

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 12TH AUGUST 2019
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE
CHAIRMAN) - COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, MRS S. LONG, DR. P.
McGOVERN AND W. NELSON.**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4848. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors C. Hindle Mrs B. Robinson and J.Swann.

4849. 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.

4850. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th June 2019 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4851. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING
MATTER.**

FLOODING - TOP OTH LANE:

A resident reported that severe flooding had occurred once again at The Old Barn Top oth Lane. It had previously been reported in 2017. The current problem had been reported to the County Council and discussions held with the landowner regarding possible causes. It was suggested that a survey of the culverts and drainage should be undertaken by the County Council.

Resolved:- That County Councillor Snowden be informed of the flooding problems and asked to investigate this with the County Council.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER ISSUES RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL
CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

4852. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police were not present.

(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.

4853. 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.

4854. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the Health and Wellbeing Engagement Vehicle sponsored by the NHS Lancashire Care Foundation Trust.

The Parish Council considered events to mark VE Day in May 2020.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

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

4855. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). GREGSON LANE - FOOTPATH SIGN:

At the last meeting it was reported that the footpath sign near Hewngate Farm had been knocked down. The Countryside Service at Lancashire County Council had been informed.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(B). FLOODING:

The blocked grids at Holt Lane and Hillhouse Lane had been cleared.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

(C). FOOTPATHS AND STILES:

A report was submitted regarding footpath 21 the farmer had expressed his serious concerns that the issues relating to fencing had not been discussed with him.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) meet the farmer to discuss the matter.

(D). MINTHOLME CROSSING:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had indicated that the request for a grit bin at the crossing did not meet the criteria and no further action was proposed.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(E). HILLHOUSE LANE - RESURFACING:

The County Council had now painted an additional SLOW sign on the road in Hillhouse Lane.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(F). SMITHY LANE:

The Clerk reported that the street nameplate had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(G). SANDY LANE - TRAFFIC SPEEDS:

Following representations from a local resident at the last meeting the Clerk had asked the County Council for a site meeting with the Highways Department. However, they felt that there were already measures in place such as Sandy Lane being on a SpiD rota and clear signage.

It was considered that the issue was of enforcement which was a Police matter.

County Councillor Snowden had replied that following discussions with officers it seemed they had been using incorrect information. So they were now suggesting the site was re-graded and temporary speed signing be provided but they were unable to say when.

Resolved:- That details of the speed survey be awaited.

(H). TOP OTH LANE:

At the last meeting a request had been received that a Concealed Entrance be provided on Denham Lane near to 27 Top oth Lane where this lane met Denham Lane. Running behind the houses was a tarmac lane that residents use for car parking. There were blind corners caused by the stone wall and high hedge on either side. The County Council was considering this request.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(I). ORAM ROAD:

Following the suggestion that a litter bin should be placed in this location the Clerk had approached Chorley Council they had inspected the site and decided that a bin was not necessary but had agreed to put Oram Road on the regular litter collection schedule.

It was also reported that the Oram Road street sign had been damaged, Chorley Council had been informed and had replaced it.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

(J) . BOURNES ROW - BRIDLEWAY:

It was reported that a high fence had been erected on the boundary of this bridleway and fly tipping had also occurred.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to investigate this.

(K). FORMER SAND QUARRY - SANDY LANE:

It was reported that the hedge was overgrown and pedestrians were walking in the road as a result. The entrance was untidy and required attention.

An explanation of the recent work at the site was given.

Resolved:- That the County Council be informed.

(L). WINDMILL LANE/DOVER LANE:

It was reported that the nameplate at the junction of Windmill Lane/Dover Lane had been damaged, the gully in Dover Lane outside Dover Cottage was collapsing, the ditches needed cleaning in Dover Lane and repairs had been carried out to the potholes in Dover Lane and Duxon Hill.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed of the damaged nameplate, the County Council be informed of the collapse of the gully and arrangements be made to clean the ditches.

(M). SANDY LANE - REFUSE BIN:

The refuse bin in the lay by had been damaged and needed replacing.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council.

