

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 1ST JULY 2013
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: DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D.DICKINSON AND 14
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

3646. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin and Mrs B. Robinson.

3647. COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEVANEY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the appointment of County Councillor Devaney as Chairman of the County Council.

The Parish Council congratulated him on the appointment and the Clerk had sent a letter of congratulation.

Resolved: That the action taken be confirmed.

3648. COUNTY COUNCILLOR OTTER:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that County Councillor Otter was no longer the Parish Councils Champion at the County Council.

He reminded the Parish Council that County Councillor Otter had made contributions to the Parish Council in the past and suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to him on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk write a letter of thanks to County Councillor Otter on behalf of the Parish Council.

3649. 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.

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3650. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2013 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3651. ADJOURNMENT:

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

CAVENDISH ARMS BEER FESTIVAL

The Clerk circulated letters from the occupiers of Three Trees Sandy Lane, no 3 Sandy Lane,1 Smithy Close,1 Pippin Fold and the Old Barn Top oth Lane concerning the problems arising from the staging of the Beer Festival from 6th to 9th June 2013.

Members of the Public present indicated their concerns that despite assurances from the organisers of the beer festival there had been a lack of policing, parking had been a major issue there had been some anti social behaviour and a distinct lack of public consultation.

A local resident felt that the centre of the village was not an appropriate place to have a beer festival and suggested any future event should be relocated away from the centre.

It was suggested that the way forward was to have an early meeting with the Licensee of the Cavendish Arms, local residents and Chorley Licensing Authority to discuss a better approach to the conduct of future events at the Cavendish Arms.

The Clerk was asked to invite views from local residents via the Brindle Voice.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the meeting that the Licensing Authority were not obliged to consult the Parish Council or the Public on special licence applications.

The Parish Council considered the representations made and sympathised with the residents of Three Trees regarding the break in at their property.

It was felt that the Parish Council did all it could in the circumstances and the intervention it made on behalf of the residents did improve the situation from previous years.

The additional steps taken by the festival organisers helped in alleviating past problems that said parking was still a major issue, it was suggested that the police should be asked to put No Parking cones down one side of Sandy Lane, Water Street and Smithy Lane. It might be possible to organise parking at the Community Hall.

It was felt that the amenity it provided for local residents, promotion of the village and financial sustainability for the Cavendish had to be taken into consideration.

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Early discussions should be held with the Cavendish Arms Management and that Chorley Licensing Authority should be asked to formally consult the Parish Council on any future applications for beer festivals.

Resolved:- (1) That the parish council arrange a meeting with the Cavendish Arms Management and Chorley Licensing Authority to discuss residents' concerns and any plans for future beer festivals or major events. This meeting should also discuss how local residents and the wider Brindle community could be engaged in the effective planning for any future events.”

(2) That the Licensing Authority be requested to consider that whilst acknowledging that there was no statutory requirement for Chorley Council to consult parish councils on licensing applications that they locally agree to consult parish councils in the same way as they consulted the Police and Environmental Health Department as part of the process.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS THE PARISH COUNCIL RESUMED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING .

3652. POLICE LIAISON:

(A) NEWSLETTERS:

The Clerk circulated the latest police newsletter which indicated there had been two reported incidents of crime during June 2013.

He also circulated a copy of the latest Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter, plus a copy the Air Support Unit quarterly newsletter. The next ASU PACT Meeting had been arranged for 5th September 2013 at the Black Horse hotel Gregson Lane.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the next local PACT Meeting would be in August.

(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.

3653. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities at the Hall.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

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

3654. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He also reported that as in 2012 the Lancashire Parish Councils Conference and the LALC AGM would be held on the same day. This year they would be held on 9th November 2013 at County Hall Preston.

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Notification of delegates was required by 18th October 2013 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 28th August 2013.

District Councillor Dickinson reported that the new Parish Councils Champion at the County Council was County Councillor Cynthia Dereli.

The Clerk submitted details of the Woodland Trust Free Trees Scheme.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the fire in the West Midlands which had been caused by a Chinese Lantern and reminded the Parish Council of their opposition to these devices

Resolved: - (1) That the reports be accepted.

(2) That the Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) and Councillor T. Sharratt be appointed the Council's delegates to the Lancashire County Council/Parish Council Conference and Annual General Meeting of LALC to be held on 9th November 2013.

(3) That any resolutions to the Annual General Meeting be considered at the next meeting.

3655. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). DUXON HILL:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the finger post sign had still not been replaced.

Resolved: - That Clerk contact the Chorley Council and the County Council about this problem.

