

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2018
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL
WATER STREET BRINDLE.**

PRESENT:-

COUNCILLOR D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) - IN THE CHAIR, COUNCILLORS J.BALDWIN, C.HINDLE, MRS S. LONG, Dr P.McGOVERN AND MRS B. ROBINSON.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- SPECIAL SERGEANT S. BULLOCK AND COLLEAGUE AND 2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

4546. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted from The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) Councillors W. Nelson and J.Swann.

4547. 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 did so at this stage.

4548. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th December 2017 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe).

4549. 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. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUE.

BROADBAND:

Reference was made to the poor internet service to Top oth Lane and the problems in relation to this. It was felt that Openreach had not transferred lines from Water Street and that the wires to individual properties were not of the required standard.

Councillor Hindle felt that the poor service extended to the whole of the village.

Resolved:- That Openreach be contacted regarding the internet problems in Brindle and that County Councillor Snowden and the local MP be informed of the situation.

THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RAISED NO FURTHER MATTERS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL PROCEEDED WITH THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

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4550. POLICE REPORT:

Special Sergeant Bullock reported on current policing in the Parish and in particular referred to issues regarding motorcycle scrambling and drug taking at Denham Quarry. He also reported an increase in car theft particularly keyless vehicles and informed the Parish Council of incidents relating to anti social behaviour.

Councillor Hindle asked if the police knew the reasons for the spike in rural crime over the last six months. They felt that this was due to criminals from outside the area targeting rural areas.

The police circulated a draft newsletter for comment by the Parish Council.

Councillor Hindle suggested that statistics should be included relating to the outcome of incidents.

A local resident reported a significant increase in the number of vehicles speeding in the village centre on Sandy Lane.

This would be reported to the Police Road Safety Unit for investigation and appropriate action taken.

It was also reported that parked cars in Water Street were obstructing the pavement causing pedestrians to walk in the road.

The Clerk submitted a consultation from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding a proposed increase of approximately 2% in the Police Precept in 2018/19.

Resolved:- (1) That details relating to the prevention of theft of vehicles with keyless operations be included in Brindle Voice.

(2). That statistics relating to the outcome of incidents where appropriate be included in the police newsletters.

(3) That any further comments on the draft newsletter be considered at the next meeting.

(4). That the significant increase in the number of vehicles speeding in the village centre on Sandy Lane be reported to the Police Road Safety Unit for investigation.

(5). That the police visit Water Street in connection with the problems regarding parking and take any action required.

(6). That no observations be made on the proposed increase in the Police Precept in 2018/19.

(B) CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:

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

Resolved:- That report be noted.

4551. COMMUNITY HALL:

A report was presented on current activities.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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Councillor Mrs S.Long declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being representatives of the Parish Council on the Community Hall Management Committee.

4552. LALC REPORT:

The Clerk submitted the current newsletter. Details of the revised audit arrangements were reported.

The Clerk also referred to the Annual Invitation to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 23rd May 2017. Nominations were restricted to Chairmen only.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted

4553. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(A). FLOODING:

The Clerk reported latest situation regarding the clearing of gullies and ditches.

At the last meeting further flooding was reported at Birch House and on the south side of Hillhouse Lane near Summerhill, opposite the school on Water Street and at the junction of Private Road and Gowans Lane. These were currently awaiting cleaning.

With regard to the drainage problems near Brindle St. Joseph`s Parish Hall on Private Road remedial works were currently taking place.

Councillor Baldwin reported that the drain on Birchin Lane still required attention. The three other blocked drains the stretch of road between Lower Copthurst Farm and Top Lock had not been cleared.

Councillor Mrs Robinson reported that the gully near the post box on Holt Lane continued to flood.

With regard to the flooding on Pippin Street the County Council was discussing the problems with the landowner.

At the last meeting it was reported that problems relating to flooding near The Old Barn at Top oth Lane continued. The problem appeared to be a culvert and was partly on farmland.

