

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 12TH MAY 2014  
AT HOLY TRINITY METHODIST  
CHURCH GREGSON LANE**

**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 ONE  
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

**3813. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

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

**3814. 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.

**3815 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 31st March 2014 having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3816. 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 .**

**3817. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A) NEWSLETTERS:**

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

District Councillor Dickinson reported that he had spoken to the police about their non attendance.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that on the PACT meeting arranged for 6th May 2014 had not been held.

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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.

Councillor Sharratt referred to a letter which he had received which he considered to be a scam.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted .

### **3818. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current activities.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

*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.*

### **3819. LALC REPORT:**

The Clerk reported details of the current newsletter.

Councillor Sharratt reported on the LALC Spring Conference held at the Leyland Hotel on Saturday 5th April 2014.

The Clerk submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2014/15 amounting to £222.14 compared with the figure for 2012/13 of £217.97 . This was a slight increase from last year.

Resolved: - That the reports be accepted, that the Parish Council continue its membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and that the annual subscription fees for 2014/15 amounting to £222.14 be paid.

### **3820. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

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

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that Chorley Council had been asked to resite the dog/litter bin near Friths Court and to locate bins at the ginnel near Gregson Lane County Primary School and in Brindle Lodge.

A bin had been provided at ginnel near Gregson Lane County Primary School.

The proposed siting of bins at Friths Court and in Brindle Lodge were being considered.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

#### **(B). POTHOLES:**

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

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Councillor Sharratt reported that the broken drain cover on the east side of Mintholme Crossing had been repaired.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### **(C). SANDY LANE B5256:**

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reported that County Council had prepared a temporary closure order for the surface dressing of Sandy Lane the B 5256 . It was anticipated the road would be closed for two days only during the period 1st May to 14th July 2014 from 08.00 to 17.00.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

The Clerk reported that the County Council had now investigated the situation regarding the speed limit on Gregson Lane outside the village going towards the railway crossing and all the way towards Sandy Lane via Hillhouse Lane. They had indicated that the 30mph signs were incorrect and national speed limit signs would be erected to reflect this.

Councillor Mrs Long confirmed that this had been done.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reported that following the site meeting on the meeting with the County Council held on 31st March 2014. The ditch near Sandy Lane had been attended to and the drains near Leigh Farm cleaned. The Highway drainage system at Harry Croft was still under investigation regarding the responsibility for repair.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to provide an update on their investigations regarding the repair of drainage system at Harry Croft.

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

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the County Council's Footpaths Officer had issued an order to replace the sign. The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that the sign had not yet been erected.

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

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

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) had reported that the County Council had undertaken minor repairs to the two areas of the road surface on Windmill Lane and carried out similar work on Dover Lane.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

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

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported that the footway in Smithy Close had been resurfaced recently and he had requested that the ginnel from Smithy Close to Sandy Lane should also be done. However, this had not been agreed.

Resolved:- That report be noted and the County Council reminded of the problems at the Ginnel from Smithy Close to Sandy Lane.

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### (I). ROAD MARKINGS - SMITHY CLOSE /SMITHY LANE.

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

The Clerk had notified the County Council and this was being investigated

Resolved:- That the Clerk ascertain the current situation.

### (J). 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.

### (K). HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES - ORAM ROAD:

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

The County Council had been requested to erect a sign to stop such vehicles from using Oram Road.

Councillor Hindle reported that the existing sign had been replaced with a larger more prominent sign.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### (L). DIRECTION SIGNS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN BOURNES ROW:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding the provision of directional signs on Gregson Lane indicating the location of Brindle St. Joseph's RC and Brindle Gregson Lane Primary Schools. The schools had agreed to pay for the signs.

Resolved:- That report be accepted.

### (M). USE OF SPID DEVICES:

The Clerk submitted a questionnaire relating to ownership and use of SPID Devices by Parish Councils.

The Chairman reminded the Parish Council that it was intended to pursue the loan of such a device for use in the Parish. It was understood that Wheelton Parish Council had recently been given a SPID device and was offering it to other Parishes.

Resolved:- That the Clerk respond to the questionnaire and investigate the offer of Wheelton Parish Council regarding the possibility of using the Spid Device.

