

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 8 November 2012, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr R Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
 Cllr E Friswell Cllr D Lowe
 Cllr C Moore 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 if the Council would take action against owners of vehicles parked on The Crescent pavement. It was resolved that this was a matter for the police and that the Council could not support warning leaflets in its' name.

1.2. It was reported that the bus stop adjacent to the Community Hall was leaning.

Action: Clerk.

1.3. The Council was asked what guarantees existed that the wishes of parishioners, as expressed in the recent Affordable Housing referendum, would be respected.

The Council responded that, as the land in question belonged to RBC, no such guarantees existed. However the Chair went on to say that, in his personal opinion, it was unlikely that the Affordable Housing would be pushed through in the teeth of village opposition; the housing association had indicated this prior to the vote.

1.4. A representative from Brinklow Quarry outlined a planning application, which had been submitted in connection with a composting facility at the site, and asked for the Council's support in the matter. The Council responded that it had yet to receive notification of the application but that it would be considered on its' merits when seen. Cllr Moore offered to look on the RBC Planning website for the application.

Action: CM.

1.5. The quarry representative raised the issue of householders in Heath Lane accessing the public footpath (Brinklow Quarry land) via gates in their properties. He saw this as a licence to fly tip. The Council responded that there was little it could do about the problem.

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

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. The Chair recorded his, and the Council's, thanks to Cllr Timms for all her considerable assistance in delivering the Coventry Road crossing.

4.2. The meeting still had no timetable for strengthening of the Easenhall Road bridge.

Action: HT.

4.3. Next Fosse Forum meeting slated for 6 December at Wolston.

4.4. Trees at the New Rectory on Coventry Road were reported to be overhanging the footpath.

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 157 (£44,552.87), had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

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

Community hall	Room hire	Chq: 1411	64
WCC	Lamp repair	Chq: 1412	80.56
Colin Cook	Burial duties	Chq: 1413	24
Play Safety Ltd	Playground inspection	Chq: 1414	79.2
N Freeman	Half year grass mowing	Chq: 1415	2618
British Legion	Wreath	Chq: 1416	25
Street master	Bench for Broad Street	Chq: 1417	859.2
Phil Creek	Postage stamps	Chq: 1418	26.4
Colin Cook	Burial duties	Chq: 1419	12
PD Timms	Memorial repairs	Chq: 1420	816

8. Planning applications. Orchard House; no objections.

9. Correspondence. None.

10. Reports from associated meeting.

10.1. Events Committee. Update received.

11. Continuing Minutes.

11.1. Community hall. The Perspex on the noticeboard was reported to be opaque; it was resolved to replace it with glass.

Action: Clerk.

11.2. Cemetery. It was reported that the second tranche of memorial repairs had been completed and invoiced.

11.3. Playing field. Three quotations, in various configurations, had been sought for the refurbishment of the children's play area; with an aspiration to have the work completed by summer 2013. It was resolved to canvas the opinion of parents and children prior to any decision being taken on a scheme.

Action: DL.

It was resolved that in future all co-ordination work in connection with fallen trees will be carried out by the Clerk.

11.4. Grant funding. It was reported that there was about £2k left from the LEADER funding to pay for the story boards which would cost around £3.8k if two were ordered; one for each entrance. It was resolved that two boards, made from oak, would be ordered and that the excess cost would be taken from Council reserves.

Action: JB.

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

Action: JB.

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

13. AOB.

13.1. An entrance to the castle site over scout land has been proposed and discussed with the scouts. Concern was expressed that WCC Highways should be supportive of the change to the site access.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. The County Surveyor has agreed in principal. An exchange of e-mails between the Clerk and Surveyor will document the approval and any caveats.

Action: Clerk.

13.2. In response to the request by a first aid responder for funding towards his equipment (see October's minutes Paragraph 1.) it was proposed by the Chair to donate £200 with £100 offered by Brinklow Quarry and £50 donations to be sought from local farmers by Mr Aston from the quarry.

The meeting concluded at 20:50.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 13 December 2012, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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