

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Tuesday 13 September 2011, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr R Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
 Cllr C Moore Cllr H Page
 Cllr C Tew Cllr H Timms (WCC/RBC)
 P Creek (Clerk) 8 members of the public

1. Open section of meeting at which members of the public can speak.

1.1. Concerns, over noise, were raised by members of the public that the air ambulance is allowed to land on the playing field. This on an occasional basis, to pick up an A&E Dr who lives in the village. The Clerk outlined his discussions with air ambulance management which had undertaken to only land in the field if safe so to do and not to land in adjacent fields. It was envisaged that this would only take place a couple of times a year. The Council undertook to revisit the matter if the visits should prove too frequent.

1.2. Complaints were made over the frequent blocking of pavements by motor vehicles. Complainants were urged to talk with police about the matter at the Earl Craven Panel meeting on 15 September.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllrs Gillias and Lowe

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2011. Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the minutes other than continuing minutes.

Minute 10.1. The Council recorded its' thanks to the Chair, Cllr Pearson, for his sterling efforts in arranging the recent successful event at the fire station to mark its' closure. The WI members and local deli manager Christos were also commended and are to be thanked in writing.

Action: Clerk.

6. News and views from County and Borough Cllrs.

6.1. The Coventry Road pedestrian crossing is still awaited. A recent speed survey by WCC suggested that, at 37mph, the average speed of vehicles approaching the crossing site was too fast for safety. A solution to this, which will enable the crossing to be installed, has been promised from WCC by 16 September 2011.

Action: HT.

6.2. It was pointed out that the 'no road markings' sign on the Easenhall Road was still in situ despite the completion of the work in question.

Action: HT.

6.3. Cllr Timms said that she would be available to attend BPC meetings should they be changed to Tuesdays; as is likely.

7. Accounts

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

7.2. The following were approved for payment.

Dunchurch Brass	Performance fee.	All sums in £s Sterling. Chq: 1320	100
Heather Page	Plants for tub.	Chq: 1321	14
Jennie Boonham	Plants for festival.	Chq: 1322	17
CPRE	Subscriptions.	Chq: 1323	29
Colin Cook	Burials and DIY.	Chq: 1324	60
Roger Pearson	WI donation (for cakes)	Chq: 1325	20
Community hall	Room hire.	Chq: 1326	21

The latest NatWest Business Reserve Account statement dated 23 August 2011 was shown to the Cllrs. The statement put the balance at £30,766.

8. Associated meetings.

Affordable housing. There has been a recent meeting with members of BPC, WCC and Rural Housing in attendance. WCC has agreed to look at diverting some of the revenue from the sale of the fire station site to BPC in order to subsidise the purchase of a suitable plot for affordable housing. The church field on the Lutterworth Road was seen as a possible site and Neil Gilliver will be approached again about it,

Action: RP.

9. Planning Applications.

9.1. Dispensary alterations. Approved in principal. However the plans have been given to a subcommittee for closer study.

9.2. Church roof. Some confusion over consultation dates; given to a subcommittee for perusal

Action: JB, CM, HP, Clerk.

Post meeting note. The church has not received planning permission for this work. They have gained assents from the ecclesiastical authorities and English Heritage. The final decision rests with RBC running to the schedule as set out in their consultation letter to BPC .

10. Continuing Minutes.

10.1. Community hall. It was stated that the Hall constitution required only two steering meetings a year. Under pressure from the BPC representative on the Committee this has been increased to three.

The fact that there is a £29k loan outstanding on the refurbishment work was highlighted to the Council.

10.2. Cemetery. Quotations are still outstanding for the work required to reinstate the fallen headstones.

Action: RP.

A recently fallen tree has been safely removed.

10.3. Events committee. A Victorian Fair is scheduled for 29 November. A silent auction will take place in the New Year.

Action: HP.

10.4. Grant funding. The LEADER Fund documentation has been studied and was found to be rather involved. Funds are to be applied for the Tump celebrations and another application will be made on behalf of the allotment/Scout grouping.

Action: JB, CM, HP.

10.5. Playing field. The compost bin issue was discussed and various options were discussed. Further investigations into material costs and design will be made.

Action: CM, HP.

There has been a request to fly model helicopters on the field. Councillors were concerned at the likely noise nuisance and possible danger to the public.

Permission was refused with contravention of the 'no motor vehicles' and 'no dangerous sports' Bye Laws being cited.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. The applicants have been advised of the decision but have subsequently asked where they can find the Bye Laws as 'they are not on the internet'. They will be advised, in due course, that they are posted on the park gates.

10.6. Footpaths. A visit by the Footpaths Officer, regarding the dispute with the Heath Lane developer is awaited.

It was reported that the Heath Lane pond has now been cleared and is being replenished by recent rainfall.

10.7. Parish website. Both Cllr Moore and the Clerk are designated 'Webmasters'. This could cause confusion and/or lead to duplication of work. Both parties pledged clear communication with one another over received e-mails.

Action: CM, Clerk.

10.8. Brinklow Castle. A date has been suggested for lease changeover. Many attendant tasks are now urgent and a committee meeting is required soonest.

Action: DL, Clerk.

11. Correspondence.

An e-mail has been received by a resident requesting permission to erect a buttress on BPC land to support her wall which is being damaged by a holly tree growing on the her land. Legal advice has been sought. Whilst BPC can permit such a structure WALC wondered why such a course of action would be undertaken for a holly tree. It was resolved to take advice from a tree specialist through RBC.

Action: Clerk.

12. Parish Warden's Report. Read to the meeting by the Chair. The report highlighted the need to cut back the hedge bordering the children's play area. A working party is planned for Saturday 1 October; commencing 10:00. The Chair felt that field users (Scouts, footballers) should be asked to help. The scope of the task will be assessed in order to determine the level of assistance needed.

Action: Clerk.

13. 106 Money Plans. Three projects are under consideration. Improvements to the Heath Lane path, ditto Heath Lane pond edge, Tump fencing. Costing will be obtained in order that a decision can be made at the Precept Meeting which is scheduled for Monday 28 November; 19:15 at the Clerk's house.

It was decided to remind Cllr Gillias of his commitment to support the expenditure of the 106 money on any project which was centred on outside facilities.

Action All Cllrs (for Precept Meeting), Clerk.

14. AOB.

14.1. The Clerk advised of the replacement of an Ansty Road lamp standard. Further lighting work needed will be costed and presented to the Precept Meeting.

Action: Clerk.

14.2. The new Women's Refuge opens in Rugby next week.

The meeting concluded at 21.55.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 October 2011, 19.15 at the Community Hall.

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