

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2014  
AT HOLY TRINITY METHODIST  
CHURCH GREGSON LANE**

**PRESENT:-**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D.DICKINSON AND ONE  
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

**PRIOR TO THE MEETING REPRESENTATIVES FROM NETWORK RAIL GAVE A  
PRESENTATION ON UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS.**

**3750. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR D. DICKINSON:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) on behalf of the Parish Council welcomed back Councillor Dickinson following his recent illness.

**3751 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

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

**3752. 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.

**3753. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 6th January 2014 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3754. 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 WISH TO  
RAISE ANY MATTER AND PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE  
BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.**

**3755. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

As the police were not in attendance no report was presented.

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Councillor Sharratt reported on the Police Air Support PACT meeting held on 6th February 2014. He indicated that Police Air Support was now a National Service with RAF support. A presentation was given by the Coastguard Service and the next PACT meeting would be held in June.

District Councillor Dickinson referred to the closure of coastguard stations.

He also reported on the current situation regarding the occupation of the former Samuel Whitbread Restaurant car park by Travellers.

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 .

### **3756. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that they had agreed to make a donation to the Community Hall Management Committee to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Hall.

The Chairperson of the Management Committee had indicated that it was intended to provide a bench on the field behind the Hall to commemorate the Anniversary.

Councillor Mrs Long reported that there was a clash of dates in November 2014 .

The Clerk had been notified of this.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted and that a donation of £300.00 be made to the Community Hall Management Committee to commemorate its 90th Anniversary.

*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.*

### **3757. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

He also reported that the next LALC Chorley Area Committee meeting would be held on 13th February 2014. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would chair this meeting.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

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### **3758. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

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

The Clerk reported that Chorley Council had suggested that a new dog/litter bin should be provided near the Methodist Church and the Black Horse Hotel but not at the paddock further on from Friths Farm .

Councillor Hindle felt that near Friths Farm would be preferable, however he accepted the location of the bin near the Methodist Church.

Resolved:- That subject to consultation with local residents the Parish Council agrees to the provision of a new litter/dog refuse bin by the Methodist Church on Gregson Lane.

#### **(B). CLEANING OF ROAD SIGNS:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding the approach to the Parish Council Representative on the Chorley Three Tier Forum regarding the issue of cleaning of road signs.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

#### **(C). POTHOLES:**

The Clerk reported that the potholes in Smithy Lane, Pippin Street, Birchin Lane Hillhouse Lane, Holt Lane and Denham Hill still needed attention.

The County Council had replied that it was their policy not to fill potholes which were less than 40mm deep.

The Highways Engineer was to inspect the potholes in these locations to assess whether they met the criteria and if they did arrangements would be made for them to be repaired.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position regarding the filling of the potholes.

#### **(D). HIGHWAYS SCHEMES 2014/15:**

At the last meeting County Councillor Devaney reported that he had submitted five schemes in Brindle and Hoghton to be included in the Highways Maintenance Programme in 2014/15.

The only scheme which had been selected for consideration was the resurfacing of Sandy Lane from Marsh Lane to Brindle Bar.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that white markings had been painted on the B5256 Sandy Lane where the road need attention.

It was not known whether this suggested the resurfacing or patching of Sandy Lane.

Councillor Sharratt felt that this was not an indication that the road would be attended to. It could take some time for anything to be done.

Councillor Baldwin felt that repairs would be carried prior to the Ironman Event.

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Resolved:- That the Clerk request the County Council to explain the position relating to Sandy Lane resurfacing.

### **(E). SPEED LIMITS GREGSON LANE/MINTHOLME:**

At a previous 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.

The County Council County had reported that the speed limit on Gregson Lane outside the village was derestricted going towards the railway crossing and all the way towards Sandy Lane via Hillhouse Lane.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to erect the appropriate signs relating to the derestricted roads.