(B). PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN – HOLT LANE:

Councillor Sharratt reported that the sign near the property known as Stone House needed re-erecting.

Resolved: - That Clerk contact the County Council about this.

(C). DOG FOULING :

Councillor Hindle reported that dog fouling on the path alongside Brindle Mill leading from Back Bournes Row to the railway crossing with Oram Road was still occurring and further action should be taken to prevent it. The Parish Council had requested the provision of a dog refuse bin at this location. This was still to be provided and the temporary blue bin needed emptying.

Resolved:- That Clerk ascertain the current situation regarding the request for a permanent bin and that Chorley Council be asked to empty the blue bin.

(D). CLEANING OF ROAD SIGNS:

A Member of the public reported that all the road signs were dirty and required cleaning.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to arrange for the road signs to be cleaned.

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(E). FOOTWAY WATER STREET:

A Member of the Public asked for the footway in Water Street running from the Parish Church to the Community Hall be widened.

Resolved:- That the Clerk consult the County Council about this.

(F). WINDMILL LANE SIGN:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the sign at the Sandy Lane end of Windmill Lane had still not been replaced .

He also reported that the finger post sign was badly degraded and suggested that a new one be provided.

Resolved:- That District Councillor Dickinson contact Chorley Council about the replacement of the street nameplate for Windmill Lane and the Clerk request the provision of a new finger post sign.

(G). POTHoles:

Councillor Nelson reported that some work had been done to the cutting across the road near to Tullis Cottage but further work was required. The potholes in Smithy Lane Pippin Street and Hillhouse Lane had still not been repaired

The large mound in Pippin Street at the entrance to agricultural holding had not been removed.

A Member of the Public reported that the road surface near Three Trees was in poor condition and required attention.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation regarding the repairs to the road surface near Tullis Cottage on Sandy Lane, the potholes in Hillhouse Lane and the mound at the entrance to the agricultural holding in Pippin Street and inform the County Council about the road surface on the B5256 Sandy Lane from Three Trees to Tullis Cottage.

(H). STREET LIGHTS:

It was reported that the street lights on Water Street, at the Cavendish Arms and near Post Office Cottage were faulty and required attention.

Resolved: That the Clerk notify the County Council.

(I) GOWANS LANE:

Councillor Mrs Long reported that drainage problem in Gowans Lane had been fixed following work by the County Council. It had been ascertained that the cause of the problem was work carried out by United Utilities in 2009

Resolved: - That the report be noted.

(J) FOOTPATH STILES:

A Member of the public reported that the footpath stiles on Marsh Lane leading up to Harry Croft were in need of attention.

Resolved: That the Clerk notify the Footpaths Officer at the County Council.

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(K). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE/SANDY LANE:

A Member of the Public reported that the work which had been carried out to the surface was unsatisfactory and the area need to be resurfaced.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) and the County Councillor Devaney investigate this matter further.

(L) . SMITHY LANE/PIPPINSTREET - SLOW MARKINGS:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed to paint a Slow sign on the road at Gorton Brook but as there was a 20 mph speed limit in operation by the school in Water Street , it was decided not to paint a Slow sign in this location.

Resolved;- That the report be noted.

(M). SPEED LIMITS GREGSON LANE/MINTHOLME:

At the last 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 .

A Member of the Public referred to traffic speeds on Sandy Lane. The Chairman explained the measures taken by the Parish Council regarding traffic speeds.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position regarding the speed limit signs from Gregson Lane to Mintholme.

(N). WINTER GRITTING - TOP OTH LANE:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the County Council's response to the letter from a resident of Top oth Lane regarding winter gritting policy. The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had responded to the resident at Top oth Lane.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(O) HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the County Council was reviewing the the road works programme following the change to the political make-up of the County Council a meeting was to be held shortly to asses all the projects previously approved . It could affect the proposed resurfacing of Sandy Lane.

Resolved: - That further developments be awaited.

(P). BACK BOURNES ROW:

District Councillor Dickinson reported that he had been informed that a resident of Back Bournes Row intended preventing pedestrian access to the street. He asked whether the road was an adopted highway. It was understood that it was.

Councillor Mrs Long explained the reasons for this.

Resolved;- That the report be noted.

3656. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council

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Resolved: - That report be accepted.

3657. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

The Clerk reported the following decisions on applications previously considered by the Parish Council.

