

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Monday 10 January, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Fire Station**

Present: Cllr R Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
 Cllr D Lowe Cllr C Moore
 Cllr H Page Cllr C Tew
 Cllr A Gillias (RBC) Cllr H Timms (WCC)
 P Creek (Clerk)

1. Open section of meeting at which members of the public can speak. There were none present.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllr Rachel Watts

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2010. Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the minutes other than continuing minutes

9.3. The Royal British Legion had expressed their thanks for the wreath donation. It was reported that the Highways Dept had no objection to the erecting of a war memorial on The Crescent grass. The Planning Dept, however, want to see details of the scheme. Some Cllrs present believed that the memorial would be best sited on the opposite side of the road adjacent to the church. The Legion has been made aware of this option and is deliberating on the matter.

13. The Clerk reported that he had been advised that the former Legion site development would attract £3500 in Section 106 funding. Confirmation in writing of the sum and the use to which it could be put are to be sought from the Planning Dept.

Action: Clerk

Post meeting note. An e-mail requesting confirmation has been sent.

6. Accounts

6.1. A copy of the updated Income and expenditure and cash balance spreadsheet was given to all Cllrs present. It was agreed that, in future, the spreadsheets would be e-mailed to Cllrs just prior to each meeting.

6.2. The following were approved for payment. All sums in £s Sterling.

E.On	Electricity bill	Chq: 1289 350.31
Colin Cook	Wages (January)	
Phil Creek	Salary (January)	

It was noted that the wages and salary commitments for the December BACS payments had not been formally recorded in the December minutes although they had prior approval by virtue of the BACS mandate signed at the beginning of the financial year. It was resolved that, in future years, a single minute at the beginning of the year would approve wage and salary payments for the forthcoming year.

7. Associated meetings.

7.1. It was reported that the treasure hunt had been cancelled. There would be a family party, centred on the Community Hall on 29 April at 16:00, to celebrate this year's royal wedding. The scouts are to be consulted over the possibility of using their land should the weather prove clement. Fancy dress optional.

Action: HP.

This year's fete will be held in July. Future events will be a silent auction and a Victorian Christmas market.

8. News and views from RBC and WCC Councillors.

8.1. Transport. WCC money has been set aside for 'gateway' schemes at the entrances to the village on the Coventry and Lutterworth Roads.

Lower speed limits are to be introduced on Smeaton Lane, Peter Hall Lane, Coombe Fields and Ansty Road.

8.2. The Council asked Cllr Timms to convey its' appreciation of the splendid job carried out by the refuse collectors during the recent weeks of adverse weather conditions.

8.3. The Localism Bill will reform planning red tape and enable the Planners to spend more time on enforcement.

8.4. The Council asked for statistics on recycling rates to be made available for dissemination in the village.

Action: AG.

9. Correspondence. A communication regarding transport to and from the Ansty Lunch Club had been received and the attendant posters are to be displayed.

Action: CT, Clerk.

10. Continuing Minutes.

10.1. Community Hall. New chairs are on order.

10.2. Cemetery. Some loose head stones have been discovered. Cllr Pearson proposed commissioning a professional survey to ascertain the extent of the problem and rectify. Any loose head stones found would be laid flat, for safety, and surviving relatives (if any) would be contacted over the responsibility for the reinstatement of the stones. An advisory notice will be placed in Round the revel.

Action: RP, JB.

10.3. Playing Field. It was reported that there are 10 dead trees in the western hedge adjoining the farmer's field. The farmer is to be contacted and asked to remove.

Action: Clerk.

There has been an increase in the prevalence of dog mess on the field.

The football club were reported to have been mowing the pitches prior to matches. The clippings have not been disposed of properly and need to be taken away from the field for disposal. Tony Glasscoe is to be approached over the matter.

Action: DL.

10.4. Website. The new format was outlined to unanimous approval from the meeting. Various documents to post on the site were debated.

Action: CM.

10.5. Parish Plan. There had been an overall positive response to the recently circulated questionnaire. Professional analysis has been arranged and the scripts will be forwarded soonest. A subcommittee will be convened to edit the final document.

Action: HP.

11. Warden's Report. Read to the meeting by the Chair. The dog mess problem was discussed. It was resolved that other Councils would be asked how they handle the issue and the feasibility of employing a village, or Revel, dog warden would be investigated.

Action: RP, Clerk.

Post meeting note. An e-mail seeking advice and experiences has been circulated to Clerks in neighbouring villages.

12. RBS Software. This company are to be contacted to discuss their software solutions for cemetery management.

Action: RP.

13. AOB.

13.1. An estimate of between £500 and £1000 has been obtained from WCC for work to each lamp in order to bring the light levels down to those more usual on a 'B' rated road in a village. The Council is minded to bring light levels in the conservation area down to those recommended in the recent RBC report on Brinklow's conservation area.

Action: Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 21.40.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 February 2011, 19.15 at the fire station.

Phil Creek. Clerk to Brinklow Parish Council.

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