

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 30TH JUNE 2014  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE**

**PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C. HINDLE , MRS B.ROBINSON, T.SHARRATT AND  
J. SWANN.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

**3838. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs S. Long and W. Nelson and District Councillor D. Dickinson.

**3839DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DICKINSON:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to Councillor Dickinson's recent ill health and informed the Parish Council of the current situation.

Resolved:- That Councillor Dickinson be wished a speedy recovery.

**3840. 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.

**3841. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2014 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3842. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE THEN FOLLOWED AN ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES AND QUESTION THE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING MATTERS DEALT WITH. THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT DID NOT RAISE ANY MATTER ,THE PARISH COUNCIL RESUMED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING .**

**3843. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

The Clerk circulated the Police Newsletter for May which indicated there had been one reported incident in Brindle during the period.

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The Clerk submitted details of incidents in Holt Lane and at Riley Green reported to him by Councillor Nelson .

Councillor Baldwin referred to the recent spate of burglaries in Wheelton and Councillor Hindle reported details of burglaries at Bournesfield.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) would raise these issues at the PACT Meeting to be held on 1st July 2014.

He also reported that at the last PACT Meeting it had been mentioned that following fly tipping at Duxon Hill Chorley Council had been able to ascertain the culprit and was taking action.

Councillor Sharratt reported on the Air Support PACT Meeting held on 26th June 2014 and expressed his concern that the Unit was being regionalised and the possible wider implications of this. He also informed the Parish Council that the meeting was the last one and no further meetings were planned.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

### **(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 report be accepted .

### **3844. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities including the installation of the bench to commemorate the 90th birthday of the Community Hall which had been provided following the donation by the Parish Council. It was understood a plaque was to be attached to the bench referring to the donation.

Details of the commemorative event in respect of the Start of the First World War and the need for more volunteers to assist with running of the Hall were reported.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

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

### **3845. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter which included details of the changes to the law relating to Village Greens and in particular referred to the Parish Pound.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the work to the Parish Pound undertaken by the Brownies as part of their anniversary celebrations.

It was also reported that as in 2013 the Lancashire Parish Councils Conference and the LALC AGM would be held on the same day. This year they would be held on 8th November 2014 at County Hall Preston.

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Notification of delegates was required by 17th October 2014 and details of any resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting were required by 29th August 2014.

It was also reported that Chorley had now agreed the proposals to change the 3 Tier Forum and it had been renamed Chorley 3 Tier Liaison. It would be a consultative forum.

The next meeting would be 16th July in Chorley at 6.30 p.m.

At the AGM the Parish Council had appointed the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) as their representative on the Forum and the Clerk had notified Chorley.

The Clerk also submitted the Minutes of the Chorley Area Committee Meeting held on 8th May 2014.

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

(2) That the Clerk make further investigations relating to law on Village Greens.

(3) 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 8th November 2014.

4 That any resolutions to the Annual General Meeting be considered at the next meeting.

(5) That the Brownies be thanked for the work undertaken at the Parish Pound.

### **3846. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

#### **(A). LITTER BINS:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that it was not possible to locate a bin at Friths Court or near the Methodist Church because of the narrowness of the footpath.

Councillor Hindle reported that South Ribble Council had erected a bin at their end of Brindle Lodge and he suggested that Chorley Council be asked to put a bin at the Brindle end.

Resolved:- That the Clerk consult Chorley Council regarding the location of a dog/waste bin at the Brindle side of Brindle Lodge.

#### **(B). POTHOLE:**

The Clerk reported that the current situation regarding the potholes in Smithy Lane, Pippin Street, Birchin Lane Hillhouse Lane, Holt Lane and Denham Hill was as follows.

The County Council had indicated that following an inspection there was some edge deterioration adjacent to and opposite the property "Summer Hill" Hill House Lane some which would be repaired, in Smithy Lane there were only a couple of small potholes found adjacent to property "Pippins" near Smithy Close, on Pippin St no potholes had been found on this road, similarly at Holt Lane, in Birchin Lane there was edge deterioration just south of Bridge across Brook opposite Denham Springs Farm. Instructions had been issued instruction for the defects to be repaired and for possible patching works to be carried out. All works would be completed with in 7 to 30 days of 19th May 2014.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the edge of the highway near Hough House on Holt Lane was also deteriorating.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that he had been notified by local residents that a stretch of

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Copthurst Lane, in Brindle between the Top Lock and Denham Springs Farm had a defective and damaged road surface which had caused cycling accidents recently, including people practicing for the Ironman Challenge.

He had notified Lancashire County Council without success and contacted the Ironman Event organisers asking them to raise this issue as part of their liaison with the County Council.

