

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 13 September 2012, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr R Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
Cllr E Friswell Cllr D Lowe
Cllr C Tew Cllr H Timms (RBC, WCC)
P Creek (Clerk) Three members of the public.

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

1.1. A member of the public asked about the Affordable Housing proposals. Cllr Pearson re-iterated the Council's proposals as set out at the June meeting. See following paragraph **11.8**.

1.2. A member of the public mentioned an e-mail she had received about becoming a Broadband Champion. She went on to say that; she had been unable to get a response from the contact telephone number she had been ringing. Cllr Timms took the contact details of the aspiring Champion and went on to say that she was sure that the WCC lead for the project would respond by Monday.

Action: HT.

1.3. A request was made for a waste bin to be sited at Walkers Terrace. The Council agreed but it was pointed out that there was already a request in for two other sites in the village and that the process moved slowly.

Action: Clerk.

1.4. The consultation to remove the monitor from school buses was raised; see following paragraph **4.1**.

1.5. A question was asked about any plans to update the children's equipment on the playing field. The plan for a new facility, which was in the Council's action planner, was mentioned and a pledge was made to consult parents over items to be ordered.

Action: DL.

1.5. The Council, in response to a question, stated that the bench on Church Field would be put back in the same position.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllrs Gillias and Moore.

3. Declarations of interest. Cllr Friswell declared an interest in the Castle Site.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. Cllr Timms stated that there were now three Broadband Champions for Brinklow being coordinated by WCC's Leigh Hunt

4.2. Turning to the removal of the school bus monitor; Cllr Timms stated that it was a budgetary decision taken two years ago and that WCC was one of very few Councils which still had on board assistance. Monitors would be retained in the event of anti-social behaviour, transporting mixed age groups or statemented pupils.

4.3. Cathiron Lane road repairs were said to be imminent.

4.4. The date for the repair to the Easenhall Road canal bridge cannot be ascertained from any source.

4.5. Pedestrian crossing works were due to start 17 September with the gateways scheduled for October.

4.6. A pothole at the junction of Cathiron Lane and Rugby rode was reported.

Action: HT.

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 spread sheet, together with a scan of NatWest Business Reserve Account sheet number 154 (£40192.49) had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

7.2. The following were approved for payment. All sums are in £s Sterling.

J Boonham	Printing, etc.	Chq: 1396	141.1
Colin Cook	Funeral duties	Chq: 1397	66
Community hall	Room hire	Chq: 1398	32
Clement Keys	External audit	Chq: 1399	342
Styvechal Estate	Castle lease; half year	Chq: 1400	180
CPRE	Yearly subscription	Chq: 1401	29
Colin Cook	Repairs to boards	Chq: 1402	93

8. Planning applications. Southfields and Ell Lane; no objections to either.

9. Correspondence. A letter had been received from a Crescent household complaining that the Church Field bench gave a 'grandstand' view into their bedroom. The Council determined that this was not the case and that, in view of the numerous requests to reinstate it, the bench would be returned to its position in due course.

Action: Clerk.

10. Reports from associated meeting.

10.1. Earl Craven meeting at Ryton Organic Gardens.

11. Continuing Minutes.

11.1. Footpaths. It was reported that the hedge adjoining the Heath Lane path is encroaching on to it. Thought to be Quarry land.

Action: Clerk.

11.2. Cemetery. The second tranche of work on the headstones had not been carried out and nothing had been heard of from the contractor. As some time has elapsed; it was determined that another survey would be carried out and a call for bids made for the work identified.

Action: RP

11.3. Castle Site. An update as to progress was given to the meeting

Action: Clerk.

11.4. Events committee. A beetle drive with cheese and wine is scheduled for 19 October in aid of local charities. A Pudding Club evening is being planned.

11.5. Playing field. The hedge to the west boundary is overgrown

Action: Clerk.

The football club is proposing to alter the layout of the pitches. The Council stressed that this must not impact on the proposed skateboard site.

Action: DL.

11.6. Grant funding. A claim has been made to LEADER for reimbursement of the benches purchase.

11.7. Communications with the parish. The broad content of the Round the Revel entry was discussed.

Action: JB.

11.8. Affordable housing. The village ballot yielded 111 votes for the proposal, 261 against with a further 19 papers spoiled. It was proposed by the Chair that, in light of the will of the village, the Council could not support the scheme for the housing on the Coventry Road site. Carried unanimously.

12. Warden's Report. Read to the meeting by the Chair.

13. Code of Conduct. The Council formally adopted the new (August) Code of Conduct which superseded the code adopted in July.

Action: All Cllrs.

14. Declaration of Interests. Information had been circulated to all. It was decided that the Chair would study the implications of the declaration and report back to the next meeting. This matter is now urgent.

Action: RP.

15. AOB.

15.1. There had been a request to site a bench in Broad Street. Agreed to by BPC.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Permission has been obtained from WCC Highways and RBC Planning. A blue metal bench will be ordered. Community Hall committee to be consulted.

Action: EF.

15.2. Sources of funding for the memorial are to be investigated.

Action: JB.

15.3. The Speed Aware volunteers have been trained and are approved to train others. A further three to five volunteers are needed.

The meeting concluded at 20:50.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 11 October 2012, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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