### **(F). HEDGE AT FORMER SAND QUARRY:**

The Clerk reported that there had not been any progress on the cutting back of the hedge.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be asked to arrange for this to be done as soon as possible.

### **(G). GRIT BINS:**

The County Council had notified the Clerk that that the suggested locations for additional grit bins at Denham Lane and at Grimes Farm Pippin Street did not meet the criteria. The requests had therefore been refused.

The siting of a grit bin at Holt Lane was under investigation.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the residents concerned be notified about the decisions regarding the grit bins at Pippin Street and Denham Lane.

### **(H). BRIDLEWAY - GORTON BROOK:**

At the last meeting Councillor Nelson had reported that the bridleway was overgrown and needed attention. County Councillor Devaney was currently investigating this.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

### **(I). MINTHOLME CROSSING CLOSURE:**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the temporary closure of Mintholme Railway Crossing on 16th February 2014 to allow maintenance work by Network Rail.

Resolved:- That the details be noted.

### **(J). FLOODING - PIPPIN STREET:**

A local resident had reported that Pippin Street continued to flood in at least two locations. The Clerk had asked the County Council to contact the resident about the flooding.

It was also reported that the ginnel between Smithy Close and Sandy Lane was flooded.

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The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the drainage at the ginnel.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

### **(K) . GULLEYS - WATER STREET TO TOP OTH LANE:**

At a previous meeting a local resident present reported that the gulleys had still not been cleaned. Chorley Council had been informed and arrangements made for the gulleys to be swept.

Resolved:-That County Council be asked to clean the gulleys again.

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

At a previous meeting a local resident informed the Parish Council that water was not draining away at Harry Croft because of defective land drains. He had notified County Councillor Devaney about this. The County Council had requested further details as to the precise location of the drainage problem and suggested a site inspection.

Resolved:- That the Clerk make arrangements for the site inspection.

### **(M). FOOTPATH SIGN - WINDMILL LANE:**

At a previous meeting the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the footpath sign at Thorncroft needed attention. The Clerk had notified the Footpaths Officer at the County Council.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

### **(N). DUXON HILL:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that Duxon Hill had been swept.

Councillor Sharratt reported that a film crew had visited Duxon Hill.

Resolved:- That the reports be accepted.

### **(O). WINDMILL LANE:**

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had reported that there were two areas of the road surface on Windmill Lane which required attention. One was adjacent to The Shippon at Silcocks, the other area was at the junction of Windmill Lane and Dover Lane . The Clerk had requested the County Council to investigate this.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current position.

### **(P). REFUSE BINS:**

Councillor Nelson had reported that the problems with regard to the household refuse bins being left on the bend by Moss Farm on Sandy Lane appeared to have been resolved.

Resolved:- That report be noted.

### **(Q). DOG FOULING:**

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Councillor Hindle reported that the dog bin at Back Bournes Row had been emptied.

The Clerk reported that dog fouling had been reported in Smithy Close. The Neighbourhood Officer had removed the fouling and would make regular inspections of the area.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(R). HEDGEROW/VERGE MANAGEMENT :**

The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter and photographs from Mr. Wakefield regarding the hedgerow/verge management by Chorley Council and the use of signs by the County Council.

The Parish Council shared his concerns.

Resolved:- That the Chorley Council and the County Council be asked for their comments.

### **(S). FOOTWAY - SMITHY LANE:**

A local resident had reported that the footway at 42 Smithy Close was subsiding.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council about this.

Resolved:- That further developments be awaited.

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

A local resident reported that the white line markings on the road from Smithy Close on to Smithy Lane were badly worn away.

Cars were driving straight out onto Smithy Lane without stopping in many cases, and there had been several near misses and it was only a matter of time before there was an accident.

Resolved:- That the County Council be notified.

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

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that there was a gap in the kerb stones near Holly Bank on Private Road and they were in danger of collapsing.

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform the County Council.