4856. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4857. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for two developments at Sandy Lane, as well as the discharge of a condition imposed on the planning permission for the developments at Sandy Lane, permission had also been granted for development of another site on Sandy Lane. Approval had been given for the discharge of conditions at a property in Private Road.

Resolved:- That the decisions be noted.

(B). Applications:

The Clerk reported that applications had been submitted to Chorley Council for the prior approval for a development at Hillhouse Lane and applications had been submitted for full planning permission relating to sites in Marsh Lane and Sandy Lane.

Details had been submitted to all Members no observations were made on two of the proposals but comments were made on another of the proposals. Chorley Council would be informed.

Resolved:- That actions proposed be agreed.

4858. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room August 2019	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Salary and expenses quarter ended 30th June 2019	£1054.50
3. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses quarter ended 30th June 2019	£281.03

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid and cheques signed.

4859. ANNUAL STATIONERY PAYMENT:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the agreement with Hoghton Parish Council to share stationery costs and indicated that for the year ending March 2019 the apportioned cost to Hoghton Parish Council was £128.46 a cheque for this amount had been reimbursed to the Parish Council and paid into the bank account.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

4860. VAT REPAYMENT:

The Clerk reported that VAT for 2018/19 amounting to £260.73 had been paid into the bank account.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

4861. APPLICATION FOR GRANT

This Clerk submitted an application for grant from the Treasurer of BOFFs. A copy of the Society's Accounts had previously been circulated.

Resolved:- That a grant of £100.00 be made to the BOFFs

4862. LETTERS OF THANKS:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Treasurer of Brindle Historical Society for the donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That the letter of thanks be accepted.

4863. COLD WAR BUNKER:

The Clerk reported that on the present position regarding the process of restoring the Royal Observer Corps nuclear monitoring post on Denham Hill. The ultimate intention was to restore the bunker to its pre-decommissioned state and both preserve it and make it accessible (in a controlled and limited manner) to interested visitors.

The volunteers were preparing a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

and had requested a letter in support from the Parish Council.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had agreed to this request and a letter

in support had been sent.

Resolved:- That the action taken be endorsed.

4864.MERCHANT NAVY DAY

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Secretary of the Chorley and District

Ex-Services Association inviting the Parish Council to an event at Chorley Town Hall on Friday the 30th August 2019.

Resolved:- That Councillor Dr. P. McGovern and partner attend on behalf of the

Parish Council.

4865. CONSULTATIONS:

Consultation documents were submitted from Chorley Council regarding a review of Polling Stations, Neighbourhood Watch including correspondence from a resident at Top oth Lane regarding the introduction of a scheme. The Lancashire 50+ Assembly and the CPRE regarding a change to its name.

Resolved:- That the consultation documents be noted.

4866. PARISH POUND:

Following a site visit it was suggested that the area be resurfaced and a contractor had been asked for an estimate of cost this amounted to £4500.

Reservations were made regarding the type of stone proposed which was considered hazardous in bad weather.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported his findings regarding the ownership of the ownership of the Pound.

Resolved:- That further discussions be held with the contractor regarding the safety of the materials suggested for the resurfacing of the Parish Pound.

4867. PARISH PLAN - WELCOME TO BINDLE SIGNS:

Discussion took place on the suggested alternatives for the content of the signs.

Resolved:- That the Clerk discuss with a local artist the possible use of one of his designs.

4868. NOTICE BOARDS:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding changes to the notice board at Bournes Row.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

4869. INVASIVE NON NATIVE SPECIES:

It was reported that at the recent Chorley Liaison meeting the issue of Japanese knotweed was discussed and it was decided that Parishes should be invited to collectively work together to eradicate Invasive Non Native Species in the Borough.

Chorley Council was proposing to offer formal training to City and Guilds/NPTC standard with certificate and ID card to a value of £435 (+£80 for spraying near watercourses) per person.

The training would focus on parishes and wards in the Borough which had a high volume of Japanese Knotweed and Hogweed that required formal training, equipment, and expertise to treat.

The Parish Council had been invited to nominate a maximum of 2 representatives to attend a two-day training course with additional assessment.

Resolved;- That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) be nominated to attend the training course.

4870. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th October 2019 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 8.35. p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
14TH OCTOBER 2019.**