

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 9 February 2012, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present:	Cllr H Pearson (Chair)	Cllr J Boonham
	Cllr D Lowe	Cllr C Moore
	Cllr H Page	Cllr C Tew
	Cllr A Gillias (RBC)	Cllr H Timms (RBC/WCC)
	P Creek (Clerk)	6 members of the public

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

1.1. Two members of the British Legion outlined plans for fund raising for a proposed war memorial. They asked for a donation from the Council and a couple of Cllrs to sit on the fundraising committee. There was also reference that the Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the new memorial. It was resolved that the Clerk would act as treasurer for the fund raising and two Cllrs volunteered to be on the committee. It was further resolved that advice would be sought from WALC over the donation and ongoing maintenance issues.

Action: Clerk.

1.2. Two residents of The Crescent were questioning the recent clearance activity on the castle mound. An outline of the project was made which gave some reassurance.

1.3. A resident from The Crescent complained that he was regularly having mirrors of his vehicles damaged by passing traffic and stated that he would like to see the road widened or the road blocked off. He was advised to canvas local opinion and come back to the Council if there was a groundswell of opinion in favour of such a move.

1.4. A local farmer enquired about the quality of the proposed boundary fence between his land and the Council tenanted castle mound. He was assured that it would be stock proof.

2. Apologies received and noted. None.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. Gateway project. WCC wish to see a 50-40-30 mph speed limit countdown to the proposed village entrance gateways. The police are not in favour as they will be unable to enforce it. However; WCC will push for such a scheme.

Action: HP

4.2. Broadband. RBC is to contribute £246k towards improving rural line speeds.

4.3. Affordable housing. Regulations are to be changed to enable councils to retain and reinvest collected rents.

4.4. There is to be a public enquiry, over the Top Road site at Barnacle, on 23 February.

4.5. Easenhall Road bridge. Work on this has been postponed sine die. It was resolved to ascertain from the project manager what the revised schedule is.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Work now scheduled for financial year 2012/13. Dates TBA.

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

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

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.

Godfrey Payton	6 months castle rent	Chq: 1347	180
Godfrey Payton	Lease preparation	Chq: 1348	300
PD Timms	Memorial repair	Chq: 1349	602.4
WALC	Training	Chq: 1350	39
BHE	Tree maintenance	Chq: 1351	468
David Lowe	Lock and chain for castle site	Chq: 1352	36.26
WCC	Lamp column	Chq: 1353	647.57
WCC	(Another) lamp column	Chq: 1354	1104.18
Roger Pearson	Tools for castle site	Chq: 1355	349.08
Refined Line	Website hosting yearly fee	Chq: 1356	75

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.

7.4. Consideration was given as to the reappointment of the internal auditor for the year 2011/12. It was decided to stay with the current auditor who has proved to be vigilant and offers invaluable advice.

Action: Clerk.

8. Correspondence. WCC had written requesting the proposed date for WCC's annual spring clean. It was agreed to conduct this on 21 April and WCC are to be informed accordingly.

Action: Clerk.

9. Continuing Minutes.

9.1. Cemetery. It was reported that the first eight monuments, due for repair, had been completed with the next fifteen scheduled for an early repair at a price each similar to the first tranche.

Action: RP.

9.2. Events committee. The silent auction is set for 3 March and an appeal for objects to auction had been made.

Planning for the Jubilee celebrations was reported as ongoing.

Action: HP.

9.3. Playing field. The recently received quotation to remove ivy from trees on the playing field was thought to be expensive. Furthermore there was an opinion in the meeting that it was a waste of time removing ivy from the elm saplings as they would die anyway once they reached 30 feet or so. Clarification is required.

Action: Clerk.

9.4. Footpaths. An e-mail from the Footpaths Officer, detailing the procedure to effect a footpath route change, which the Clerk had e-mailed members, had not been received. A request was made for it to be resent.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. E-mail resent. Cost of change procedure reported as £2k plus.

9.5. Website. It was agreed to renew the hosting contract with Refined Line. A cheque was raised and is minuted under preceding 'Accounts' Para '7.2'.

Action: Clerk.

9.6. Brinklow Castle. The ditch between Church Field and the churchyard needs cleaning out as it is causing dampness in the church. It was agreed to divide the cost between the Council and church authorities.

Action: Clerk.

The LEADER funding for this site is now in place. The Council formally recorded its thanks to Cllr Boonham for all her efforts with the LEADER application that resulted in such a favourable outcome.

10. Parish Warden's report. Read to the meeting by the Chair. It highlighted a missing post on the playing field/Barr Lane border. Instructions are to be issued for its' repair.

Action: Clerk

11. Section 106 money. Will be spent on the Heath Lane pond retaining wall with the balance to be allocated to the castle mound project.

Action: AG, Clerk.

12. Health and safety. The draft form of words put before the Council was agreed. An original document is to be generated and signed by the Chair.

Action: Chair.

13. Election of Deputy Chair. Following her resignation as Deputy Chair; Cllr Page proposed that Cllr Moore be appointed to the post. Cllr Boonham seconded the nomination and the decision was carried unanimously

14. AOB.

14.1. Street lighting; junction of Easenhall Road and Cathiron Road. There was some discussion as to the merits, or otherwise, of siting a lamp in this position. It was resolved to canvas the opinion of local residents in order that the Council can make an informed decision.

Action: DL.

14.2. Delivery rounds for the newsletter were divided up between meeting members.

Action: All present.

14.3. A parishioner wants to site a skip on The Crescent grass in order to clear contents from a house. There was much discussion as to the best site. It was decided that further discussions would be held with the parishioner in question.

Action: RP.

The meeting concluded at 21:45.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 March 2012, 19.15 at the Community Hall.

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