

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
BRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2022  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL  
WATER STREET BRINDLE.  
PRESENT:-**

**COUNCILLOR D.CRANSHAW (CHAIRMAN) D. METCALFE (VICE CHAIRMAN) -  
COUNCILLORS Ms L. CROASDALE, Dr Ms P. McGOVERN, AND W. NELSON.  
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. CULLENS AND TWO  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**5192. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J. Baldwin, Ms B. Robinson, Ms C. Singleton and J. Swann.

**5193. 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. No one made a declaration at this stage.

**5194. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th January 2022 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**5195. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:-**

**THE SHIPPON - WINDMILL LANE:**

The Architectural Designer presented design proposals for the property..

The proposals had been circulated to the Parish Council for comment prior to them being submitted to the planning department at Chorley for approval.

The Architectural Designer was thanked for his presentation and the proposals noted.

**ANDERVIEW FARM:**

A local resident referred to the redevelopment of the farmhouse which had been approved under Section Q of the Planning Regulations. He was concerned on a point of principle as to how the Regulation Q rules had been interpreted by the Planning Officers at Chorley. He felt that this would set a precedent for similar development in the Parish and asked why there had been no public consultation. He had consulted the Leader of Chorley Council.



Clarification on behalf of the Parish Council would be sought from the Planners on their interpretation of the Regulations and why there had been no public consultation.

The resident would be kept informed of any developments.

**PARKING - BOURNES ROW:**

An area of land at Bournes Row which had been used for many years for resident parking had recently been fenced off and the residents prevented from parking.

Notices had been erected indicating fees would be charged in future for vehicle parking.

Residents had sought to determine the ownership of the land without success. The County Council and Chorley Council had been contacted about the question of ownership but had not been able to ascertain who owned the land.

Dangerous parking both for residents and at school opening and closing times had not been helped by this development. Enforcement and various other measures were being introduced to resolve the situation.

It was considered that a general right of custom and practice had been established because there had been longstanding use of this site for parking by residents.

It was understood that residents were seeking legal advice.

**AS NO OTHER ISSUES WERE RAISED THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED WITH THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:-**

**5196. POLICE LIAISON:**

**(A). POLICING:**

The police were not present.

There had been a range of consultations circulated since the last meeting regarding various topics. The Police and Crime Commissioner had introduced his revised crime prevention plan and indicated the increase in the Police Precept of 4.9% in 2022/23.

The Chairman reported the introduction of a Speed Watch Initiative details of which would be sent to the representatives of the Sandy Lane/Smithy Lane Action Group.

The theft of equipment was reported and traffic using Holt Lane to Denham Quarry had increased again. This had been reported to the police along with other Community Support Officers but to date despite an acknowledgement no action had been taken.

The Clerk would be ask them to carry out enforcement patrols on Holt Lane.

**(B). CONSUMER ALERTS – TRADING STANDARDS:**

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

A recent scam call to a resident was reported and details referred to the Trading Standards Officer and would be mentioned in the consultation reports to Brindle Voice.

**5197. COMMUNITY HALL:**

A report was presented on current developments.

There still remained a vacancy for a Parish Council representative.

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

**5198. LALC Report:**

Updates from LALC on current issues and various consultation documents had been circulated since the last meeting.

The Parish Council was reminded of the changes to the organisation with effect from the end of January 2022.

A report was presented on the Parish and Town Councils (Highways Special) held on 19th March 2022. Various initiatives would be introduced such as a phone app for reporting potholes, the establishment of dedicated gully cleaning teams for specific areas and improvements to the County Mapping System (Mario). The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) would circulate the slide presentation for the information of Members.

The Clerk submitted an invoice for the Association's Subscription Fees for 2022/23 amounting to £256.28 compared with the figure for 2021/2022 of £258.17. This was a slight decrease from last year.

The Parish Council was asked whether it wished to continue its membership of the Association.

The Parish Council agreed to continue membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and to the payment of the annual subscription fees for 2022/23 amounting to £256.28.

*The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in this matter in respect of being a representative of the Parish Council on the LALC.*

**5199. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**(A). FLOODING:**

Following a site meeting with the Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council Engineers had visited Water Street and carried out further investigations, Various works had been carried out and a blocked drain cleared. United Utilities had been asked to carry out further work to alleviate the constant flow of water.