1. Conversion of Redundant Barn into single residential dwelling (resubmission of withdrawn application 12/01062/FUL) Barn opposite Westleigh Sandy Lane. App no 13/00230/FUL Applicant Mr. W. Charnley. Granted subject to Legal Agreement.
2. Certificate of Lawfulness for two front dormer windows associated with conversion of loft space Bringelly Cottage Sandy Lane (App no 13/00349/CLPUD) Applicants Mr. and Mrs Vost - Granted.
3. Conversion of redundant timber frame building to a single residential property Bury Farm Sandy Lane Brindle (App no 12/01061/FUL) Applicant Mr. Pawson. - Granted.

Resolved: That the report be accepted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

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

1. Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for variation of condition 3 to application no 09/1032/FUL (approved plans) to accommodate proposed new sun lounge/orangery extension and extension of garage to accommodate plant room in respect of barn 2 Windmill Farm Barn Windmill Lane (App no 13/00412/FUL) Applicant Mr McCarthy

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been made.

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application.

2. Link Extension between existing detached lounge and existing main dwelling Silcock Farm Windmill Lane (App no 13/00434/FUL) Applicant Mr and Mrs. Deane.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been made.

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application.

3. Application for selective tree works including; removal of deadwood and remedial correction of a previous branch removal to tree T1(Ash); crown lift and removal of deadwood to tree T2(Sycamore); pruning of small lower branches to tree T3 (Silver Birch); pruning of lower branches overhanging neighbours property to tree T4(Hawthorn) Land adjacent to Bringelly Cottage Sandy Lane (App no 13/00475/TCON) Applicant Mrs Morton.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been made.

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application.

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4. Erection of a single storey sun lounge extension to the garage to accommodate plant room (App no 13/00483/FUL) Applicant Mr McCarthy.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been made.

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application.

5. Construction of a new house Bringelly Cottage Sandy Lane. (App no 13/00520/CON) Applicants Mr. and Mrs Morton.

Details were circulated to all Members The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had commented that this would tidy up the site. Councillor Hindle considered that as this development was in a Conservation Area regard should be had to the materials to be used in the construction. The Conservation Officer had indicated that this had been taken into account.

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application.

6. Extension to tractor store roof to existing four bay agricultural unit Lower Copthurst Farm Birchin Lane, (App no 13/0511/FUL) Applicant Mr. Mayor.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been made.

Resolved:- That no observations be made on this application.

Councillor Swann declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

(C). VALIDATION CRITERIA FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that in the light of changes to legislation relating to information from applicants regarding planning applications Chorley Council had revised its procedures when validating planning applications. He submitted details of the revisions which the Parish Council noted.

Resolved:- That no observations be made .

(D) SHALE GAS:

Councillor Hindle referred to the recent reports regarding shale gas in the Lancashire.

Resolved: - That the comments be noted.

3658. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following account for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Stationery and Equipment	£151.16.

Resolved: - That the account be paid.

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3659. LETTER OF THANKS - BRINDLE VILLAGE SHOW:

The Clerk submitted a letter of thanks from the Show Secretary in respect of the donation towards the cost of the Annual Village Show.

Resolved: - That the letter of thanks be accepted.

3660. STATIONERY CHARGES:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the agreement with Hoghton Parish Council to apportion stationery and equipment charges on an annual basis.

The stationery costs for 2012/13 were £497.22 and Hoghton Parish Council's share amounted to £212.29 a cheque for this amount had been paid into the Parish Council's Bank Account.

Resolved: - That the payment of the apportioned charges be noted.

3661. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEM:

The Clerk circulated a report dealing with a review of the Parish Council's Internal Audit System.

Resolved: - That the review be approved.

3662. RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Clerk submitted a risk assessment report in respect of the Council's Financial Systems.

Resolved: - That the risk assessment report in respect of the Council's Financial Systems be approved.

3663. LOAN:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the outstanding balance of the loan from the Public Works Loan Board at 31st March 2013 was £1737.55 in 2012 it was £2266.90. The Clerk reported the position regarding the early repayment of the loan

Resolved: - That the Parish Council continue to repay the loan under the existing arrangements.

3664. BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 17th July at 6.30 p.m. at the Town Hall Chorley.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) suggested that the Liaison meeting should consider an item acknowledging that whilst there was no statutory requirement for Chorley Council to consult parish councils on licensing applications that they locally agree to consult parish councils on licensing applications in the same way as they do the Police and Environmental Health Department as part of the process.

He also reported that the meeting would be asked to consider inconsistencies in planning decisions and the use of outside consultants who were not aware of local issues.

He asked if any Member of the Parish Council wished to raise any matter under this item.

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Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) represent the Parish Council at the meeting and raise the issues referred to .

3665. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th August 2013 at 7.30 p.m. the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

19TH AUGUST 2013