

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 11 October 2012, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr C Moore (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
Cllr E Friswell Cllr D Lowe
Cllr C Tew Cllr A Gillias (RBC)
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 outlined his duties as an Ambulance First Responder in Brinklow. He went on to ask if the Council would be prepared to offer some financial support towards purchase of the necessary equipment required for the role. After purchase; such kit would be maintained by the Ambulance Service. The total price for all equipment was put at £1200. It was resolved that the Clerk would ascertain the legal position prior to any decision to donate, towards the purchase, being taken.

Action: Clerk.

1.2. There was discussion over the ownership of some of the land along which the Heath Lane footpath is routed; particularly at the Dun Cow Close end. A local landowner, present at the meeting, pledged to investigate the situation.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllrs Garcia and Pearson.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. Cllr Timms stressed the importance of responding to the new Section 106 proposals.

Action: All Cllrs.

4.2. The meeting expressed approval at the recently installed pedestrian crossing on Coventry Road. Cllrs present went on to thank Cllr Timms for all of her efforts made to secure the facility for Brinklow.

Cllr Timms went on to say that; the next stage in the project would be the painting of 'dragon's teeth' markings on the road at the village entrances.

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 156 (£51314.18) had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

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

BHE	Maintenance work	Chq: 1403	602.4
WCC	Replace lamp standards	Chq: 1404	5357.33
Nuneaton signs	Car park signs	Chq: 1405	270
Community hall	Room hire	Chq: 1406	24

WALC	Training course	Chq: 1407	30
E.On	Power bill	Chq: 1408	362.32
R Pearson	Daffodil bulbs	Chq: 1409	12.99
Refined Line	Website work	Chq: 1410	15

8. Planning applications. None.

9. Correspondence. A letter had been received from RBC requesting copies of Declarations of Interest from all Cllrs. The Clerk stressed that this was now urgent and asked all present to fill in the form that the Clerk had e-mailed to them.

Action: All Cllrs.

Two members, who were unable to print the document, asked for hard copies from the Clerk

Action: Clerk.

10. Reports from associated meeting.

10.1. Community Hall Committee. There had been some discussion at that meeting over the procedure for obtaining a music and dance licence for various functions.

10.2. Patient Participation meeting. The surgery is to set up a Patient Panel Group; believed to be a stipulation by the nascent CCG.

10.3. British Legion. There is the possibility of funding, for the memorial, from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Action: JB.

11. Continuing Minutes.

11.1. Footpaths. A risk assessment manual, appertaining to volunteers, had been received by Cllr Moore.

A motorcyclist is making regular use of the Heath Lane footpath. The meeting concluded that a kissing gate, installed at the Coventry Road end of the path, would effectively stymie such anti-social (not to say illegal) activities.

Action: CM.

11.2. Playing field. Outline plans and prices for the revamping of the children's play area are still awaited.

Action: DL.

Three quotations for the cutting back of the hedge to the west of the field had been sought. One contractor had declined to quote, one had failed to do so and the third had submitted a low priced bid to whom the meeting awarded the work.

Action: Clerk.

11.3. Castle Site. Meetings with the scouts had shown a marked reluctance, by them, to allow the Council an entrance to the castle through their land. The Clerk pointed out that ingress to the site across the adjoining owner's land (as happened this year) was not guaranteed next year and that it might be politic to have further discussions with the scout group leaders.

Action: DL.

11.4. Events committee. The beetle drive is likely to be cancelled.

11.5. Grant funding. The completion date for final invoicing of Castle project claims to LEADER has been extended to 31 December 2012.

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

Action: JB.

It was confirmed that there are three volunteers to be Brinklow Broadband Champions

12. AOB.

12.1. Cllr Boonham declared that she had been elected to be Secretary of the PCC. She did not envisage that it would affect her Parish Council work; or vice versa.

12.2. Comments were made about the speed of traffic moving up and down Barr Lane. The Clerk pointed out that if one walked in the centre of Barr Lane, which is where the original footpath was, then traffic was slowed down to a pace more suited to the route; a walking one.

The meeting concluded at 20:25.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 8 November 2012, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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