

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Monday 16 May 2011, 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
 P Creek (Clerk) Two members of the public

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

1.1. The meeting was updated about the recent theft of lead from the church roof and the possibility of replacing it with a more base metal.

1.2. Plans are in hand to apply for planning consent to install photovoltaic panels on the south facing part of the church roof.

1.3. A scheme, administered by the Woodland Trust, was brought to the attention of the meeting. It was said that subsidised trees are available.

Action: Clerk.

1.4. A representative from Brinklow scouts apologised to the meeting about a recent fire on its' land in Ell Lane. He went on to say that he was pleased that Mrs Gunstone had managed to get dumped tyres removed from the site. The Clerk highlighted the need to get the site secured to preclude fly tipping and/or ingress of Travellers.

The Council invited the scouts to make a regular contribution to the web page. There is to be an open evening for the scouts on 24 May at the Community Hall.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllr Gillias.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2010. Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.

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

Minute 7.4. The meeting expressed its' gratitude to Cllr Boonham for her efforts on the recently circulated flyer.

6. Accounts

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

6.2. The following were approved for payment.

All sums in £s Sterling.

Philip Cook	Field grass cut	Chq: 1306	807.60
Colin Cook	Funeral and maintenance	Chq: 1307	72.98
J Boonham	Printing	Chq: 1308	66.00
C Moore	Website charge	Chq: 1309	12.64
A Super	Maintenance materials	Chq: 1310	44.83

7. Continuing Minutes.

7.1. Cemetery. There has been a complaint about the laying down of headstones. The situation was explained to the complainant and she has indicated that she will make repairs to all four of her relative's stones.

There was some debate at the meeting about restrictions on grave ornaments. A review of procedure will be carried out and presented to a future meeting.

Action: RP.

7.2. Events Committee. Planning for the fete is ongoing.

7.3. Playing field. It was reported that one of the recently delivered compost bins was stolen within 24 hours of receipt. There was a large quantity of grass left after the recent cut and a sizeable receptacle is needed. It was decided to explore the feasibility of investing in a large solid structure, possibly made with railway sleepers, to be sited at the bottom LH corner of the field.

Action: DL.

The grass contractor has been contacted and will quote for box cutting the first two cuts of the season to cut down on the quantity of clippings left on the field. He cautioned that box cutting is much more expensive, however.

The Clerk raised the issue of the rent paid by the football club as he thought that the agreement was due for renewal. The records will be examined to verify this or not.

Action: Clerk.

7.4. Grant funding. Documentation has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund. An electronic version will be circulated to Cllrs for their consideration.

Action: JB.

7.5. Footpaths. Representatives of the Council recently met with the owners of the quarry to discuss a polluted pond on their land adjacent to the Heath Lane path. The owners have agreed to clean up the pond following this year's harvest.

The Council wishes to upgrade the path and make it more accessible. It was decided to seek advice on restoration work from WCC officers. Following this advice a specification will be drawn up for local contractors to quote against.

The meeting authorised a one off strim, urgently required, to be ordered from a local contractor.

Action: CM.

7.6. Website. The youth club have now submitted material for the site. The Web Master has proved very efficient at uploading material sent to him.

7.7. Parish Plan. The plan is almost ready to print. It was decided to order 12 bound copies.

Action: HP

8. Annual Parish Meeting. The agenda was discussed and agreed. It was decided to serve refreshments before the meeting rather than half way through.

Action: CM.

9. 106 Money. The Clerk reported that the money has not been paid to RBC by the developer; although construction has started which it shouldn't prior to payment of the funds. RBC Planning were reported to be less than helpful over the matter and Cllr Gillias will be requested to pursue this matter on the Council's behalf.

Action: AG.

10. Health and safety. The Council's health and safety policy is currently being investigated.

Action: DL.

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

12. Flower festival. It was agreed to spend up to £30 on flowers for the festival.

Action: JB.

13. AOB.

13.1. There are various plots of land in the village; the ownership of which is unknown. It was suggested that a subscription to the Land Registry would enable the Council to determine ownership. However the Clerk pointed out that, unless the land in question had changed hands comparatively recently, then it would not be recorded in the Registry.

13.2. A contractor has been asked to quote for removal of the Japanese Knotweed from the cemetery. Treatment over three years would cost in the region of £3.5k; a firm price will be received in June. It was pointed out that the weed has been in situ for many years and did not appear to be spreading. It was decided to speak with local farmer Steve Friswell to seek his advice and also carry out internet research.

Action: RP, Clerk.

13.3. The white lines on Broad Street have been renewed despite the pledge by WCC to consult on their positioning, with BPC, prior to their renewal. This matter will be discussed with Cllr Timms.

Action: Clerk.

13.4. Positioning of war memorial is still being investigated by the British Legion.

13.5. It was resolved to e-mail Cllr Timms about; Coventry Road crossing, Broad Street white lines, fire station site for affordable housing, waste bin moving delays and the long awaited quarry liaison meeting.

Action: Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 21.40.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 June 2011, 19.15 at the fire station.

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