The tree which was growing in the drainage ditch appeared to have been removed The pothole had been attended to.





The County Council had indicated that as Water Street was a rural single track road there was little to prevent vehicles mounting the verge when passing one another and concrete kerbs would not be considered in this location.

Flooding continued to be a problem in Pippin Street. This would be reported again to the Highways Gulley Cleaning Team.

**(B). GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE:**

A quote of £500.00 for the repair of two potential trip hazards around the manhole and the concrete around a fence post was submitted.

The quotation from was accepted and the contractor would be asked to put the work in hand. It was felt appropriate that when the work was done signs should be erected indicating the Parish Council's involvement .

**(C). PIPPIN FOLD - PIPPIN STREET:**

Following a site visit by the Cabinet Member for Highways at the County Council . It had been confirmed that the hump at Pippin Fold – Pippin Street did not form part of the adopted highway and as such was outside their responsibility.

**(D). GRIT BIN - ORAM ROAD:**

The County Council had indicated that the request for a grit bin at the junction of Oram Road did not meet the criteria and the request had been rejected.

**(E). TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - MINTHOLME:**

Mintholme crossing would be closed temporarily from 2300 hours on 16th April 2022 to 0700 hours on 17th April 2022.

A diversion would be in place the closure was to allow Network Rail to carry out maintenance work.

**(F). M65 UNDERPASS:**

Following an inspection the underpass required tidying up and maintenance work done.

The Highways Agency would be asked to carry out the necessary maintenance work.

It was also suggested that the stile on the footpath should be replaced to allow disabled access.

The Countryside Officer would be asked to look into this.

**(G). SpID POLICY AND PROCEDURE:**

The County Council was in process of clarifying the current status of all Speed Indicator Devices on the County `s Highways and had submitted a questionnaire for completion by 22nd April 2022.

**(H). WALKING AND CYCLING SURVEY:**

The County Council was undertaking a survey requesting comments by 5th May.

**(I). SLURRY:**

Complaints had been received complaints regarding slurry on the roads and had been reported to the County Council.

**(J). STILE - SMITHY LANE:**

The stile on the footpath at Smithy Lane required repairing.

The Countryside Officer would be asked to replace the stile.

**(K). DUMPING OF WASTE:**

Extensive dumping of plastic waste was taking place in the Parish and residents were asked to photograph any instances they came across when reporting it in an attempt to identify the perpetrators.

**5200. CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Details of the matters affecting the Parish Council were reported.

**5201. PLANNING REPORT:**

**(A) Decisions:**

The following decisions on the applications had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Erection of dwelling with detached garage and hobby room following demolition of existing buildings Holt Lane Farm Cattery Holt Lane (App no 21/01460/FUL.) - Granted.
2. Erection of a two storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing single storey side and rear extensions and alterations to elevations and fenestration Brooklyn Sandy Lane (App no 21/01117/FULHH). - Application Withdrawn.
3. Application to discharge condition no 10 (written scheme of investigation) of planning permission 19/00705/FUL (Conversion of barn to dwelling house and erection of detached garage) and condition no 7 (Written scheme of investigation) of listed building consent 21/00547/LBC (Application for works in association with the conversion of the barn to a dwelling house as permitted under planning permission 19/00705/FUL (Conversion of barn to dwelling house and detached garage)) Tullis Farmhouse Barn Sandy Lane (App no 21/01394/DIS) Granted (conditions discharged).
4. Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding. Windmill Hill Farm Sandy Lane. (App no 21/01369/CLPUD) - Certificate of Lawfulness Granted.
5. Conversion and extension of former farm shop building to form 2 dwellings Head o the Marsh Farm Sandy Lane. (App no 22/00023/FUL) - Granted.
6. Notification of intention to upgrade existing telecommunications equipment including the removal and replacement of 6 antennas, removal and replacement of 2 ground based equipment cabinets, installation of a new ground based equipment cabinet, installation of radio units, combiners and other ancillary items Orange



Telecom Mast Site Huggarts Farm Denham Lane. App no 22/00202/NOT Telecom Application - Approved.

