

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL WATER STREET BRINDLE.**

## **PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS C. HINDLE AND W. NELSON.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- 4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

### **4947. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, Mrs S. Long, Dr. Ms P. McGovern, Mrs B. Robinson and J. Swann.

### **4948. 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.

### **4949. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th January 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4950. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON ISSUES ON THE AGENDA OR RAISE ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:**

A report was presented on the current situation regarding the Resident's Action Group Campaign for Road Safety Improvements by Lancashire County Council on the B5256 Sandy Lane, Smithy Lane and Water Street, in particular the speed limit on Smithy Lane.

The Clerk reported that with regard to the reduction in speed limits the police had indicated that this had been streamlined and was managed on line. This meant there was an auditable multi agency approach to concerns raised and should be reported to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership.

A resident expressed his concern at the proliferation of signs he felt there should be a review of signage. It was also suggested that the school sign should be adapted to flash at school opening and closing times. Reference was also made to parking

problems at these times and it was considered that the Headteacher should be asked to prepare a Parent's Charter with a specific condition relating to parking at the School.

Mention was made to possible community training on monitoring of speed limits and the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would obtain further details on this.

## **2. BRINDLE SHOOT:**

Residents expressed concerns regarding the operation of the shoot. Chorley Council had been approached about this and details would be sent to the police constable with responsibility for Brindle at Chorley Police Station.

The concerns would also be passed to the Shoot Organisers.

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

### **4951. POLICE LIAISON:**

#### **(A). POLICING:**

The police were not present.

The Clerk reported that Police Constable Nicola Barff-Lewis based at Chorley Police Station was the current police liaison officer for the Parish.

She had been informed of the concerns of residents raised at the last meeting and was to undertake regular patrols at Denham Quarry.

#### **(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:**

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

### **4952. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities.

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

### **4953. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk circulated details of training courses in 2020, the amended constitution of the Association as agreed at the AGM in November 2019 and details of the NALC Annual Conference in March 2020.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the Lancashire County Council/Parish Council Conference held on 8th February 2020 including Trading Standards issues relating to Scams, Community Reliance proposals and the extension of the mobile library service.

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

**4954. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**(A). GREGSON LANE - FOOTPATH SIGNS:**

The Countryside Service had re-erected the signs at Hewn Gate, however the one at Bournes Row had still not been erected.

**(B). FLOODING :**

Further investigations were ongoing regarding the flooding near Calverts Cottage.

There were problems with the drains in Smithy Lane and at Top oth Lane.

**(C). DOVER LANE:**

The County Council had cleaned the ditches in Dover Lane.

**(D). WINTER SERICE BRIEFING:**

The current briefing note had been circulated on the winter service for highways.

**(E). FOOTPATHS AND STILES:**

The County Council was investigating the current situation regarding the stiles at footpaths 21 Breworth Fold and 63.Chesham Farm and the footpath 23 at Smithy Lane .

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had inspected Footpath 63 and reported that some gates on the footpath were padlocked but walkers did have access via small gates adjoining. However, the lighting on the underpass required attention.

**(F). OVERGROWN TREES - SANDY LANE:**

The the County Council had been informed that several overgrown trees on Sandy Lane were considered a hazard to buses.

**(G). LITTER PICK SANDY LANE:**

Chorley Council had been asked to undertake a litter pick of the grass verges in the area of Sandy Lane from Windmill Lane to Marsh Lane.

**(H). PIPPIN STREET:**

United Utilities had been asked to revisit the site to clean it up.

**(I). SMITHY CLOSE - PAVEMENTS:**

The County Council had been notified that the footways on Smithy Close were in poor condition and asked to carry out any necessary repairs.

**(J) . SANDY LANE - ROAD SURFACE:**

The road surface by Bury Farm Cottage was deteriorating and required attention.

The Clerk would notify the County Council.

**(K). ORAM ROAD - MANHOLE:**

The manhole cover adjacent to Yew Tree Cottage was leaking.

