

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Monday 18 April 2011, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Fire Station

Present: Cllr R Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
 Cllr D Lowe Cllr C Moore
 Cllr C Tew P Creek (Clerk)
 One member of the public

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

1.1. The meeting was updated, by a member of the public, as to the progress on the war memorial project. Planning consent is not required providing BPC is in agreement. The Legion would like to see the memorial sited outside of the old post office. Site meeting arranged for 26 April. The British Legion is celebrating its' 90 years of existence on 12 June 2011.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllrs Page, Gillias and Timms

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2010. Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.

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

Minute 4.7. Still no news of a date for a quarry liaison meeting.

Action: HT

Minute 12. The implications of compulsory enrolment of the Clerk into the local government pension scheme were discussed. It appears that this will not be necessary for the current financial year but will be considered as part of the precept setting for next financial year.

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.

Refined Line Dvpt	Web design & Mntc	Chq: 1296	222.50
Samuel Clark	Parish plan analysis	Chq: 1297	96
E.On	Electricity bill	Chq: 1298	357.52
Community hall	Room hire	Chq: 1299	14
S Friswell	Tump reseeding	Chq: 1300	246
Colin Cook	Cemetery duties	Chq: 1301	24
RBC	Headstone testing	Chq: 1302	400
BHE	Playing field post	Chq: 1303	70
WALC	Subscriptions	Chq: 1304	324
David Lowe	Tennis net	Chq: 1305	114

It was resolved that the remuneration for the Parish Warden's self employed contract would be £2357.76 for the forthcoming year paid in 12 monthly instalments by BACS transfer. This minute authorises payment for the year.

It was further resolved that the Parish Clerk's remuneration, associated payroll expenses and VAT would be £6584.76 for the forthcoming year paid by BACS to Douglas Tonks in 12 monthly instalments. This minute authorises payment for the year.

7. Continuing Minutes.

7.1. Footpaths. It was resolved that the 106 money attracted by the Legion development would be put towards upgrading the footpath adjacent to the site. Concern was expressed about the nearby pond which is heavily polluted. The Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency about the pond.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. The Agency stated that action should be requested from the landowner in the first instance. Representatives of BPC have subsequently met with the landowners who have undertaken to clean up the pond once the adjacent crops have been harvested later in the year.

7.2. Playing field. The tennis net has been replaced. The feasibility of erecting a teen shelter and, possibly, a metal bench near the kicking wall is to be investigated.

Action: DL.

7.3. Grant funding. It was reported that accessing money from the HLF looks complicated but will be pursued.

Action: JB.

7.4. Parish plan. Results from the recent survey in the village will be circulated by a flyer with Round the Revel.

Action: HP.

7.5. Castle Mound. Farmer Joe Shirley has agreed to relinquish the tenancy of the mound if the area could be taken over by BPC for the benefit of the wider community. An approach will be made to the landowner.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Mr Peter Gregory-Hood has responded in a positive manner to a letter, from the Clerk, outlining BPC's plans for the mound. He cautions that he will seek advice from his land agent and solicitor who may counsel against it. However, in principle, he is in favour of BPC taking the lease on a peppercorn rent basis.

8. Scout's Land, Ell Lane. Concern was expressed about the scout's land as it is unfenced and regularly attracts fly tipping. The police were called recently to investigate three men burning rubbish on the site which the RBC refuse tip had rejected. A letter, expressing the concern of BPC, will be sent to the scouts.

Action: Clerk.

9. 106 Money. Expected to be £3.5k; it was resolved to allocate £2.5k to the footpath, mentioned in previous minute 7.1, and £1k to work on the castle mound.

10. Health and safety. The Council's health and safety policy is to be reviewed to determine its' relevance to current legislation.

Action: Clerk

11. AOB.

11.1. It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting, scheduled for 25 Mat, would include the Chair's address, and talks about hedge hog rescue and recent disaster relief work in Japan undertaken by a village resident.

The meeting concluded at 20.55.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 May 2011, 19.15 at the fire station.

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