

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 27TH MARCH 2017  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

**PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D. CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS MRS S. LONG AND W. NELSON.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**4414. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, C. Hindle Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann and County Councillor A. Cullens.

**4415. COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS:**

The Parish Council was informed that County Councillor would not be seeking re-election at the County Council Elections in May.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Cullens be thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Parish Council.

**4416. MR. J. PEET:**

The Parish Council was informed that Mr. Peet the Neighbourhood Officer at Chorley would be leaving the Council on 21st April 2017.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council place on record its appreciation of the work of Mr. Peet as Neighbourhood Officer in the Parish and he be wished a long and happy retirement

**4417. 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 did so at this stage.

**4418. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2017 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4419. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Demolition of existing rear porch proposed construction of a front porch and construction of two storey rear extension 22 Top oth Lane. (App no 16/01190/FULHH) Applicants Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood.

Details had been circulated to all Members and the following comments had been received.

The placing of a window which directly overlooks the neighbouring property is not appropriate.

The proposed wall is out keeping with surrounding character of the area.

The construction of the development will necessitate access from the adjoining property.

As the house has a sizeable front garden it would be more appropriate to reduce the rear to a single storey and erect a single storey front extension with an integral porch.

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council of the comments.

In addition copies of letters of objection which residents at Top oth Lane had submitted to Chorley Council were circulated.

The Members of the Public present addressed the Parish Council regarding their concerns and submitted further evidence relating to the effect the development would have on properties at Top oth Lane.

Chorley Council had been asked to refer the development to the Development Control Committee but the officers felt that this was not appropriate and should be dealt with under delegated powers.

Resolved:- (a) That the Parish Council objects to this proposal on the following grounds:-

1. The proposal is an over development of the site.
2. It is inappropriate in this locality.
3. It would result in overshadowing of the neighbouring properties
4. It is detrimental to the area
5. It is contrary to design guidance.

(b) The Parish Council requests that the application should be considered by the Development Control Sub Committee in light of the issues it raises.

**THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

**4420. FILLING OF VACANCY:**

The Clerk reported that following advertisement of the vacancy by Chorley Council no names had been put forward for election to the Parish Council and the vacancy could now be filled by co-option.

A notice would be published inviting nominations for co-option.

Resolved:- That the arrangements be noted.

**4421. POLICE REPORT:**

The Police did not attend.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the fire at Brindle St. Joseph's RC Primary School. Councillors Mrs Long and W. Nelson made reference to recent break ins.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

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

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

He also referred to a 'Friends Against Scams' Event organised by the Lancashire Trading Standards at County Hall on 26th April 2017. Details had been circulated to all Members.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

**4422. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities.

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.*

**4423. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

The Clerk reported that the LALC Spring Conference would be held at the Leyland Hotel on 13th May 2017. The event would be free of charge to members of LALC.

The Clerk also submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2017/18 amounting to £220.76 compared with the figure for 2016/17 of £241.04 a reduction of £20.28.

The Clerk requested the Parish Council to decide whether it wished to continue membership of the organisation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and the Parish Council agrees to continue its membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and to the payment of the Annual Subscription fees in the sum of £220.76.

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*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw ) declared a personal and non prejudicial interests in this matter in respect of being Vice Chairman of the Association and took no part in the discussion.*

### **4424. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). FLOODING:**

The Clerk reported latest situation regarding the clearing of gullies, and ditches ;

According to the County Council the ditch in Water Street had been cleared in September 2016 and Pippin Street had been cleaned in December 2016. The drains in Denham Lane could not be cleaned because cars were parked over the gullies and access could not be gained.

With regard to ditches in Windmill Lane, Dover Lane and Duxon Hill the County Council had contacted the landowners but a response was awaited.

The blocked drains at Birch Lane and at Oram Road near Yew Tree Cottage would also be looked at.

The County Council had reported that the drains in Marsh Lane had been cleaned in February 2017.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) disputed this. He had surveyed Marsh Lane, including Harry Croft and with the exception of gulleys west of Lower Hilton Farm he had found no evidence that any gully had been opened for a period of time. The edges were packed with soil and vegetation was growing. He found five gullies which did not appear on the County Council's map of gullies in Brindle and three gullies which were in the verge. Six gullies were blocked. He had indicated this information on a map and the Clerk had sent it to the County Council.

The County Council had informed the Clerk that they had contacted Councillor Swann about the culvert in Birch Lane and following an inspection the culvert had been made safe and no further work was planned.

Resolved:- (1) That the flooding situation continue to be monitored, the Clerk contact the County Council to ascertain the latest position and report the latest flooding problems.

