

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE:
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -
COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C. HINDLE, AND DR. P. McGOVERN.**

4987. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs S. Long, Mrs B. Robinson W. Nelson and J. Swann.

Councillor Nelson had recently undergone a heart bypass operation.

The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

4988. FORMER COUNCILLOR D. DARBYSHIRE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reminded the Parish Council of the recent death of Mr Darbyshire who served on the Parish Council from 1980 to 1992 and was Chairman from 1988 to 1992. The Parish Council placed on record its appreciation of the valuable work of Mr. Darbyshire on behalf of the people of Brindle during his term of office.

All present observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

4989. 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.

4990. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th June 2020 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw).

4991. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

**AS THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT THE PARISH
COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.:**

4992. POLICE LIAISON:

(A). POLICING:

The police were not present.

A range of consultations had been circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics dealing with scams and fraud during lockdown, drug dealing arrests, activities connected with Neighbourhood Watch, the Know Where You Are scheme and surveys on local policing and public priorities.

(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

4993. LALC REPORT:

LALC Consultation documents had been circulated on the Labour Party survey on the Future of Local Government following the Pandemic, the Government's Devolution proposals, the Revised Code of Conduct and proposed changes to the Planning System.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared an interest in this matter being Chairman of the Association and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon..

4994. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). SMITHY LANE/SANDY LANE/WATER STREET - ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN:

The Parish Council was reminded about the outcome of the resident's campaign for changes to the speed limits on these roads.

The County Council had decided not to reduce the speed limits but would improve signage, introduce more traffic speed monitoring and ask the police to undertake more patrols in the area.

(B) . LOWER COPTHURST - BRIDGE:

An accident was reported in this location which had resulted in the bridge near Lower Copthurst Farm being damaged.

(C). BOURNES ROW - FOOTPATH SIGN:

The sign at Bournes Row leading to Oram Road was still to be fixed.

(D). FLOODING :

United Utilities had carried out investigation work regarding the flooding near Calverts Farm Water Street and had concluded that there was a blocked drain on both sides of the road. They had indicated that the repairs to the drains was the responsibility of the County Council.

The County Council would be asked to carry out the work.

The problems with the drains in Smithy Lane and at Top oth Lane were reported to the County Council and had been dealt with.

(E). OVERGROWN TREES - SANDY LANE:

The overgrown trees had been cut back.

(F). FOOTPATHS:

The issues relating to footpaths 21 Breworth Fold,30 Sandy Lane,63 Underpass M65 and 44 Sandy Lane/Smithy Close were still to be attended to as well as that at Footpath 43 footpath where closed signs had been erected and there was no longer a Finger Post at the junction of the farm track and Hillhouse Lane.

(G). ORAM ROAD LITTER BIN:

Following the last meeting discussion took place with Chorley Council regarding the possible location of a litter bin, However, no progress had been made .

Chorley Council would be asked about the current position.

(H). FLY TIPPING:

The Parish Council discussed the increase in fly tipping in the area following the introduction of restrictions during the pandemic and despite Council Refuse Tips now being open.

Particular reference was made to the recent dumping of rubbish on Marsh Lane and the reports on this in the press and on social media.

4995. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

It was reported that Chorley Council was to change the Refuse Bin Collection Day in Brindle and Hoghton from Friday to Tuesday from 18th September 2020.

Residents would be notified of this individually.

4996. PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

Applications had been granted for two separate developments at Windmill Lane, three separate developments at Sandy Lane and developments at Oram Road, Denham Lane, Bournes Row and Duxon Hill since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Three applications for development had been refused two at Lower Copthurst and one in Pippin Street.

(B). Applications:

Two applications for planning permission had been made for two developments at a location on Sandy Lane and at another location on Sandy Lane, plus one at Top oth Lane since the last meeting.

Details had been circulated to all Members and objections had been made to one of the applications on Sandy Lane, no other observations were made.

Chorley Council had been informed of the comments.

(C). DEVELOPMENTS:

1. PIPPINS SMITHY LANE:

In May a local resident raised concerns about work in the field to the rear of Pippins obstructing the right of way.

This was reported to Chorley Council who carried out an investigation.

They were assured that the the work was a temporary measure to facilitate access whilst renovation works were being undertaken, and that the field would be returned to its original condition once these works were completed. In addition, both the Site Manager and the householder were aware of the importance of maintaining public rights of way, and the public footpath/right of way to the rear of the property was free from obstruction at the time of their visit.

The householder, had stated that there was no intention to deviate from the approved plans

The local resident had been informed.

2. HILLHOUSE LANE - SOLAR PANELS:

It was reported that a solar panel array had been built in front of a property on Hill House Lane, It did not appear that a planning application had been submitted for this development .

Whilst the array was not visible from the public road it had many more panels than the 16 allowed in a normal domestic installation.

Chorley Council had been notified and concluded that planning permission was required. It was being investigated by the Planning Enforcement Officer,

As this had been reported some time ago the Clerk would ascertain the present position.

D. WHITE PAPER PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

A copy of the consultation from LALC on the Government`s proposals for the reform of the planning system had been circulated and two members had attended the Planning in Practice Sessions organised by Chorley Council analysing the proposals

The purpose of the White Paper was the Government`s streamlining of the planning system by simplifying Local Plans with an emphasis on making planning permission easier and quicker to get.

Under the changes local discretion over the rate of house building would be removed and Central Government would `distribute` an annual target local authorities would then be required to designate enough land to meet the target.

It was agreed that a response to the proposals should be drawn up and circulated to Members for comment.Copies of the final response would be sent to the Government . Chorley Council, LALC and the CPRE.

4997. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk reported the following accounts for payment had been received.

1. CPRE	Annual Subscription	£36.00.*
2. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration	£50.40*

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3. A. Harkness	Salary and Expenses Quarter ended 30th June 2020	£1077.20*
4. HMRC	Tax on salary and expenses	£304 .58*
5. Community Hall	Hire of Room September 2020	£22.50
6. D. Metcalfe	Website Renewal	£52.75

*Payment approved by Chairman and Vice Chairman under delegated powers.

4998. VAT RECLAIM:

VAT for 2019/20 amounting to £177.58 had been reclaimed and paid into the Parish Council's Bank Account.

4999. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

A report was presented on the communications and consultations received by the Parish Council since the last meeting. Arrangements had been made for condensed versions to appear in Brindle Voice.

It was also reported that the Parish Council had joined the local communications hub Our Lancashire and was represented on the organisation by Councillor Dr P. McGovern

5000. PARISH POUND:

A report was presented on the current situation regarding improvements to the Parish Pound.

5001. PARISH PLAN:

(A). WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:

Details of the revised design for the signs as suggested by the County Council were circulated.

It was approved and the Clerk was authorised to proceed with the next stage.

(B). FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS:

Following the Ramblers Association survey of the Parish Rights of Way, the Parish Council had agreed to undertake a programme of repairs and improvements.

A priority list would be drawn up for discussion with affected landowners.

5002. DATES OF MEETINGS 2020/21:

As a result of the Pandemic the Clerk had drawn up a revised list of proposed dates of meetings of the Parish Council until May 2021.

The dates were agreed.

5003. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

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There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

SIGNED

**CHAIRMAN
2ND NOVEMBER 2020**