7. Construction of new silage clamp Bateson`s Farm Sandy Lane (App no 21/01471/FUL). - Granted.

8. Application for listed building consent for the installation of CCTV cameras on front elevation Brewworth Fold House Marsh Lane (retrospective). (App no 22/00005/LBC) - Granted.

9. Single storey rear extension (following demolition of porch) 35 Bournes Row (App no 22/00083/FULHH). - Granted.

10. Application to discharge condition no 4 (external facing and roofing materials) of planning permission ref 19/01053/FUL(Erection of a dwelling house following demolition of existing stables) Scale Hill Farm Marsh Lane (App no 22/00157/DIS) - Condition discharged.

11. Application to discharge condition no 8 (dwelling emission rate) of planning permission ref 19/01053/FUL(Erection of a dwelling house following demolition of existing stables) Scale Hill Farm Marsh Lane (App no 22/00124/DIS) - Condition Condition discharged.

12. Erect a portal framed building to house new milking parlour Bateson`s Farm Sandy Lane (App no 21/01472/FUL). - Granted.

**(B). APPLICATIONS:**

The following applications had been submitted since the last meeting.

1. Conversion of existing barn to dwelling and partial demolition and conversion of existing stable block to create ancillary accommodation Town House Farm Sandy Lane (App no 21/01246/FUL).

2.Single storey side extension Birch House Oram Road (App no 22/00092/FULHH).

3.Single storey rear extension Kayes Barn Marsh Lane (App no 22/00224/FULHH).

The applications had been circulated to all Members and no comments were made.

4.Erection of detached dwelling house following demolition of existing building Pippin Fold Pippin Street (App no 22/00296/FUL)

Concern was expressed at the scale of this development and further observations would be made.

**(D). DEVELOPMENTS AT BREWORTH FOLD FARM AND CRABTREE FARM:**

Following the report of extensive ground works at Brewworth Fold Farm.The Planning Obligations Officer (Enforcement) and the Environment Agency had been asked to investigate. The outcome of their investigations was awaited.

Development was taking place at Crabtree Farm the Enforcement Officer was investigating.

**(E). PLANNING APPEAL:**

An appeal had been lodged in respect of Chorley's refusal to grant a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding to accommodate a swimming pool and gymnasium at Silcock Farm Windmill Lane. (App no 21/00476/CLPUD). The Parish Council had not objected to the proposals.

**(F). PLANNING IN PRACTICE EVENT:**

Members reported on this event for Borough and Parish Councillors on 4th March 2022.

**5202. WITHNELL FOLD NATURE RESERVE:**

As reported the County Council was to undertake some work at the site. The Parish Council would look into the improvement of the public footpath from Water Street to the nature reserve in conjunction with the landowner.

Members had walked the route and submitted comments relating to work required

Further discussions would take place on a programme of maintenance and improvement work to the footpath.

The Chorley Nature Group would carry out work at the nature reserve.

**5203. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Clerk reported the following accounts for payment .

1. Brindle Community Hall	Hire of Room March 2022	£20.00.
2. A. Harkness	Computer Repair .	£50.00
3. Whitehead and Aldrich	Payroll Administration	£54.00.

The accounts were approved and cheques signed.

**5204. APPLICATION FOR GRANT - BRINDLE SHOW:**

An application for grant was submitted from the Treasurer of Brindle Show in respect their Annual Show in September 2022. A copy of their accounts was circulated.

A grant of £150.00 was agreed.

**5205. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2022:**

The Parish Council had submitted its entry to the Competition in 2022.

Inspection by the judges would start in June/July 2022.

**5206. CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING:**

A report was presented on the meeting held at Chorley on 16th March 2022.

**5207. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE:**

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) reported events proposed to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

**5208. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:**

Condensed versions had been submitted to Brindle Voice. Councillor Dr Ms P. McGovern was thanked for producing these.

The Clerk had circulated details of the County Council and Chorley's precept for 2022/23 and also the Police Authority precept.

**5207. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 16th May 2022 (The Annual General Meeting) at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle.

There being no further business the Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

SIGNED



CHAIRMAN  
16TH MAY 2022