Following an inspection it was considered that the culvert was not on farmland but within the road drainage system.

Resolved:- (1) That the flooding situation continue to be monitored, that the Clerk contact the County Council to ascertain the latest position and report the latest gully problems.

(2). That the County Council be asked to make a site inspection of the culvert at the Old Barn at Top oth Lane.

(B). PRIVATE ROAD:

The Clerk reported the County Councillor Snowden had informed him that work would be carried out to Private Road including its resurfacing.

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Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(C). HIGH COP:

It was reported that County Councillor Snowden was discussing the re-instatement of the salt bin with County Council officers. The highways sign had still not been re-erected.

Resolved:- That the Clerk contact County Councillor Snowden to ascertain the current position regarding the salt bin and the sign.

(D). PIPPIN STREET:

The Clerk reported that there had been no progress regarding possible repairs to the road surface on Pippin Street.

Resolved:- That the County Council be asked for an update on this matter.

(E). NOTICE BOARD - TOP OTH LANE:

It was reported that the improvements had been made.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(F). STREET LIGHT NO 7 SANDY LANE:

It was reported that this lamp post had been repaired. However, the surface to the ginnell was deteriorating.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the County Council be informed of the deteriorating surface of the ginnell. .

(G). FOOTPATH SIGN - SLACK FARM:

County Councillor Snowden reported that the sign had been put back up.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(H). SEVERE WEATHER IN WINTER:

The Clerk circulated a copy of the latest County Council Winter briefing note.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(I). STREET NAMEPLATES:

Councillor Mrs Long reported that the nameplate at Hillhouse Lane had been repaired. The street nameplate at Smithy Close had also been repaired.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

(J) HEAVY GOODS TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE:

At the last meeting it was reported that there had been a noticeable increase in the number of HGVs using through the Parish, the police had been notified and were investigating this.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ask the police for an update on this situation .

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(K). TIPPER WAGONS:

At the last meeting it was reported that a fleet of eight wheeled tipper wagons was going regularly to Breworth Fold to tip soil. The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) was investigating this.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

(L). MARSH LANE:

The Clerk reported that the County Council had made temporary repairs to the cattle grid on Marsh Lane. Permanent repairs would be carried out as soon as possible.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

(M). STILES:

A local resident reported that a stile on Footpath 27 from Marsh Lane to the Leeds Liverpool Canal was in a dangerous condition.

He also reported that a stile on Footpath 43 over the M65 from Smithy Close required attention.

The Clerk had notified the County Council and had been informed that the maintenance of footpaths and stiles was the responsibility of the landowner.

The landowner had been approached and felt that the County Council should ensure that all footpaths were fully restored before they were handed over.

The local resident suggested that the Parish Council should be responsible for footpaths in the future.

It was considered that the County Council's position should be made clear and that the views of the Rambler's Association and the CPRE should be sought.

Resolved:- That the course of action suggested be adopted.

(N). COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES:

The Clerk circulated a consultation document from the County Council seeking the views of relevant groups/individuals on a number of ideas for volunteer opportunities within the Lancashire Countryside Service.

Observations on the proposals were submitted.

Resolved:- That the comments be forwarded to the County Council.

4554. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Councillor Mrs Long reported there were no issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

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4555. PLANNING REPORT:

(A). DECISIONS:

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved :- That the report be noted.

(B). APPLICATIONS:

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting comments had been made regarding the following application:-

1. Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of front porch, rear conservatory, existing glasshouse and building to rear. The Barn Little Holt Sandy Lane. (App no 17/01045/FULHH) Applicant Mr and Mrs Burridge.

The comments had been submitted to Chorley Council and a response had been made which dealt with the comments.

No further observations were made and Chorley Council had been informed.

Resolved:-That the report be accepted.

The following application had been had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

Single storey rear and side extension 70 Bournes Row (App no 17/01151/FULHH) Applicant Mr. Childs.

