

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council**  
**Held on**  
**Thursday 8 December 2011, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr H Pearson (Chair) Cllr D Lowe  
Cllr C Tew P Creek (Clerk)

**1. Open section of meeting at which members of the public can speak.** PCSOs Havelock and Wyre attended towards the end of the meeting and the Open Section was re opened to enable them to speak. They updated the meeting on the latest policing initiatives and it was resolved that the Council would pursue the various speeding curtailment schemes which could be implemented in Brinklow.

**Action: Clerk.**

**Post meeting note.** Information on 'Speed Aware' has been requested from WCC and will be forwarded to Cllr Pearson.

**2. Apologies received and noted.** Cllr J Boonham Cllr C Moore Cllr Page Cllr A Gillias (RBC) Cllr H Timms (WCC/RBC).

**3. Declarations of interest.** None.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2011.** Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.

**5. Matters Arising From the Minutes Other Than Continuing Minutes.** None.

**6. Planning Applications.** None.

**7. Accounts**

**7.1.** A copy of the updated Income, expenditure and cash balance spreadsheet had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

**7.2.** The following were approved for payment. All sums are in £s Sterling.

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| Community Hall | Room hire Nov/Dec. | Chq: 1339 | 48      |
| SLCC           | Subscriptions.     | Chq: 1340 | 110     |
| K A Hicks      | Verge cutting      | Chq: 1341 | 5223.60 |
| Phil Creek     | Stamps/BT Vault.   | Chq: 1342 | 39.64   |

**7.3.** The latest NatWest Business Reserve Account statement sheet number 146 was shown to the Cllrs. The statement put the balance at £44,572.

**7.4.** Following the precept meeting held on 28 November at the Clerk's house the decision taken then to raise the precept for 2012/13 by 2.5% was ratified at the meeting. An e-mail with the request will be sent to the appropriate RBC officer.

**Action: Clerk.**

**8. Associated meetings.**

**8.1.** Cllrs Boonham and Page had, owing to their planned absence from the meeting had e-mailed their recent attendances at local meetings. Viz:-

Patient Participation group. Planned pharmacy and repeat Rx update discussed. Victorian Fayre raised over £600. A silent auction is planned for Jan/Feb. There is to be a joint Events Committee/BPC to discuss the 2012 jubilee celebrations.

## **9. Continuing Minutes.**

**10.1. Cemetery.** There are numerous instances of head stones being placed without permission or payment. A formulated procedure is to be agreed by the Council; the details of which will be circulated to local funeral directors.

**Action: RP.**

The Japanese Knotweed was discussed. A local farmer has expressed his willingness to undertake the necessary training.

**Action: Clerk.**

**10.2. Playing field.** There is to be a meeting with BFC to discuss extra grass cuts and the possibility of the club obtaining their own grass cutting equipment.

**Action: RP.**

**10.3. Grant funding.** The LEADER fund has been approached for a grant of £500 to cover the cost of obtaining gardening tools for the youth group's allotment aspirations.

**10.4. Footpaths.** The work to the Heath Lane pond has been postponed until after next year's harvest owing to access issues at the current time.

**Action: Clerk.**

**10.5. Website.** Advertising was discussed again. It was proposed that Parish traders should be able to advertise FOC and the possibility of a 12 month trial of paid advertising, at a nominal sum, for others. The revenue/cost ratio needs to be investigated with the web provider.

**Action: CM.**

**10.6. Brinklow Castle.** A full application for LEADER funding has been asked for after a favourable reaction to the initial submission.

**Action: JB.**

**11. Correspondence.** A quotation for the field grass cut has been received from the incumbent supplier. Other parties are being asked to quote.

**Action: RP. Clerk.**

**12. Parish Warden's Report.** Read to the meeting by the Chair.

**13. Section 106 Money.** Having explored various alternatives it was resolved to accept the quotation of a local farmer to install the railway sleeper compost bins.

**Action: Clerk.**

**14. Knotweed Training.** Suitable courses are to be investigated.

**Action: Clerk.**

## **15. AOB.**

**15.1. Affordable housing.** The price of the Lutterworth Road site was deemed too expensive at £54k. It was agreed that land in connection with the Coventry road site was the only option to fulfil the identified need for six houses. It was resolved to explore the Walkers Terrace end of the site in question.

**Action: RP.**

The meeting concluded at 20:40.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 January 2012, 19.15 at the Community Hall.

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