Resolved:- That the reports be noted and that the Clerk informed the Highways Authority of the highway problems near Hough House on Holt Lane.

### **(C) . MARSH LANE :**

The Clerk submitted details of a proposed temporary closure order of Marsh Lane to repair the highway drainage system at Harry Croft by providing a French Drain.

The closure would take place on 2nd September 2014. The Clerk had notified the occupier of Calverts Farm who had first raised this.

The Member of the public present reported that the gullies had not been cleared.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation regarding the blocked drains.

### **(D) . FOOTPATH SIGN FOOTPATH 37 WINDMILL LANE :**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) confirmed that the sign had still not been erected.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

### **(E). ROAD MARKINGS - SMITHY CLOSE /SMITHY LANE.**

The County Council had arranged for the white line markings to be repainted but this had not yet been done.

Resolved :- That the report be accepted.

### **(F). KERB STONES - PRIVATE ROAD:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the gap in the kerb stones near Holly Bank on Private Road had still not been attended to.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

### **(G). FOOTPATH 51 ORAM ROAD:**

The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer had made arrangements to replace the missing sign.

Resolved:- That the Highways Authority be asked to deal with this matter as soon as possible.

### **(H). USE OF SPID DEVICES:**

The Clerk had contacted Wheelton Parish Council regarding the use of their SPID device in Brindle and a response was awaited.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **(I). LANCASHIRE LOST WAYS PROJECT:**

At the last meeting the Clerk submitted details of the Lancashire Local Access Forum project to research and identify Lancashire's lost public rights of way.

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Councillor Sharratt queried whether this applied to bridleways and the County Council was asked if this was the case. A response was awaited.

Also at the last meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that a footpath at Dover Lane did not appear as a footpath on any map although there two stiles there was no sign indicating it was a public footpath. He would contact the Clerk again regarding the matter.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### (J). FUTURE OF LOCAL BUS SERVICES:

The Clerk submitted a consultation on by the County Council on subsidised bus services assessment criteria. The County Council were proposing to revise the criteria to measure services in a more sustainable way.

The revised approach would place emphasis on journeys that provide access to work education and health opportunities and would prioritise daytime and Sunday services relative to those provided in the evening after 6.30 p.m.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) felt that the proposals were unfair on local parishes with regard to weekend services and felt that this should be drawn to the attention of the County Council.

Resolved:- That the consultation be noted and that the issue of weekend services be raised with the County Council.

### (K). WINDMILL LANE TO DOVER LANE:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) referred to a letter received on the Parish Council website from a resident in Windmill Lane requesting the provision of passing places and a 20 mph speed limit on Windmill Lane and Dover Lane.

Hoghton Parish Council had considered the request and made no comment.

Resolved:- That the suggestion be sent to the County Council for consideration.

### (L). JAPANESE KNOTWEED:

The Member of the Public reported that there were several areas in the Parish where this was growing and he asked if steps could be taken to eradicate it.

Resolved:- That this be raised with the County Council.

### (M). GRASS CUTTING:

Councillor Hindle reported that several areas of the grass verges in Hillhouse Lane, Oram Road and Private Road had been missed during the recent grass cutting exercise.

Also the grass triangle at Oram Road had been left apparently at the request of the Parish Council.

Resolved:- That the Clerk discuss the reasons for the missed grass cutting and the situation at the Triangle at Oram Road with the appropriate authorities.

### **3847. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

### **3848. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISIONS:**

The Clerk reported the following applications had been granted since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

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1Erection of two storey side extension with basement below Weavers Cottage Holt Lane. (App no 14/00030/FUL) Applicant: Mr. Stead.

2. Proposed removal of 6 existing antennas and replacement with 9 antennas on existing head frame ,installation of 6 remote radio units and 3 600mm dishes together with associated ancillary development Communications Mast Holt Lane (App no 14/00449/PNOT) Applicant Mono Consultants.

3. Installation of 4 communication dishes and ancillary equipment Communications Mast Holt Lane. (App no 14/00240/TEL) Applicant Telefonica UK Ltd.

4Erection of Agricultural Storage Building Pippin Fold Pippin Street (App no 14/00314/FUL) Applicant Mr. Dewhurst.

The Parish Council was concerned about this decision.

5. New access road to existing farm Leigh Farm Marsh Lane (App no 14/00242/FUL) Applicant: Mr. Ormisher.

Resolved: (1) That the report be accepted.

2That the Clerk write to the County Council the Chairman of Chorley Planning Committee and officers about the decision at Pippin Fold and that the County Council be asked to provide a copy of the report considered by them in 2013.

### **(B). APPLICATIONS:**

No applications had been submitted since the last meeting.

