

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council**  
**Held on**  
**Thursday 14 June 2012, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr C Moore (Chair) Cllr J Boonham  
Cllr E Friswell Cllr D Lowe  
Cllr B Garcia (RBC) Cllr A Gillias (RBC)  
Cllr H Timms RBC, WCC) P Creek (Clerk)  
Twenty-two members of the public.

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

**1.1.** A member of the public raised the issue of the Affordable Housing proposals and stressed the necessity of consulting with the village over such an emotive issue. The large turnout by the public seemed to have been generated by the Affordable Housing question. Another member of the public handed a letter on the subject to the Clerk with the request that it should be read to the meeting and minuted as received. The Clerk declined to read the letter out, as the Council had not considered it. The Chair would make a response to the letter in due course.

**1.2.** The Clerk took the opportunity to highlight WCC's plans to switch off many of the village's streetlights from 1 April 2013. Full details are on the WCC website.

**2. Apologies received and noted.** None.

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

**4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.**

**4.1.** The next Fosse Forum will be at Pailton Village Hall and will discuss, amongst other topics, Neighbourhood Planning

**4.2.** Green bins have been stickered to stress that they can be used for food waste.

**4.3.** A funding application towards a skateboard park has been made on behalf of Brinklow Youth Club

**5. Minutes of the last meeting.** Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes other than continuing minutes.** 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.

P Creek	Digital backup/beacon	Chq: 1382	507.35
Sustainable furn	Benches for castle site	Chq: 1383	1395
R Pearson	Printing	Chq: 1384	35
Broker Network	Insurance	Chq: 1385	338.4
M Jeffs	Internal audit fee	Chq: 1386	65
S and A Friswell	Seeding	Chq: 1387	198.4
BHE	Strimming	Chq: 1388	42
Community Hall	Room hire (June)	Chq: 1389	24

**7.3.** The latest NatWest Business Reserve Account statement sheet number 152 was available to the Chair. The statement put the balance at £40365.91.

**7.3.** The Council's payroll for the year ending 31 March 2013 was approved at £6584.76 including payroll administration. The contract for warden's services in the same period was approved at £2357.76.

**7.4.** The accounts and audit statement were formally approved and signed by the Chair.

**Post meeting note.** Posted to the external auditor

## **8. Planning applications.** None

## **9. Correspondence.**

**9.1.** The Council will not be represented at the Civic Service on 24 June.

**9.2.** The Clerk had been asked to consider a letter detailing the Fields in Trust. The Clerk stated that should the playing field be enrolled into the scheme then it appeared that VAT on work carried out on the field would not be reclaimable by the Council. In light of this, the meeting decided not to proceed with any enrolment.

## **10. Reports from associated meeting.**

**10.1.** There had been a meeting of the Brinklow Liaison Committee with Cllr Lowe attending on behalf of BPC. Detailed minutes of the meeting had been circulated by a Director of the Quarry; Dale Aston.

## **11. Continuing Minutes.**

**11.1.** Community Hall. It was reported that £625 was raised in memory of Lionel Smith who had recently deceased. The money was donated to the Hall funds.

**11.2.** Playing field. The meeting discussed the need to refurbish the children's play equipment. It is to be considered in conjunction with the possible skateboard park.

**Action: DL.**

**11.3.** Grant funding. The money has been received from LEADER for the Castle site fencing. The next claim for the benches is to be submitted.

**Action: JB.**

**11.4.** Footpaths. Reported to be very overgrown due to the level of precipitation over the last weeks.

**Post meeting note.** A contractor has been instructed to clear the Heath Lane path which a member of the public has reported as blocked by vegetation and fallen branches.

**11.5.** Communications with the parish. Owing to publishing deadlines the Round the Revel entry had been submitted. It was decided that the Chair's Jubilee address should be published.

**Action: RP.**

**11.6.** Brinklow castle. The Clerk reported on a complaint that the footpath along the line of the new fence was too narrow. The Council decided to take no action as it thought that the path was adequate and followed the line agreed by the two landowners.

It was reported that Rose Narrowboats had very kindly donated diesel for the Castle site mowing.

**Post meeting note.** An e-mail of thanks had been sent to Rose Narrowboats. Grass seed has been purchased and is to be spread in the areas now cleared of shrubbery.

Following an expression of concern by a Crescent resident that visitors to the Castle parking adjacent to Church Field might cause a hazard A WCC Highways Officer is to visit the site and ascertain the situation.

**Post meeting note.** The Highways Officer has reported, in writing, that he sees no problem with visitors parking adjacent to Church Field.

**12. AOB.**

**12.1.** It was agreed that the website needs updating.

**Action: CM.**

The meeting concluded at 20:20.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 12 July 2012, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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