Details had been circulated to all Members and comments had been made these had been reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

4556. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

1. Community Hall	Hire of Room January 2018	£20.00
2. A. Harkness	Clerk - Salary and Expenses quarter ended 31st December 2017.	£891.28.
3. HMRC	Tax on Clerk`s Salary and Expense quarter ended December 2017	£185.00.
4. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Fees June - September 2017	£36.00.
5. Lancashire Training Partnership	Training Course Fees (Councillor Dr. P.McGovern)	£63.00.

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

4557. COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON BUDGET PROCESS:

The Clerk submitted a consultation from the County Council on the Cabinet's budget proposals for 2018/19 the proposals total £64.274m and contained a number which were genuine efficiencies, additional income generation, demand management and service changes which were not expected to have a negative impact on front line service delivery. A number

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of the proposals were also subject to appropriate consultation with individuals and parties potentially affected and these were set out in the budget option documents.

Any feedback would be considered and reported to the full Council meeting on 8th February 2017 when the budget would be set. Comments were required no later than Friday 19th January 2018.

Resolved:- That any comments be submitted to the Clerk by 19th January 2018.

4558. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that in accordance with planning regulations Chorley Council was required to pay the Parish Council 15% of any receipts it received for developments within its area.

Chorley Council had notified him that an interim payment of £1353.86 had been made for the six months to 28th October 2017 and a further final payment would be made in April 2018.

The Parish Council must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of the area. The levy was intended to focus on new infrastructure and not used to pre-existing deficiencies. It should be spent within five years.

Resolved:- That the funds be spent on Welcome to Brindle signs and the Story Board at the Parish Pound.

4559. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - RESULTS:

The Clerk referred to the 2017 Best Kept Village Competition and submitted the Reports made by the Judges on the Parish.

Resolved: - That a copy of the judges report be sent to the various organisations.

4560. SHUTTLINGFIELDS TRUST:

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the winding up of the Trust.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

4561. PARISH POUND:

The Clerk reported the latest position regarding the provision of a story board at the Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That a meeting be arranged with representatives of the Historical Society and Chorley Council to discuss the content of the Story Board.

4562. PARISH PLAN - BENCH OAM ROAD:

The Clerk reported that following a site inspection by the County Council it had been confirmed that the bench was sited on private land and it was not possible to relocate it onto the highway verge. The Parish Council would therefore re-site the bench and two sites had been suggested neither of which were as good as the previous site. The County Council had agreed to meet the cost of relocating the bench.

The Chairman of the meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had considered other more suitable sites and suggested one at Duxon Hill.

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Resolved:- That the Parish Council expresses its concern at the way this matter has been dealt by the County Council and that they be requested to hold a site meeting to discuss the alternative location at Duxon Hill.

4563. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2018/19.

The Clerk submitted a draft programme (circulated) of meetings of the Parish Council during 2018/19.

Resolved: - That the list of dates for meetings of the Parish Council in 2018/19 be agreed subject to further consultation with affected organisations.

4564. LANCASHIRE CIVIC CAROL SERVICE - BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL:

The Clerk submitted an invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Parish Council to attend the Lancashire Civic Carol Service at the Cathedral on 4th February 2018.

Resolved: - That Councillor Dr P. McGovern represent the Parish Council at this service.

4565. CHORLEY/PARISH LIAISON MEETING:

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held on 17th January 2018.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4566. ELECTORAL REVIEW:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the Boundary Commission intended to undertake an electoral review of the size of Chorley Council (number of elected members). This was to take place in June 2018. A Briefing Meeting had been held on 6th December 2017 and he had circulated details of the presentation.

Councillors Mrs Long had attended the Briefing and would keep Members informed of any developments.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

4567. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Meeting (Councillor D. Metcalfe) declared the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

**SIGNED
CHAIRMAN**

12TH FEBRUARY 2018