### (N). LANCASHIRE LOST WAYS PROJECT:

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

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) reported that that a footpath at Dover Lane did not appear as footpath on any map although there two stiles there was no sign indicating it was a public footpath.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) suggested that the Historical Society should be informed of the project and would raise it at their next meeting.

The Clerk would arrange for the details to be put on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

Councillor Sharratt mentioned that some thirty years ago he had been involved with the Lancashire branch of the British Horse Society regarding the loss of bridleways.

Resolved:- That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) inform the Historical Society of the project, that details be placed on the Notice Boards and that the County Council be informed of the footpath at Dover Lane.

### **3821. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on issues affecting the Parish Council.

Resolved: - That report be accepted.

**3822. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A). DECISION:**

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

1. Re-submission of App no12/001178/FUL) Demolition of outbuilding and construction of new bungalow on same footprint land adjacent to Myrtle Cottage Sandy Lane (App no 13/00940/FUL) Applicants Thistle Homes (NW) Ltd.

The Parish Council had previously objected to this development and commented on the decision.

Resolved: That the report be accepted.

**(B). APPLICATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that an amendment to revise the size of the extension had been made to the following planning application.

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

Resolved:- That the Parish Council continue to object to the application on the grounds previously stated and the Clerk inform Chorley Council.

The following planning application had been received since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

1. 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.

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

Resolved:- That the Clerk inform Chorley Council.

**(C). CONSULTATION - RENEWABLE AND LOW CARBON ENERGY:**

The Clerk submitted a supplementary planning consultation document giving guidance on the interpretation and implementation of policies regarding renewable and low energy schemes within Chorley.

The document was silent on policy relating to Fracking.

Resolved:- That the policy document be noted.

**(D) SOUTH RIBBLE LOCAL PLAN:**

The Clerk reported that modifications had been made to the Plan affecting issues such as Travellers,Village Development,Leyland Town Centre,District Centres and Local Centres.

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South Ribble Council would be looking at the situation regarding traveller provision over the next twelve months in conjunction with Chorley Council and Preston City Council.

Councillor Sharratt hoped that the Parish Council would be notified as to where Travellers sites would be located.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### **3823. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment.

*1. Douglas Tonks Ltd	Clerk Salary and Expense Quarter Ended March 2014	£999.30.
2. Holy Trinity Methodist Church	Hire of Room May 2014	£20.00
3. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room March 2014	£17.50

Resolved:- That the accounts be paid.

\*Payment by Direct Debit.

### **3824. INSURANCE PREMIUM - RENEWAL.**

The Clerk submitted details of the Parish Council's insurance quotation from Aviva/ Norwich Union for the year from 1st June 2014, and reported that the cost of renewing this would amount to £293.45 compared with a figure of £284.90 for 2013/14 an increase of £8.55.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that in 2012 it was agreed to stay with Aviva/Norwich Union for a further three years.

The Parish Council was requested to decide whether the cover offered was adequate.

A sum of £350.00 had been included in the Parish Council's Estimates for this premium in 2014/15.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council considers that the Council's Insurance is adequate and that it be renewed for 2014/15 at a premium of £293.45.

### **3825. AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Audit for 2013/14 would take place on 24th June 2014.

He also reported that this year the Parish Council had been randomly selected to receive an intermediate audit questionnaire and he submitted a copy of the form to be completed.

The Independent Internal Auditor had examined the Parish Council's Accounts and procedures, confirmed that they were in order, had agreed the Audit Report and submitted it to the Parish Council for approval.

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The Clerk also reported under the procedure it was necessary for the Parish Council to approve an Annual Statement of Governance that the accounts had been undertaken in accordance with prescribed regulations.

A copy of the Annual Return, Statement of Governance and the Internal Auditors Report was circulated to each Member of the Parish Council.

Resolved: - (1) That the Parish Council accepts the report of the Internal Auditor

(2) That the Independent Internal Auditor's fee of £50.00 be paid.

(3) That the Parish Council acknowledges its responsibility for the preparation of the accounts and confirms, to the best of our knowledge and belief that the Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 are true and correct and that they have considered the statement of governance in connection with those accounts.

(4). That the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) be authorised to sign the Annual Return where appropriate

### **3826. LOAN:**

The Clerk reported that the outstanding balance of the loan from the Public Works Loan Board at 31st March 2014 was £1183 in 2013 it was £1737.55.

The loan would be repaid under current arrangements by February 2016.

Resolved: - That the report be accepted.

