

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2019
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE
CHAIRMAN) COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C. HINDLE,DR. P. McGOVERN
AND W. NELSON.**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

4573. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs S. Long, Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann.

4574. 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 made a declaration at this stage.

4575. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th February 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4576. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC DID NOT WISH TO RAISE ANY ISSUES AND
THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE
AGENDA.**

4577. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police were not present.

It was reported that the police were continuing to monitor activities at the Quarry. However it appeared that there had been an increase recently.

A report was also presented on an incident involving the police on Holt Lane.

Resolved:- That the police be informed about the increased activities at Denham Quarry and the report on the incident at Holt Lane be noted.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4578. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities including the Cuckoo Walks in April.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

4579. LALC Report:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter plus the Annual Report for 2018.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter being Chairman of the Association).

4580. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

It was reported that the ditches at Dover Lane and Windmill Lane had been cleared.

The flooding near the school in Water Street and in Pippin Street.still required attention.

Resolved:- That County Council be reminded of the areas of flooding currently outstanding.

(B). FOOTPATHS AND STILES:

It was reported that there had been no progress on the repair of the stiles. However, following a request to the Ramblers Association they had agreed to undertake a survey into the condition of the footpaths and stiles within the Parish. This was expected in June 2019.

The Parish Council would then consider a project relating to the improvement of the footpaths.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(C). INCIDENT AT MINTHOLME CROSSING:

The Clerk submitted the comments of County Councillor Snowden following a review of the Mintholme Crossing Gritting Incident.

Lancashire County Council received a call from Lancashire Police on the 31 January 2019 requesting the gritting of this section of road as cars were sliding down the hill and getting stuck. The secondary routes were in the process of been gritted when the call was received. Officers contacted the gritter for this route and they went to Gregson Lane, Brindle to complete the gritting request.

Following on from this, a reassessment was undertaken by officers of this section of Gregson Lane in line with gritting policy and taking into account the recent reports. This had concluded:-

Whilst this section of Gregson Lane would not be appropriate for treatment as part of the precautionary network as this was a relatively narrow country lane with an appropriate alternative parallel route on the A675 which was part of the precautionary network inclusion on the secondary routes would seem appropriate and this would be actioned.

This section of Gregson Lane was also subject to a 7.5 tonne weight restriction (except for access) which should prevent it's use by the majority of HGV drivers. Local businesses requiring HGVs for access should warn any drivers with legitimate access requirements that the road may present hazards.

Network Rail were responsible for the areas immediately approaching the level crossing and the Parish Council may wish to ask them to review their plans in light of the incident.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact Network Rail about the gritting of Mintholme Crossing and that in the light of the County Council comments they be asked to consider the location a grit bin near the crossing.

(D). HILLHOUSE LANE - RESURFACING:

The County Council would arrange for a further marking to be installed on the opposite approach to ensure the bend was highlighted to all approaching traffic. This would be carried out as part of scheduled lining works for the area and was expected to be completed within the next 4 to 6 weeks dependant on weather conditions.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(E). SMITHY LANE - STREET NAMEPLATE:

The Parish Council was reminded that the supports to the street nameplate required attention. This had been reported to Chorley Council.

It was also reported that there were several potholes in Smithy Lane and the road surface of Smithy Close which required attention.

The footway at 42 Smithy Close was also in need of attention

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited regarding the Street Nameplate and the County Council be asked for an update on the repairs to the potholes and footway in Smithy Close.

(F). BIRCHIN LANE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

Birchin Lane had now been resurfaced.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

(G). GREGSON LANE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

The Parish Council was reminded that the crossing at Mintholme would be closed in April 2019 for work by Network Rail.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(H). FORMER SAND PIT SANDY LANE:

A local resident asked that the former sand site should be tidied up. Chorley Council had investigated this matter and considered that the tidying up of the site was not their responsibility. Further enquiries as to the ownership of the land would be undertaken.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(I). SLACK BROOK WATER STREET:

A local resident reported that Slack Brook was culverted across Water Street. The whole area around where the old Telephone Box was situated has been cleared and tidied up, however, it had now exposed a short stretch of Slack Brook which had steep drops into the fast flowing water through the culvert. It was considered this posed a high risk to the public, particularly children on their way to and from Brindle St James' School.

The Parish Council was requested to consider how the area might be made safe.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for their views on the issues raised.

(J). HIGHWAYS BULLETIN:

The Clerk circulated the latest severe weather bulletin from the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(K). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE TO SANDY LANE:

Local residents had expressed concerns once again about the condition of the unadopted ginnel. The County Council had been asked to look into this but had indicated they did not have an involvement.

Resolved:- That estimates of the cost of repair be sought and considered by the Parish Council.

(L). REFUSE BINS MOSS BARN LANE/MARSH LANE:

A local resident reported that refuse bins were being left out on the corner of Moss Barn Lane which were a hazard for motorists.

Resolved:- That this be reported to Chorley Council.

(M). PRIVATE ROAD:

It was reported that the road had received a minor surface dressing in 2018 and it was understood that a more substantial resurfacing would take place in the future, however, the current surface was deteriorating rapidly and was uneven.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact County Councillor Snowden regarding the proposed resurfacing work.

(N). HIGH COP - FLOODING:

It was reported that water appeared to be flowing from the adjoining fields at High Cop and this constituted a flooding hazard.

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

4581. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4582. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The Clerk reported planning permission had been granted for developments in Sandy Lane and Water Street and an appeal had been lodged regarding a proposed agricultural determination at Sandy Lane since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the decisions be noted and that the Parish Council notify the Planning Inspector of its views relating to the appeal regarding the agricultural determination.

(B). Applications:

The Clerk reported that application had been submitted to Chorley Council for a development at Bournes Row since the last meeting.

Resolved:- That representations be made regarding the development.

(C). NON COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF A PLANNING PERMISSION:

A report was submitted on the non compliance with the terms of planning conditions imposed on a development off Sandy Lane (B5256).

Two further applications at this location were to be considered by the Development Control Committee at Chorley on 2nd April 2019 which the Parish Council had commented on.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council notes the non compliance with the planning conditions, objects in the strongest possible terms and requests the Planning Enforcement Officer to take any appropriate action to ensure compliance with conditions as soon as possible.

4583. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room March 2019	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Print Cartridges	£17.00.
3. CPRE	Annual Subscription 2019	£36.00

4584. PARISH POUND:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the outcome of a site meeting at the Pound on 13th March 2019. The Parish Council considered possible improvement work.

Resolved:- That further investigations be carried out before any decision is taken on the work to be undertaken.

4585. PARISH PLAN - REVIEW:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it had agreed to undertake a review of the Parish Plan. Members discussed possible projects.

Resolved:- That further investigations be made into the format of the Welcome to Brindle Signs.

4586. CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING:

A report was presented on the meeting of the Liaison Committee held on Wednesday 20th March 2019 at Chorley Town Hall. A report was presented on the work of the Special Constables in Chorley and South Ribble during 2018/19. Copies had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4587. CONSULTATIONS

(A). CPRE CAMPAIGNS:

The Clerk submitted consultation documents from CPRE regarding the recycling of plastic and the return of glass bottles.

Resolved:- That campaigns be supported.

4588. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019:

The Community Hall Management Committee and The Cavendish Arms had no objections to being put in the awards for buildings of special interest class and the Clerk had entered the village in the competition.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

4589. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 13th May 2019 the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. to be followed

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by the meeting of the Parish Council at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.50. p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
13TH MAY 2019.**