The Clerk would inform the County Council.

**(L).MARSH LANE/BREWORTH FOLD - FLYING TIPPING:**

A local resident reported extensive and persistent fly tipping near the motorway bridge on Marsh Lane. Chorley Council was aware of the situation.

**4955. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

A report was presented on matters affecting the Parish Council.

**4956. PLANNING REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for a development in Smithy Close and two applications had been submitted to Chorley Council for planning permission relating to two separate developments in Windmill Lane.

Details had been circulated to all Members and whilst no observations were made on one of the applications so far as the other was concerned it was felt that the construction material to be used was inappropriate.

These observations would be reported to Chorley Council.

**4957. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room January 2020	£22.50.
2. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration Fees Quarter end 31st December 2019	£48.00.

That the accounts were agreed for payment and cheques signed.

**4958. APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

The Clerk submitted an application for grant from the Treasurer of Brindle Gardening Club .A copy of the Club Income and Expenditure had previously been circulated.

A grant of £100.00 was made.

**4959. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:**

The Competition Organisers were holding an information evening for this year`s competition on Monday 24th February at 7.30 p.m. at Samlesbury Memorial Hall.

The Parish Council had been invited to send representatives to the event.

The Clerk submitted details of this year`s Competition .The entry fee for the Competition was £20.00.

The Clerk would write to the Community Hall, and the Cavendish Arms to see if they wished to enter the Certificate of Merit Section.

He would also contact Brindle St. James Church and school to remind them of the judges comments in 2019.

He also reminded the Parish Council that the Competition Rules indicated that a

maximum of two entries could only be made in this class and he would write to the Schools indicating that they would not be entered.

The Parish Council agreed to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2020 and the Competition entry fees of £20.00 be paid.

**4960. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:**

A report was presented on the meeting held at Chorley Town Hall on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

**4961. CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk circulated the Lancashire County Council Budget Consultation 2020/21 documents. The County Council was proposing an increase in the precept of 3.99% of which 2% would be allocated to adult social care.

It was also reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner would increase the police precept by 5.99%.

**4962. PARISH POUND:**

The contractor for the Parish Pound had identified a suitable surface dressing and had asked the Parish Council to meet him on site to discuss the project.

The Clerk would make arrangements.

**4963. PARISH PLAN:**

**(A). WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:**

The Clerk reported the current situation regarding the provision of the signs.

The County Highways Department had indicated that the proposed signs were not acceptable and offered to design a suitable sign.

**(B). FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS:**

The Clerk had contacted the County Council Countryside Service regarding the proposed programme of footpath improvement and they had welcomed the initiative.

The Clerk would circulate details of the footpaths identified for repair and improvement by the Ramblers Association and the Parish Council would prioritise them.

The relevant landowners would then be contacted regarding the carrying out of the work.

**4964. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2020/21.**

The Clerk had asked Brindle St. Joseph's Church regarding the use of the hall on two occasions in the forthcoming year.

**4965. PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the action taken since the last meeting of the Parish Council regarding possible residential developments at Friths

Farm and Bournes Row.

The Parish Council had been invited to a meeting regarding the establishment of a Neighbourhood Forum for parts of Brindle Gregson Lane and Hoghton.

A further report would be submitted to the next meeting.

**4966. WEST PENINE VILLAGES:**

A request was submitted from the West Pennine Villages U3A which was recently formed. It was a non profit making organisation for retirees and the semi retired.

It operated from Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club and covered all local villages.

They had requested publicity for the event.

**4967. DIGITAL INCLUSION:**

Chorley Council were proposing Computer Training Classes.

**4968.TREE PLANTING SCHEME:**

At the last meeting the Parish agreed to consider the promotion of a tree planting scheme in the Parish. Further details would be submitted to the next meeting.

**4969. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle. The Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the normal meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 9.00. p.m.

**SIGNED**

**CHAIRMAN  
23RD MARCH 2020.**