### **3827. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT:-**

#### **(A) BRINDLE VILLAGE SHOW:**

The Clerk resubmitted a request from the Secretary of the Brindle Village Show for a donation towards the cost of the Annual Village Show.

Resolved: - That a donation of £100.00 be made.

#### **(B). BRINDLE WOMEN`S INSTITUTE:**

The Clerk submitted a request from the Women`s Institute for a donation towards their 70th Anniversary celebrations.

Resolved:- That a donation of £100.00 be made.

### **3828. COMMEMORATION OF START OF WORLD WAR ONE:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported on the current situation regarding the planting of the poppy seeds by local organisations.

The Clerk reported that a local historian Mr. Clewlow from Euxton had donated a copy of his book In Memoriam to the Parishes of Brindle and Hoghton for their archives.

District Councillor D. Dickinson indicated that Hoghton Parish Council were to acquire their own copy.

The Clerk also reported that copies of the book by the local historian could be obtained from The Chorley Remembers Project at Astley Hall.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

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### 3829. IRON MAN BIKE RIDE:

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reported on the outcome of the meeting held at Brindle St. James Parish Church with representatives from the Iron Man Organisation, the Church and local residents from Top oth Lane.

He indicated that this was expected to be an Annual Event.

It was suggested that a meeting be held following the event to review any unforeseen problems which arose which arose.

It was also reported that not all properties on the route had received information regarding the event.

Resolved:- That the course of action proposed be adopted and that the Race Oganisers be asked to inform residents of Denham Lane regarding the event.

### 3830. DENHAM QUARRY:

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that Chorley Council had been informed of the views of the Parish Council on the future management of Denham Quarry including public and school involvement.

It was felt that the Parish Council should approach Chorley Council to discuss the issues at Denham Quarry.

Councillor Sharratt referred to the broken fencing at the rear of the car park.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) informed the Parish Council that Chorley Council had been asked to repair the additional section of the fencing at the Quarry Car Park and this had been programmed.

Councillor Sharratt expressed his concern about the dumping of rubbish in particular builders rubble had been deposited on the other side of the car park fence.

He asked if there was some way of providing surveillance cameras similar to the suggestions for Duxon Hill.

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) indicated that Chorley Council were not prepared to put cameras at any location in Brindle.

It was reported that prosecutions had taken place in the past by establishing the name of the party involved.

The Clerk reported that Chorley Chorley had been asked for clarification regarding the trees reported by Councillor Baldwin. Chorley Council indicated that they had not cut down the trees referred to in 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.

### 3831. PARISH PLAN:

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) submitted a list of sites for public seating within the Parish in accordance with the decision taken during consideration of the Parish Council's Estimates.

The sites were located at:-

1. Hillhouse Lane 100 metres south of Yew Tree Farm.
2. Junction of Private Road and Chapel Fold.
3. East of the junction with Birchin Lane and Denham Lane.
4. Denham Lane east of the junction with Holt Lane near the two lay-bys (Two sites).
5. The Parish Pound.

Resolved:- That the Vice Chairman (Councillor D. Metcalfe) be thanked for the suggestions, that the list be agreed in principle and the Clerk investigate providing benches at these locations.



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### 3832. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) indicated that the notices on Parish Council notice boards were deteriorating because they were open to the weather.

It was suggested that they be protected by the provision of suitable doors which would not be locked.

Resolved:- That the Clerk investigate this.

### 3833. NETWORK RAIL - UNMANNED CROSSINGS:

The Clerk circulated details and maps of the unmanned crossings in Brindle and Hoghton.

The Vice Chairman (Councillor D.Metcalf) had walked the route of the crossings with representatives of Network Rail. and Brindle.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### 3834. PRECEPT:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received the precept of £6800 from Chorley Council and the current balance was £11348.88.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

### 3835. CAVENDISH ARMS - BEER FESTIVAL:

The Chairman (Councillor D.Cranshaw) reported that he had been informed by the Management at the Cavendish Arms that it was not proposed to hold a beer festival this year.

Resolved:- That the report be accepted.

### 3836. NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER:

District Councillor D. Dickinson informed the Parish Council of the current situation regarding the replacement of a Neighbourhood Officer for Ms Roscoe.

Resolved:- That the situation be noted.

### **3837. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 30th June 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**

**30TH JUNE 2014.**