

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2013  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE.**

**PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS C. HINDLE AND T.SHARRATT.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER C. SHORT,  
AND FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**3703. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin Mrs. S. Long W. Nelson, Mrs B. Robinson and J.Swann and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

**3704. 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.

**3705. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER C. SHORT:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) on behalf of the Parish Council welcomed PCSO Short who was attending her first meeting.

**3706. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) displayed the Alan Wisdom Trophy and certificate which was presented to the Parish as runners up in the Small Village section at the awards ceremony held at the Villa, Wrea Green on 14th October 2013.

**3707. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 30th September 2013 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3708. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO  
RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING  
MATTERS DEALT WITH. THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WERE RAISED: -**

**CHORLEY MOTORCYCLE TRIALS CLUB - USE OF DENHAM QUARRY:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that following the representations made by local residents and the Parish Council the proposed use of Denham Quarry by the Chorley Motorcycle Trials Club had been cancelled pending investigations by Chorley Council in to such provision in the wider area of Chorley.

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He also referred to the letter from Lindsay Hoyle MP which had been circulated to local residents.

The local residents present whilst expressing satisfaction at the outcome indicated their concerns regarding the use of the quarry and its general condition. There were problems with the car park and the presence of knot weed .

The Quarry needed to be tidied up.

It was suggested that a Management Plan be produced with Chorley Council.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that he was to meet with senior officers at Chorley to discuss the issues at the quarry and the production of a management plan.

Resolved:- That the report be approved, that further developments be considered by the Parish Council following the meeting with Chorley Council and that local residents be kept informed.

### **FORMER WORKHOUSE SITE - TOP OTH LANE:**

A report was presented on the current situation regarding the dig at this site on behalf of the Brindle Historical Society.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and Councillor T.Sharratt declared an interest in this matter in respect of being Members of the Brindle Historical Society.*

### **MINTHOLME CROSSING:**

A local resident referred to the problems for motorists in winter when approaching the crossing. There was a serious risk of skidding because the area was not gritted.

The Parish Council were reminded that Councillor Mrs. Long had raised this matter in the past.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to look into the problems at Mintholme Crossing.

### **TOP OTH LANE:**

A local resident requested that Top oth Lane should be gritted during icy weather.

Unfortunately this was not regarded as a priority route for gritting by the County Council.

It was also felt that the area round St. James School should be regularly gritted.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to include Top oth Lane as a priority route for gritting purposes and look into the circumstances relating to the gritting near the school on Water Street.

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### **3709. POLICE LIAISON:**

#### **(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

The Police circulated the September and October newsletters which indicated there had been two reported incidents of crime in Brindle during the period.

Councillor Hindle requested the views of the police on the enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit at Gregson Lane.

The police felt that they should visit the area to assess the problem and advise motorists.

Local residents also expressed concern regarding the problems arising from cycling events in the Parish particularly at Top oth Lane.

The police advised that where there were problems or damage caused, the residents concerned should contact the organisers of the event.

A local resident referred to the recent theft of a trailer which he owned and the police responded that this was under investigation.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the local PACT Meeting to be held on 5th November 2013 had been cancelled, the next one would be on 4th December 2013.

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 reports be accepted .

### **3710. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities at the Hall.

Resolved: - That the reports be accepted.

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

### **3711. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter and of the Three Tier Forum.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **3712. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN – HOLT LANE:**

Councillor Nelson had reported that the footpath sign near the property known as Stone House had now been re-erected. Councillor Sharratt confirmed this and considered the sign had been re-erected in a better location. He also reported that the broken rail on the west side of Holt Lane had been repaired.

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Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(B). BINS:**

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council was considering the provision of new dog/litter bins at the paddock further on from Friths Farm Gregson Lane and near the Methodist Church and the Black Horse Hotel.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(C). CLEANING OF ROAD SIGNS:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would raise the issue of cleaning of road signs at the next meeting of the Three Tier Forum.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(D). POTHOLES:**

The Clerk reported that the potholes in Smithy Lane, Pippin Street, Birchin Lane Hillhouse Lane, Holt Lane and Denham Hill still needed attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact County Councillor Devaney about the current situation regarding the repairs to the potholes in various locations in the Parish.

### **(E). STREET LIGHTS:**

The Clerk reported that the faulty street lights on Water Street, at the Cavendish Arms and near Post Office Cottage had not been repaired.

County Councillor Devaney had agreed to investigate this with the County Council.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

### **(F). SPEED LIMITS GREGSON LANE/MINTHOLME:**

At a previous meeting Councillor Hindle had referred to the 20 mph limit on Gregson Lane going towards Mintholme Crossing where it became a 30 mph limit and then there was no indication of a speed limit until the road came to Brindle Village where it entered the next 30mph speed limit.

County Councillor Devaney had agreed to investigate this further.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

### **(G). UNMANNED CROSSING ORAM ROAD:**

Councillor Hindle reported that there were problems for pedestrians using the unmanned crossing on the footpath from Back Bournes Row to Oram Road. There was poor visibility for walkers approaching the crossing and he requested action be taken to make Network Rail aware of the situation and take steps to install flashing lights or make the crossing gates at Mintholme more visible to pedestrians so that they could see that the barriers were down and a train was approaching. Network Rail was currently investigating this.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) Network Rails National Programme dealing with the possible closure of unmanned crossing and the possible upgrade of others.

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Resolved:- That further developments be awaited .