### **(C). CHORLEY LOCAL PLAN:**

The Clerk reported that in April he reported that the Plan was being reviewed regarding options for providing for travellers in Preston, Chorley and South Ribble.

He had now received the preferred options report from Chorley.

Chorley Council was required to provide 5 of the 19 sites identified for the area, of the five sites identified three were in Chorley town, one was at Adlington and the other at Charnock Richard.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council make no comment on the matter.

### **(D). ONSHORE OIL AND GAS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT:**

The Clerk submitted a scoping consultation issued by Chorley Council on this topic.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

### **3849. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

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| 1. A. Harkness            | Stationery and Print Cartridges | £69.19. |
| 2. Brindle Community Hall | Hire of Room June 2014          | £17.50  |

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Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

### **3850. 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.

### **3851. 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.

### **3852. CAVENDISH ARMS:**

The Clerk submitted a letter received on the Parish Council Website from a local resident asking if there was an action plan for the re-opening of the Cavendish Arms the resident was concerned that if it did not reopen, a planning application could be made for the change of use of the site to residential development .

The resident had suggested that the Parish Council should protect the Cavendish Arms by applying to have it listed as an Asset of Community Value by Chorley Council. This could only be done if the premises was put up for sale but he felt that it would be useful to be prepared rather than waiting to see what happened and then having a limited time to fight such a move by the Brewery.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that it was understood that the tenancy had been relet and the Cavendish Arms would reopen shortly.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify the resident concerned.

### **3853. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:**

The Clerk referred to the offer from Clarriots Care a care organisation to clean up the notice boards on a regular basis. He had met representatives and they had offered to to clear the boards once a month of out of date notices and keep them tidy.

They had confirmed they would do this free of charge, the only cost might be the plastic sign to be attached to the boards informing people of the tidy up arrangements.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that he had asked a local contractor for his views on the provision of doors to the notice boards and he was looking into the idea.

Councillor Swann referred to the present arrangement for the publication of the Parish Council Minutes and suggested that in future they only be displayed on the Parish Council website.

Councillor Sharratt indicated that not all people had access to the internet.

Resolved:- (1) That the Parish Council accept the offer of Clarriots Care for a trial period of 12months.

(2). That the Parish Council seek the views of the general public on their intention to change the method of publication of the Parish Council Minutes.

### **3854. APPLICATION FOR GRANT- BRINDLE ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY HALL:**

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The Clerk submitted a request from the Management Committee for a donation towards the refurbishment of the Hall.

The Parish Council agreed to make a grant under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved:- That a grant of £75.00 be made.

### 3855. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reported that Mr Carson of Chorley Council had agreed to meet the Parish Council and members of the Public to discuss the future management of the Quarry.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and that arrangements be made for a meeting with Chorley Council to discuss the Management of the Quarry and that interested local residents be invited to attend.

### 3856. PARISH PLAN:

The Clerk reported that he was making arrangements to discuss the siting of benches for public seating with the Highways Authority.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and that arrangements be made for a meeting with the County Council to discuss the siting of the benches.

### 3857. CHORLEY AND DISTRICT CARNIVAL:

The Clerk submitted a request from the Chorley Carnival Community Interest Company for support in organising the Carnival.

They had suggested that the Parish Council nominate a Member to sit on their organising committee.

Resolved:- That no further action be taken regarding this matter.

### 3858. CHORLEY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Clerk reported that Chorley Historical and Archaeological Society was undertaking an audit and making photographic records of all War Memorials/Cenotaphs in the Borough to mark the Centenary of World War One.

They had requested assistance in identifying the location of any War Memorials within the Parish.

Resolved:- That the Clerk notify them of the location of the War Memorials in the Parish.

### 3859. RURAL BROADBAND:

The Clerk submitted a letter from Lindsay Hoyle MP to the Chief Executive of the County Council regarding the date for the implementation of the the upgrade of the broadband facilities in Brindle.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

### 3860. REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES:

The Clerk submitted a consultation document relating to the Review of Polling Places in Chorley.

Resolved:- That no comments be made.

### 3861. IRON MAN EVENT:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the leaflet issued by the organisation notifying residents of the road closures times.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.



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### **3862. DOG FOULING:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that he had been informed by the Head Teacher of Brindle St. James School that dog fouling was taking place on the school playing field. Notices had been erected but this had not proved effective.

Resolved:- That the Clerk discuss this situation with the Neighbourhood Officer.

### **3863. RODENTS:**

The Member of the Public present reported a problem with rodents in the centre of the village and on Water Street.

Resolved:- That the Pest Control Officer at Chorley Council be notified.

### **3864. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 11th August 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN  
2014.**

**11TH AUGUST**