

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2016
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4310. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

4311. COUNCILLOR MRS ROBINSON:

The Chairman reported that Councillor Mrs Robinson had undergone surgery and was now recuperating.

The Parish Council wished Councillor Mrs Robinson a speedy recovery.

4312. FORMER COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the current health of former Councillor Dickinson.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

4313. 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.

4314. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th August 2016 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4315. 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.**

DEVELOPMENT AT HILLHOUSE LANE:

Local residents expressed their concerns about the use of land at Town House Farm Hillhouse Lane for the parking and storage of what appeared to be large highway maintenance vehicles. It was felt that this was obtrusive and there were highway safety implications.

The Parish Council was aware of this and had reported it to the Planning Enforcement Officer at Chorley. The matter was currently under investigation.

Resolved:- That District Councillor Mrs Long report these concerns to the Enforcement Officer and ascertain the current position regarding the investigation into the development.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER ISSUES RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

4316. POLICE REPORT :

(A.) LIAISON

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding policing activities in the Parish.

Resolved:- That the report 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.

4317. 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 a representatives of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.

4318. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter,

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that any resolutions to the LALC AGM on 19th November 2016 at County Hall Preston were required by 24th August 2016.

He had submitted the following resolution:-

“That the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lancashire Constabulary work closely with LALC to develop a framework for improving the way that the police work with and engage parish/town councils in Lancashire.”

The Clerk reported that the LALC AGM venue on 19th November 2016 had changed to the Penwortham Town Council Community Centre at Kingsfold Drive and that the

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planned LCC Parish Councils Conference scheduled for November had been postponed until next year because of building work at County Hall. Further information would be circulated nearer the time of the AGM.

The next meeting of the Chorley Area Committee would be held on 20th October 2016 at Chorley Town Hall. .

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter in respect of him being Vice Chairman of LALC.

4319. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

The Clerk reported latest situation regarding the clearing of gullies.

With regard to ditches in Windmill Lane and Dover Lane the County Council was establishing who was the landowner.

The blocked drains at the junction of Holt Lane and Denham Lane and at Calverts Farm had been cleared.

The blocked drains at Birchin Lane were still to be looked at.

A local resident reported that the ditch at Duxon Hill required attention. The Clerk would notify the County Council.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council of the revised policy of the County Council regarding the clearing of blocked gullies and that a map showing the location of gullies in the Parish had been circulated with the intention of confirming the locations and identifying any which were not shown.

The Clerk would circulate the map again so that Members could confirm the locations. The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) would collate the responses and provide a comprehensive map.

Resolved:- That the flooding situation continue to be monitored and the course of action proposed agreed.

(B). PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the County Council had undertaken an investigation of the road at Holly Bank on Private Road.

They found no signs of subsidence in the carriageway surface although there appeared to be an element of undercutting from surface water runoff under the edge of the carriageway. They were considering installing hazard markers and a white line to encourage vehicles to keep away from the very edge and would monitor the location for signs of failure. They were to carry out hazard markings and white lining works by the end of October.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(C). STILES:

County Councillor Cullens was investigating the matter.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(D). FOOTPATH - GORTON BROOK: .

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson requested information as to whether this footpath had been maintained. The Clerk had contacted the County Council regarding this matter. However, no response had been received.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact the County Council again.

(E). 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.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

(F). MANHOLE COVERS:

A local resident reported that the lid to the manhole at High Cop needed attention this had been previously reported.

The County Council had undertaken temporary repairs to the broken cover on Sandy Lane and had requested United Utilities to carry out a permanent repair.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation regarding the replacement of the manhole covers.

(G). SLACK FARM - FOOTPATH SIGN:

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson reported that the footpath sign was obscured by vegetation. The Clerk had notified the County Council.

Resolved:- That the Footpaths Officer be requested to take appropriate action.

(H). SANDY LANE - FORMER SAND QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had requested Chorley Council to cut back the overhanging vegetation at the former sand quarry.

As no action had been taken it was suggested that a direct approach be made to the landowner. It was also suggested that as this land was used by the Brindle Shoot they may be able to help.

Resolved:- That in the first instance an approach be made to the landowner regarding the cutting back of the hedge.

(I). IRON MAN EVENT:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that at the last meeting Chorley Council had requested the views of the Parish Council regarding the staging of the event. Comments had been passed to Chorley Council and they were to meet the event organisers to discuss the comments raised by various Parish Councils.

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Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(J). DUXON HILL/WINDMILL LANE - ROAD SURFACE:

A member of the public reported that there were several large potholes on Dover Lane/Duxon Hill/Windmill Lane and the general condition of the road surface in the locality was poor.

Resolved:- That the County Councillor Cullens be requested to investigate this.

(K). CULVERT- BIRCHIN LANE:

Councillor Swann reported that the culvert on east side of Birch Lane about 70 metres from its junction with Denham Lane had collapsed and was in a dangerous condition for road users.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked to take urgent action to repair the culvert.

(L). FOOTPATH GATE - CALVERTS FARM WATER STREET:

It was reported that the gate had been recently repaired and that the debris had been dumped in the farm entrance.

Resolved:- That the County Council's Footpaths Officer be asked to remove the tipped material.

(M). LAYBYS - DUXON HILL:

A local resident reported that vehicles were parking in the lay bys and drug taking was prevalent.

It was also reported that rubbish was being dumped in the lay bys.

Resolved:- That the police and Chorley Council be informed.