(2.) That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) be thanked for his survey of Marsh Lane.

#### **(B). PRIVATE ROAD:**

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the work to support the carriageway and clear the gullies near Holly Bank. He had been informed that there were no funds available to do this work in the current financial year.

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

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### **(C). HOLT LANE - HIGHWAY DEFECTS:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had undertaken a site inspection following complaints from local residents and the County Council had been informed but no further action had been taken.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to expedite the work.

### **(D). MANHOLE COVERS:**

A local resident reported that the lid to the manhole at High Cop still needed attention this had been previously reported. The County Council had indicated the work had been done. It was reported that some temporary work had been done.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to arrange for the work to be permanently completed as soon as possible.

### **(E). HIGH COP:**

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the re-erection of the sign near High Cop Farm.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(F). HILLHOUSE LANE/ORAM ROAD:**

Councillor Hindle had previously reported that the sign at the junction of Hillhouse Lane and Oram Road had been knocked down. Chorley Council had been notified. He had also reported a further sign on Hillhouse Lane had been damaged. The signs were still damaged.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to repair the signs as soon as possible.

### **(G). DOVER LANE:**

At a previous meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) reported that the road surface on Dover Lane about 100 metres east of the riding stables was in need of urgent repair. He reported that the work had been done.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(H) . IRON MAN EVENT:**

The Clerk reported details of road closures relating to this event in July 2017.

Resolved;- That the report be noted.

### **(I). HIGH COP - SALT BIN:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had previously reported that the County Council was asked to repair it however, nothing had been done.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact the County Council to ask them to complete the repair as soon as possible.

### **(J). BOURNES ROW /BOURNESFIELD:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the County Council had been informed about the state of the road in Bournes Row and Bournesfield. The Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council had indicated that the carriageway would be included

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in a future maintenance programme. With regard to any potholes these would be repaired as soon as possible.

The County Council was also asked to review parking on Bournes Row and a response had been received that there were currently measures in place to deal with the issue.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(K) PIPPIN STREET:**

A resident of Pippin Street had referred to the deterioration in the road surface and the existence of a large pothole this had been reported to the County Council.

The County Council would repair the pothole and was looking into the problems of the road surface.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(L). POTHOLES:**

Councillor Nelson reported a large pothole on Sandy Lane near Holm Lea Farm.

It was also reported that the pothole at Bury Farm had been filled in.

Resolved:- That the pothole at Holm Lea Farm be reported to the County Council.

### **4425. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Councillor Mrs Long reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

### **4426. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISION:**

The Clerk reported that the following decision had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1.Reinstatement of damaged timber frame structure into residential Bury Farm Sandy Lane (App no 16/00449/FUL) Applicant Mr. Pawson.

#### **(B). APPLICATION:**

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

1. Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear porch and side conservatory 28 Bournesfield (App no 17/00167/FULHH) Applicant Mr. Thomson - Lindsay.

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

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(C) UNAUTHORISED USE - TOWN HOUSE FARM:**

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The Parish Council was informed of the latest position regarding the unauthorised use .

It was hoped the vehicles would be relocated by the end of March and the site restored to its former condition by the end of April 2017.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(D) CENTRAL LANCASHIRE EMPLOYMENT LAND STUDY - CONSULTATION:**

The Clerk submitted a consultation notification relating to the supply and demand for employment sites and premises. The Consultation Period was from 8th March to 21st April 2017.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

### **4427. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room March 2017	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Print cartridges	£51.68

### **4428. CHORLEY LIAISON:**

A report was presented on the meeting of the Chorley Liaison Committee held on 15th March 2017.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4429. BRINDLE SHOW GRANT :**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that at the last meeting it had agreed in principle to make a donation to the 2017 Show.

Resolved :- That a donation of £100.00 be made.

### **4430. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:**

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the winding up of the Trust

Resolved : That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and the Clerk be authorised signatories to the Black Rock Trust.

### **4431. DENHAM QUARRY:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that some sections of the fencing at the car park required repair.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to undertake repairs to the fencing.

### **4432. PARISH PLAN:**

The Clerk reported on the present position regarding the possible location of a stone bench in Workhouse Lane.

Chorley Council had been asked for their views on the siting of a bench at Oram Road and asked that the request be made to the County Council as highway authority.

The Clerk had submitted the request but no response had been received.

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Resolved:- That the report be noted..

### **4433. ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE :**

The Clerk reported details of the campaign by the RVS to recruit more volunteers in Chorley and South Ribble . Notices would be displayed on the Parish Council notice boards..

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **4434 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 22nd May 2017 the Annual General Meeting at.7. 30 p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

**There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**22ND MAY 2017**