

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 12 January 2012, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr H Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
 Cllr D Lowe Cllr C Moore
 Cllr C Tew P Creek (Clerk)

1. Open section of meeting at which members of the public can speak. There were none present.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllr H Page.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2011. Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the minutes other than continuing minutes. None.

6. Planning applications.

6.1. Raven Inn. The council neither agreed nor disagreed with the application for retrospective permission covering a smoking shelter. The council recognised that the shelter was a sine qua non for the business in light of current smoking legislation. The Clerk was instructed to write to RBC Planning accordingly.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Appropriate e-mail sent.

6.2. 46 Broad Street. The council remains totally opposed to the proposal for further development on this site. Accordingly the Clerk was instructed to write to RBC Planning and reiterate its' comments made in response to the original application.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Appropriate e-mail sent.

6.3. Chinese takeaway. There have been numerous allegations that people are living in the storage facility behind the takeaway. The Clerk was instructed to ask RBC Planning to look into the matter.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Appropriate e-mail sent.

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.

E.On	Power bill.	Chq: 1343	358.38
Colin Cook	Cemetery duties.	Chq: 1344	24
Community Hall	Room hire.	Chq: 1345	24
Roger Pearson	Bulbs for verges.	Chq: 1346	31.97

7.3. The latest NatWest Business Reserve Account statement sheet number 147 was shown to the Chair. The statement put the balance at £38,366.

8. Associated meetings.

8.1. There is to be a joint Events Committee/BPC to discuss the 2012 jubilee celebrations.

9. Continuing minutes.

10.1. Cemetery. The most urgent gravestones are to be repaired in the following week with the next tranche to follow. There will be another Round the Revel appeal for relatives to come forward to fund individual repairs. It was resolved to send letters to all stonemasons in the vicinity advising of cemetery procedures and that they should not take on work in the cemetery without a letter of authority from BPC stating that payment has been made to the Council for the memorial.

Action: RP, Clerk.

Post meeting note. Letters, together with examples of the applicable letters of authority to be issued to relatives, have been sent to all stonemasons on a list provided by Cllr Pearson.

10.2. Playing field. There has been a call for bids for grass cutting of field, verges and cemetery in one contract.

Post meeting note: Contract now let with significant cost savings made following the call for bids by Cllr Pearson

10.3. Grant funding. The LEADER fund 'official application' had been submitted and a response is awaited.

10.4. Website. The desirability, or otherwise, of links to other sites is being investigated. It was resolved that adverts from businesses based within the Parish should be posted free of charge with a small fee for businesses based elsewhere. The fee must exceed any extra charge levied by the web administrator.

Action: CM.

10.5. Brinklow Castle. A work party is scheduled for the forthcoming Saturday morning. Access through Church Field gate is required and the former tenant will be approached to open the lock.

Action: Volunteers, Clerk.

11. Parish warden's report. Read to the meeting by the Chair.

13. Section 106 money.

13.1. It was determined that the proposed compost bins on the playing field were no longer required; therefore the local farmer, who had been contracted to carry out the work, would be approached and asked to relinquish the contract.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. The farmer has agreed to give up the contract.

13.2. It was resolved that the money could be used to build a path in the line of the revised Tump footpath and remove the damaged steps. The Footpaths Officer will be consulted over the plan.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. The Clerk is awaiting proposed dates for a site visit from the Footpaths Officer.

14. Deputy Chair vacancy. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

15. AOB.

15.1. Bus stop litterbin; Coventry Road. This is now urgently required due to the prevalence of littering.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. RBC has made BPC's bin requirements a priority.

15.2. Social housing. The current WCC proposal will be challenged. Cllrs Pearson and Moore are to meet and discuss the situation.

Action: RP, CM.

15.3. The Round the Revel Council article will advise readers to check the Council website for an update on the delayed Easenhall Road bridge refurbishment.

Action: JB.

15.4. All Cllrs present expressed their disappointment at the dearth of RBC and WCC representation at the meeting.

Post meeting note. The Clerk has had discussions and correspondence with RBC and WCC Cllrs on this issue. He was advised that the dates of the conflicting Earl Craven meeting had been fixed a year in advance. From April 2012, an alternative regular day will be found for the Earl Craven meeting to avoid clashing with BPC's gathering.

The meeting concluded at 21:15

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 February 2012, 19.15 at the Community Hall.

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