

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.**

PRESENT:-

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE :- COUNTY COUNCILLOR M.DEVANEY,DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D.DICKINSON AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

3685. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin and J.Swann.

3686. 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.

3687. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 19th August 2013 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3688. 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 Clerk circulated a copy of a letter from the Parks and Open Space Officer at Chorley Council regarding an approach from the Chorley Motorcycle Trials Club to use Denham Quarry to carry out their sport initially for a 12 month period.They had arranged a demonstration day on 12th October 2013 and invited local residents to attend.

The letter had been sent to residents of Top of the Lane,Denham Lane and Hough House Farm Holt Lane.

The residents present expressed their total opposition to the proposal on the grounds that parking was inadequate at the Quarry leading to congestion on Top oth Lane and there were no toilet facilities. The proposal would have a detrimental affect on the other activities on the site and seriously impact on wildlife. It could also lead to

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unauthorised use of the site by other motor cycle users and would affect footpaths crossing the site. The activity was currently prohibited by Chorley Council.

Councillor Hindle referred to the affect on wildlife caused by the removal of vegetation.

Councillor Nelson pointed out that motorcycling was prohibited in the Quarry and Chorley had erected signs to that effect.

Councillor Sharratt indicated that local opinion was against the activity in the past and nothing had changed.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) on behalf of the Parish Council confirmed that it was opposed to any such use at the Quarry and was appalled at the lack of consultation on this suggestion.

Resolved:- (1) That the Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) and District Councillor Dickinson speak to the appropriate officers at Chorley to register the Parish Council's opposition to the proposal that the development should not proceed the proposed demonstration be cancelled and that concern be expressed regarding the lack of consultation.

(2) That local residents be requested to write to Chorley objecting to the proposal and that wider publicity be given to seek the views of other residents of the Parish on the matter and that the local MP be contacted about the issue .

(3) That County Councillor Devaney discuss the question of footpaths on the site with the County Footpaths Officer.

(4) That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) raise the matter with the Police at the PACT Meeting on 1st October 2013.

FORMER WORKHOUSE SITE - TOP OTH LANE:

A local resident informed the Parish Council that he proposed to undertake a dig at this site on behalf of the Brindle Historical Society but had encountered difficulties with Liberata the company representing Chorley Council. He requested the support of the Parish Council in this project.

Resolved:- That District Councillor Dickinson liaise with the local resident and Chorley Council regarding this matter.

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

SPEED LIMIT -TOP OTH LANE:

A local resident requested the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit at Top oth Lane.

County Councillor Devaney informed the Parish Council that he had asked for the imposition of a 20 mph limit for Top oth Lane and this was currently under review.

If a 20 mph limit was not agreed to; he would ask for a 30 mph limit.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

3689. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk indicated that there had been no reported incidents of crime in Brindle during August. No one present raised any issues. Councillor Nelson requested that the new PCSO for Brindle should be included in the Parish Council list of contacts.

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter,

He reminded the Parish Council that the next ASU PACT Meeting had now been arranged for 9th October 2013 at the Black Horse Hotel Gregson Lane.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the next local PACT Meeting would be held on 1st October 2013.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

(C). NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

The Clerk submitted information concerning the establishment of Neighbourhood Watch. Details would be put on the Parish Council's Notice Boards.

Resolved: - That the reports be accepted and the new PCSO for the Parish be added to the list of contacts.

3690. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities at the Hall. It was reported that the Community Hall had celebrated its 90 birthday in September 2013.

At the last meeting the Parish Council had agreed to make a donation to mark the event . The Community Hall was currently considering the most appropriate way of using the donation.

County Councillor Devaney indicated that he had some funds available and that the Management Committee should contact him.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the Annual Flower and Produce Show on 7th September 2013 and that he had awarded the prizes at the Show.

Resolved: - That the reports 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.

3691. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter and of the Three Tier Forum and asked if there were any projects which the Parish Council wished to be considered for the 2014/15 Road Maintenance Programme.

County Councillor Devaney reported that he had requested that the resurfacing of part of Sandy Lane and Duxon Hill be included in the Programme as well as the upgrade to the footpath at Brindle Lodge.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

3692. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the finger post sign had finally been replaced.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(B). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN – HOLT LANE:

Councillor Nelson reported that the footpath sign near the property known as Stone House had still not been re-erected. Councillor Sharratt expressed his concern at the lack of action.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Devaney discuss this matter with the Footpaths Officer at the County Council.

(C). DOG FOULING :

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Officer had posted further notices and regularly cleaned the dog bin. Councillor Hindle reported that the area was a lot more tidy and thanked the Neighbourhood Officer for the action taken.

The Clerk also reported that Chorley Council had asked if there any litter bins which need replacing or whether the Parish Council wished to locate bins at new sites within the Parish. Any bins provided would be the combined dog /litter bin.