### **(V) HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES -ORAM ROAD:**

Councillor Hindle reported problems with heavy goods vehicles trying to get to Brindle Mill being misdirected by satellite navigations systems into Oram Road.

There was a cul de sac sign at the entrance to the road but this was being ignored.

He requested that a sign be erected to stop such vehicles from using Oram Road.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reminded the Parish Council of the similar problems in Dover Lane in the past.

Resolved:- That the Clerk request the views of the County Council on this issue.

### **3759. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

### **3760. PLANNING REPORT:**

#### **(A). DECISION:**

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

1. Erection of agricultural building for storage use and housing cattle Denham Springs Farm Birchin Lane (App no 13/00895/FUL) Applicant J and P.A.Baldwin and sons.

2. Retrospective application for two storey rear extension and internal alterations Birch House Oram Road. (App no 13/01115/FUL.) Applicant Dr. McPhail.

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. Construction of New Storage Building Westwood Nursery Brindle Road (App no 14/00006/FUL) Applicant: Places for People.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been received, the Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

2. Office Extension Westwood Nursery Brindle Road (App no 14/00010/FUL) Applicant: Places for People.

Details were circulated to all Members and no objections had been received, the Clerk had informed Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

Details were circulated to all Members and the following comments were made.

The proposal was an overdevelopment of the site. The garage door was so close to the road that vehicles would back out of the garage straight onto the road.

The development would overlook the adjoining property.

The Clerk also submitted a copy of a letter addressed to County Council Devaney and District Councillor Dickinson from two local residents regarding the development.

Resolved:- That Chorley Council be informed of the comments made, that District Councillor Dickinson discuss the contents of the local residents letter with Chorley Council and the Clerk acknowledge the letter.

### **(C). BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN PLANNING POLICY:**

The Clerk submitted details of the the next stage in the publication of this local plan.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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### 3761. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. A. Harkness	Accounts Book	£14.10.
2. Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room February 2014	£20.00
*3. Douglas Tonks Ltd.	Payroll Administration	£957.59.

\* Payment by Direct Debit.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

### 3762. CHORLEY COUNCIL BUDGET 2014/2015 - CONSULTATION :

The Clerk submitted the consultation documents issued by Chorley Council dealing with its proposals for the Budget in 2014/2015. The council tax would be frozen for the coming financial year.

Resolved:That no observations be made on the Consultation Document.

### 3763. COMMEMORATION OF START OF WORLD WAR ONE:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding the Government's scheme to commemorate the start of World War One by encouraging local organisations and residents to plant poppy seeds as part of the national campaign. It was also intended that talks/workshop should be provided for the older children at the three primary schools about the First World War and impact locally in Brindle as part of next year's commemorations.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### 3764. NETWORK RAIL - UNMANNED CROSSINGS:

Following a presentation by Network Rail earlier the Parish Council discussed the proposals. The proposals would also affect Hoghton Parish Council.

Resolved:- (1) That the Network Rail be thanked for the presentation, that further information on the crossings in Brindle be awaited including the the census data, and that they be asked to provide an Ordnance Survey Map showing the location of the crossings.

(2) That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) discuss the location of the footpath at the crossing known as Oram 1 with Network Rail.

### 3765. IRONMAN BIKE RIDE 2014:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported on the outcome of the meeting With the organisers of the event.

The organisers had offered to hold a public meeting in Brindle.

Resolved:- That the offer be accepted and the Clerk make the arrangements.

### 3766. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council of the latest position regarding the management of Denham Quarry.

Councillor Sharratt reported that the fence at the car park had been damaged by the recent storms and required attention.

Councillor Baldwin reported that two large trees had been cut down in the Quarry.



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Resolved:- That the comments made by the Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) be accepted and the Clerk report the damage to the car ark fence and seek an explanation from Chorley Council for the cutting down the trees in the quarry.

### 3767. PARISH POUND:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that Brindle Guides had offered to mark their centenary by putting planters with bedding plants, bulbs and small evergreen shrubs in the Parish Pound.