(N). SALT BINS:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that several bins in the Parish required repair and had been reported to the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4320. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

4321. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

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

1. Notice of intention to install broadband cabinet opposite near no 1 Top oth Lane (App No 16/00781/NOT) Applicant Bt Openreach. - Approved.

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2. Felling of Horse Chestnut Tree St. James Parish Church Water Street (App no 16/00750/CON) Applicant S. Cross on behalf of St. James Parish Church - No objections to tree work in a conservation area.

3. Adaptation of existing extension and its enlargement to provide special needs accommodation to an existing dwelling and conversion of an existing garage to provide a hydrotherapy pool Brindle Rise Gowans Lane (App no 16/00657/FULHH) Applicant Mr and Mrs Proudfoot. - Granted.

4. Lean to extension to cover midden Gorton Brook Farm Brindle Road (App no 16/00605/FUL) Applicant Mr. Baldwin. - Granted.

(B) APPLICATION:

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

1. Conversion of redundant barn to single residential dwelling land south east of Warburton House Holt Lane. (App no 16/00796/FUL) Applicant Mr. Pawson.

Details had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and no observations had been made. The Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4322. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses quarter ended 30th September 2016.	£874.69.
2 HMRC	Tax on Clerk Salary and Expenses quarter ended September 2016	£185.00.
3. A Harkness	Print Cartridges	£67.30
4. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room October 2016	£20.00

4323. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2015/16:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Accounts for 2015/16 had been completed and two administrative issues had been raised.

The completion of the audit had been publicised and the documents had been placed on the Parish Council's website, no fee was payable.

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

4324. ANNUAL STATIONERY COSTS:

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The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the Agreement with Hoghton Parish Council to share stationery costs and indicated that for the year ending April 2016 Hoghton Parish Council's share of the cost was £26.94 and a cheque for this amount had been reimbursed to the Parish Council and paid into the bank.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

4325. APPLICATION FOR GRANT:

The Clerk resubmitted an application for grant aid from the caretaker of Brindle St. Joseph's Parish and Community Hall.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the terms of Section 147 of the Local Government Act 1972 whereby grants could be made to organisations where there was a benefit for residents within the Parish.

He also reminded them of their policy regarding grants to religious organisations.

Resolved:- That a grant of £75.00 be made under the provisions of section 147 of the Local Government Act 1972.

4326. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:

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

Resolved : That the report be accepted.

4327. BEST KEPT VILLAGE:

The Clerk reported that the Parish had been named the winner of the Small Villages section of the Competition and would receive a trophy at an awards ceremony on 17th October 2016.

Resolved:- That the success be publicised, that Councillor Hindle and the Clerk attend the Awards Ceremony on behalf of the Parish Council and that consideration be given to ways in which the achievement can be marked.

4328. THREE TREES:

The Clerk reported on a proposal to erect a plaque on the site explaining the history of the trees.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council participate in the project and the Clerk report to future meeting on the progress made.

4329. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the Quarry.

Councillor Sharratt reminded the Parish Council that a section of the fencing at the car park to the Quarry had been removed.

He recommended the complete removal of the fencing to the car park to prevent theft and further damage or vandalism and reduce costs.

A local resident suggested that there were in fact two separate fences one for the quarry and one by the roadside. He felt that the road side fence could be removed without detriment.

It was also reported that the quarry was subject to serious dog fouling and that Commercial firms were walking dogs in the quarry resulting in increased dog fouling this seemed to occur late morning.

Resolved:- That in relation to the fencing at the quarry the current situation

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be retained and that Chorley Council be asked to replace the fencing which has been removed and to take action regarding the commercial use of the Quarry by dog companies.

4330. PARISH PLAN:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had visited Workhouse Lane with the view to placing a bench at this location.

Two sites had been identified and it was considered that the one in Workhouse Lane was most appropriate. The permission of the landowner would be required.

It was suggested that a stone bench would be more appropriate in this location.

A local resident offered to look into this.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) suggested a further bench be provided at Oram Road.

Resolved:- (1) That an approach be made to the landowner regarding the siting of a bench at Workhouse Lane and that this be made of stone.

(2). That a site meeting be arranged with the County Council regarding the provision of a bench at Oram Road.

4331. 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 13th November 2016 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."

4332. EQUALITY FORUM:

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Community Forum held on 29th September 2016.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

4333. CHORLEY LIAISON:-

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Liaison Group held on 20th September 2016.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4334. BECOMING A COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

The Clerk submitted details of courses organised by the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4335. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT:

The Clerk submitted a request from Hoghton Parish Council referring to the frequent

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requests from the County Council for photographic evidence in cases such as potholes or damage to road surfaces and when other issues arose such as potholes and had suggested the joint purchase of a camera for recording and notifying the appropriate authorities about such incidents.

Resolved:- That Hoghton Parish Council be informed that the Parish Council does not wish to participate.

4336. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document relating to the Boundary Commission review of Parliamentary Constituencies. The Chorley Constituency had been slightly redrawn but the majority of Brindle was not affected.

4337. RESTORATION OF HISTORIC WELLS:

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by Chorley Council regarding assistance with the restoration of the historic wells in the Parish.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the Brindle Historical Society was undertaking a restoration project.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed.

4338. BROADBAND PROVISION:

Councillor Hindle requested information relating to the provision of high speed broadband in view of the work being undertaken to site broadband cabinets at Hillhouse Lane and Top oth Lane.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) explained the situation.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4339. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 28th November 2016 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 8.55 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

28TH NOVEMBER 2016.