County Councillor Devaney reported that he had requested a new bin at the paddock further on from Friths Farm Gregson Lane .Councillor Hindle suggested locating a bin near the Methodist Church and the Black Horse Hotel.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be accepted and Ms C.Roscoe the Neighbourhood Officer be thanked for her work in the area.

(2) That Chorley Council be requested to consider locating a litter/dog bin on Gregson Lane near the Methodist Church.

(D). CLEANING OF ROAD SIGNS:

The Clerk reported that the County Council's policy was that where the signage was clear and still provided a satisfactory indication to highway users as to the restriction or direction then the signs would not be cleaned. They would only be cleaned in extreme circumstances where the sign was completely obscured and the directions/prohibitions therefore became unclear to road users.

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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 policy be noted with regret the Member of the Public who had raised the matter be informed of the situation and the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) raise this matter with the Three Tier Forum.

(E). FOOTWAY WATER STREET:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had indicated it did not have the resources to widen the footway in Water Street running from the Parish Church to the Community Hall.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the Member of the Public who raised this issue be informed.

(F). POTHOLES:

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

Councillor Mrs Robinson reported that the mound in Pippin Street had not been dealt with.

Resolved:- (1) That the Clerk contact County Councillor Devaney about the current situation regarding the repairs to the potholes in Smithy Lane, Pippin Street Birchin Lane and Hillhouse Lane, and the mound at the entrance to the agricultural holding in Pippin Street.

(2) That the Clerk inform the County Council about the potholes in Holt Lane and at Denham Hill.

(G). 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.

Resolved:- That the County Councillor Devaney investigate this with the County Council.

(H) FOOTPATH STILES:

It was reported that the footpath stiles on Marsh Lane leading up to Harry Croft and the one at Top oth Lane had been repaired.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

(I). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE/SANDY LANE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported the outcome of his discussions with a local resident following a visit to the ginnel.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(J). 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 agreed to investigate this further.

Resolved:- That action proposed be agreed.

(K). TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE:

The Clerk reported on the temporary closure of Mintholme Crossing from 7th to 9th October 2013 to allow maintenance work to the crossing. Details had been circulated to all Members of the Council.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(L). 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.

Resolved:- That Network Rail be asked to investigate making the unmanned crossing at Oram Road safer for pedestrians.

(M). HEDGE AT FORMER SAND QUARRY:

Councillor Nelson reported that the hedge at the former sand quarry was overgrown causing pedestrians to walk in the road.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to trim back the hedge.

3693. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

3694. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISION:

The Clerk reported the following decision on an application previously considered by the Parish Council.

1. Amendments to application for link extension between detached lounge and existing main dwelling Silcock Farm Windmill Lane. (App no 13/00434/FUL). Applicants Mr and Mrs Deane. Refused.

Resolved: That the report be accepted.

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(B). APPLICATION:

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

1. Erection of a shed in which to store a tractor for managing the land Mintholme Barn Private Road (App no 13/00595/FUL) Applicant Mr. Strange.

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

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3695. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Print Cartridges	£86.98.
2. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room August 2013	£17.50.
3. D. Metcalfe	Website Registration	£14.39
4. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room September 2013	£17.50

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid and that the Vice Chairman(Councillor D. Metcalfe) be thanked for his work in maintaining the Parish Council Website.

3696. APPLICATION FOR GRANT- BRINDLE VOICE:

The Treasurer of St. James Parish Church submitted a request for a donation towards the publication costs of the magazine. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council that the magazine published reports on meetings of the Parish Council.

County Councillor Devaney indicated that he had funds available and could make a grant to this organisation.

Resolved: - (1) That in view of the publication of Parish Council proceedings in the magazine a donation of £100.00 be made to Brindle Voice.

(2) That the Treasurer be requested to contact County Councillor Devaney regarding the possible making of a grant.

3697. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013:

The Clerk circulated results of the Best Kept Village Competition. Brindle had been awarded the runners up trophy in the Small Village Section.

The Village would receive the Alan Wisdom Trophy and a certificate.

The awards ceremony would take place at the Villa, Wrea Green on 14th October 2013 the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee Mrs S. Sibbles Horridge would represent the Parish Council at the Awards Ceremony.

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The Clerk had asked for a copy of the judges comments on Brindle`s Entry .

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

3698. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Borough/Parish Liaison Committee would be held on Wednesday 16th October at 6.30 p.m. at the Town Hall Chorley.

The Clerk also reported that the Borough/Parish Equality Forum would take place on Thursday 10th October 2013 at the Town Hall Chorley.

Resolved:- That the Chairman(Councillor D. Cranshaw) attend the Borough/Parish Liaison meeting.

3699. CAVENDISH ARMS - BEER FESTIVAL:

Resolved:- That the Clerk be asked to liaise with the Borough/Parish Liaison Committee.

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There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

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