They had also agreed to plant poppies to mark the start of the First World War.

He also recommended that a financial contribution should be made towards their centenary events.

Resolved:- That the offer be accepted, the Guides thanked for their generous gift and a donation of £100.00 be made towards their centenary events.

### 3768. PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES:

The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter from a local resident commenting on the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2014 and requesting further information on consumers alerts , the issues relating to the unmanned crossing at Oram Road, a request for a grit bin in Bournes Row, the problems with potholes in Bournes Row, the need to clean the drains, the missing footpath sign at Oram Road and the broken stile. Questions regarding the allocations in the Parish Council estimates for the Parish Pound, the Welcome to Brindle signs and the provision of public seating.

Information was also requested about the criterion for the making off grants.

The Clerk had responded to the queries raised after consulting the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

Resolved:- That the local resident be thanked for their interest and the Clerk take any further action required on the issues raised.

### **3770. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2012:**

The Clerk submitted details of this year's Competition together with the Judges Report on the Parish entry in 2013. The entry fee for the Competition was £12.00

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) agreed to convene a meeting of the Best Kept Village Group to discuss the issues raised by the Judges Report.

Resolved: - (1) That subject to the comments of the Best Kept Village Group the Parish Council enter the Best Kept Village Competition and that the Clerk write to the Community Hall, the Cavendish Arms and the schools to see if they wish to enter the Certificate of Merit Section of the Best Kept Village Competition.

(2) That in view of the date of the next meeting coinciding with the deadline for entry to the Competition the entry fees of £12.00 be paid .

### 3771. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2014/15.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that they had agreed the dates of future meetings at the last meeting . Councillor Mrs Long informed the Parish Council that the meeting scheduled for 3rd November 2014 coincided with the Community Hall Management Committee Annual Meeting.

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The Clerk had been notified and the date for the meeting of the Parish Council in November 2014 had been changed from 3rd to 10th November at the Community Hall.

Resolved: - That the changed date be agreed.

### **3772. REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**

The Clerk reported that following a review it had been decided to create a new Eastern Parishes Neighbourhood Area which would include the Parishes of Angelzarke, Brindle Heapey, Hoghton Wheelton and Withnell. The first meeting of this Neighbourhood Committee was held on 5 February 2014.

### **3773. RURAL BROADBAND:**

The Clerk reported that following a query addressed to County Councillor Devaney regarding the provision of superfast broadband in rural areas. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) had been notified that the Hoghton Exchange would be Upgraded in September 2014. This information did not appear on the County Council Website. He suggested that the Parish Council should be informed of a more precise date.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) indicated that broadband for the Brindle area would be provided from the exchange box near the Cross Keys on Sandy Lane.

Resolved: - That the Clerk ascertain the precise date of the upgrading of the Hoghton Exchange and the plans for the upgrading of the exchange box at the Cross Keys on Sandy Lane.

### **3774. BRINDLE GREGSON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL - OFSTED REPORT:**

Councillor Sharratt reported that for some years he had been a Governor at this school, however due to changes in the rules he was now a co-opted member.

He had recently been informed that following an inspection by Ofsted the school had been designated - Good. He circulated a copy of the report which was complimentary.

He also intended to bring the report to the attention of Hoghton Parish Council as many of the school's pupils were from Hoghton.

Resolved:- That a letter of congratulation be sent to the Headteacher and Staff at Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School following the recent Ofsted report.

### **3775. BRINDLE ST. JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that Councillor Mrs Long had recently stepped down as Chairman of the Governors at the school following many years service.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council places on record its appreciation of the hard work of Councillor Mrs Long as Chair of the Governors of Brindle St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School.

### **3776. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 31st March 2014 at 7.30 p.m. the Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Parish Council meeting at the Community Hall Water Street.

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**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.**

**SIGNED  
CHAIRMAN**

**31ST MARCH 2014.**