### **(H). HEDGE AT FORMER SAND QUARRY:**

Councillor Nelson reported that the hedge at the former sand quarry had still not been trimmed back.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to arrange for this to be done as soon as possible.

### **(I). GRIT BINS:**

Local Residents present requested that additional grit bins should be provided at Denham Lane and at Grimes Farm Pippin Street.

County Councillor Devaney had notified the Parish Council that the County Council had replaced the broken bin at Denham Lane/Birchin Lane.

Resolved:- That the request be passed to the County Council.

### **(J). BRIDLEWAY - GORTON BROOK:**

Councillor Nelson had reported that the bridleway was overgrown and needed attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council.

### **(K). WINTER SERVICE BRIEFING NOTE:**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Winter Service Briefing Note produced by the County Council.

Resolved:- That the note be accepted.

### **(L). FLOODING - PIPPIN STREET:**

A local resident reported that Pippin Street continued to flood in at least two locations.

Resolved: That the County Council be informed.

### **(M) . WATER STREET TO TOP OTH LANE:**

A local resident reported that the gulleys had not been cleaned properly.

Resolved:-That Chorley Council be asked to clean the gulleys again.

### **(N). MARSH LANE:**

A local resident informed the Parish Council that water was not draining away at Harry Croft because of defective land drains. He had notified County Councillor Devaney about this.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the position regarding the repair of the drains.

### **3713. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

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### 3714. PLANNING REPORT:

#### (A). DECISION:

The Clerk reported there had been no decisions made on planning applications since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved: That the report be accepted.

#### (B). APPLICATION:

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

1. Proposed Barn conversion to single dwelling Head oth Marsh Farm Sandy Lane (App no 13/00781/FUL) Applicant Mr. Bethell.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

2. Resubmission of application 12/01178/FUL: Demolition of outbuilding and construction of new bungalow on same footprint Myrtle Cottage Sandy Lane (App no 13/00940/FUL) Applicant Thistle Homes (NW) Ltd.

Details were circulated to all Members and the following objections received:-

Irrespective of comments in attachments there are still access issues and in particular added dangers to traffic coming through the village when meeting vehicles exiting the proposed development on a blind bend.

In addition there are potentially additional hazards for schoolchildren and other pedestrians when using the footpath near to this small restricted entrance to both properties.

Also the design and construction of the dwelling does not sit sympathetically in a conservation area.

In summary the space is not large enough to accommodate such a dwelling, will look pushed in and will certainly not enhance the surrounding environment.

The Clerk had informed Chorley Council and also requested that the proposal should not be delegated to officers but considered by the Planning Committee. He had also requested a site visit.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### 3715. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Clerk Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 30th - September Salary	£942.98.*
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	(£825) Expenses (£117.98)	
2. Douglas Tonks Ltd	Payroll Administration Fee	£23.40*

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

\* Payment by Direct Debit.

### **3716. HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

The Clerk submitted a half-yearly financial statement (circulated) to 30th September 2013 indicating deposits of £13829.96 and expenditure of £3471.19 leaving a balance of £10,358.71. A forward projection of expenditure to the year-end would amount to £7681.00 and give an estimated balance of £6148.96.

Resolved: - That the financial statement be accepted referred to the Independent Financial Auditor and the Accounts Book be signed by the Chairman Vice Chairman and Clerk.

### **3717. BUDGET PROCESS:**

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

Resolved: - That the report be noted.

### **3718. PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES 2014/15:**

The Clerk submitted a report (circulated) dealing with the Parish Council's Estimates for 2013/4; the report gave details of actual spending in 2012/13 together with an update of spending in the current financial year and together with an estimate for 2014/15.

Resolved:- That consideration of the Estimates be deferred to the January 2014 meeting and that in the meantime consideration be given to what projects the Parish Council would wish to see undertaken in the next Financial Year.

### **3719. COMMEMORATION OF START OF WORLD WAR ONE:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) requested the views of the Parish Council on the suggestion regarding whether the Parish Council should encourage local organisations and residents to plant poppy seeds as part of the national campaign. Also, whether the Parish Council should pay for a talk/workshop with the older children at the three primary schools about the First World War and impact locally in Brindle as part of next year's commemorations (it would cost between £150 and £200 for all three schools).

Resolved:- That the suggestions be adopted.

### **3720. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the meeting of the Borough/Parish Liaison Committee held on Wednesday 16th October at the Town Hall Chorley.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **3721. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:**

The Parish Council had received an invitation from the Brindle St. James's Parochial Church Council to the Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Church of on Sunday 10th November 2013 at 10.45 a.m.

Resolved:- (1) That the invitation be accepted

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(2) The Vice Chairman (Councillor Metcalfe) lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

(3) That the Clerk would arrange for Water Street to be swept prior to Remembrance Sunday.

3722. **CLEANING OF PHONE BOXES:**

The Clerk reported that BT had agreed to clean the phone boxes at Top oth Lane and Water Street.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3723. **SHALE GAS EXPLOITATION:**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the presentation made by the Environment Agency to the County Council regarding shale gas exploitation.

Resolved :- That the report be noted.

### **3724. APPLICATION FOR GRANT - BRINDLE OVER FIFTY FIVES CLUB:**

The Clerk submitted a grant application from the organisation.

Resolved: - That a grant of £50.00 be made to the Brindle Over Fifty Fives Club.

3725. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 6th January 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 8.35 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**6TH JANUARY 2014.**