drainage problem could relate to an ancient well which was located nearby.

The County Council would be informed and asked to investigate this possibility.

The problems of flooding in Pippin Street was currently under review by the County Council.

(B). FOOTPATH STILES:

The repair of the stiles on the footpath near the M65 underpass and at Workhouse Lane were still to be completed.

(C). WITHNELL FOLD NATURE RESERVE:

A site meeting had been arranged with the County Council's Countryside Officer on Wednesday 29th September 2021.

(D). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE - SANDY LANE:

The issues regarding raised manholes, the defective street light, a rat problem and overgrown hedges continued and had been raised again with the County Council and Chorley Council.

It was also reported that a wasps' nest was causing problems and had been reported to Chorley Council.

Estimates for the resurfacing of the ginnel had been obtained,

There was discussion on the question of ownership of the Ginnel.

It was agreed that further investigations be made regarding this.

(E). DOVER LANE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

Dover Lane would be closed temporarily from 1st November to 5th November 2021 to enable Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West to install a new customer connection. The alternative route was Houghton Lane - Sandy Lane - Windmill Lane.

(F). PIPPIN STREET:

The County Council was investigating the situation regarding the hump which had been constructed at the entrance to Pippin Fold Pippin Street.

(G). STREET SIGNS:

1.TOP OTH LANE :

The sign had been damaged and this would be reported to Chorley Council.

2. BRINDLE SIGN - SANDY LANE:

One of the signs on Sandy Lane was defective. This would be reported to Chorley Council.

5135. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Details of the matters affecting the Parish Council were reported.

5136. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The following decisions on the applications had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) 22 Smithy Close . (App no 21/00791/FULHH). - Granted.
2. First floor extension to existing detached garage to provide home office space Windmill Hill Farm Sandy Lane (App no 21/00537/FULHH) - Withdrawn.
3. Section 73 Application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 19/00623/FUL) (Conversion of existing barns to 4 dwellings and erection of 3 garages) to amend garage types Leigh Farm Marsh Lane. (App no 21/00308/FUL).- Granted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The following applications had been submitted since the last meeting.

1. Single storey side and rear extensions dormers to rear, digging out to rear of of property to expose basement window and internal and external renovations Beech Cottage Water Street.(App no 21/00914/FUL).
2. Listed Building Consent for single storey side and rear extensions dormers to rear, digging out to rear of of property to expose basement window and internal and external renovations Beech Cottage Water Street.(App no 21/00915/LBC).
3. Application to discharge condition 10 (written scheme of investigation) of planning permission 19/00705/FUL (Conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of detached

garage) and condition 7 (written scheme of investigation.) of listed building consent 21/00547/LBC. (Application for listed building consent for works in association with the conversion of the barn to a dwelling as permitted under planning permission 19/00705/FUL (Conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of detached garage) Tullis Farmhouse Barn Sandy Lane. (App no 21/00938/DIS.)

4. Building up the existing stone boundary wall to 1.5 metres in height , the provision of new replacement access gates and erection of a timber shelter within school grounds St. James CE School Water Street.(App no 21/01066/FUL).

Details had been circulated and no comments were made.

Chorley Council would be informed.

5137. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk reported the following accounts for payment .

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room September 2021	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Print Cartridges Stationery and Cyber Security renewal	£59.06
3. H. Fowler Joinery.	Notice Board - Bournes Row	£350.00
4. D. Metcalfe	Website Renewal	£143.71
5. Chorley Council	Uncontested Election Fees	£389.93

5138. VAT REPAYMENT:

VAT for 2020/21 amounting to £157.36 had been reclaimed and paid into the bank account.

5139. RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) and the Clerk had inspected the benches and notice boards.

Arrangements were being made to carry out repairs to the notice board at the Parish Church and improvements to the board at Top oth Lane.

The Vice Chairman had agreed to strim round the overgrown vegetation at the benches.

5140. PARISH POUND:

The Parish Council was informed of the current situation concerning the gate at the Pound.

5141. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:

The invoice for the provision of the signs amounting to £1078.58 had been agreed and paid. Arrangements were being made to erect the signs.

5142. THREE TREES:

Following a site meeting on 12th August 2021 to discuss the replacement of one of the trees estimates were being prepared .

5143. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Condensed versions had been submitted to Brindle Voice. Councillor Dr Ms P. McGovern was thanked for producing these.

5144. BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

The County Council was undertaking a Bus Service Improvement Plan and was conducting a survey on the strategy. Details would be circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

5145. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER:

Following advertisement of the vacancy on the Parish Council Ms C. Singleton had indicated her willingness to serve as a Co-opted Member.

Ms C. Singleton was appointed a co-opted a Member of the Parish Council for the period ending May 2024.

She then signed her acceptance of office.

5146. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
1ST NOVEMBER 2021**