

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 12 July 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 A Gillias (RBC) Cllr H Timms (RBC, WCC)
P Creek (Clerk) Four 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 last meeting.

1.2. A member of the public thanked the Council for its' help over her Social Housing allocation appeal with RBC. A County Cllr took the contact details of the appellant and pledged to investigate.

Action: HT.

2. Apologies received and noted. None.

3. Declarations of interest. Cllr Friswell declared an interest in the tendering process for grass cutting on the Brinklow Castle site.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. The county road repair programme was reported to be delayed due to the inclement weather.

4.2. The crossing planned for Coventry Road is due to be started on 17 September 2012.

4.3. A large list of flooding sites has been collated and submitted to WCC for action. A response from WCC is awaited.

Action: AG.

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

Action: HT.

4.5. Matched funding for the skateboard park is being sought.

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 spreadsheet had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Unfortunately, this had not been received by all Cllrs so a request was made to resend the files.

Action: Clerk.

7.2. The following were approved for payment.

Warks Training	Training for Cllrs
E.On	Electricity bill

All sums are in £s Sterling.

Chq: 1390 30

Chq: 1391 358.38

Colin Cook	Burial fee	Chq: 1392	24
David Lowe	Diesel for castle cutting	Chq: 1393	16.54
RBC	Election fee	Chq: 1394	595.14
Phil Creek	Litter picker	Chq: 1395	7.98

7.3. The latest NatWest Business Reserve Account statement sheet number 153 was available to the Chair. The statement put the balance at £40637.32

8. Planning applications. None

9. Correspondence. None.

10. Reports from associated meeting.

10.1. Earl Craven meeting at Wolston. Wolston Fields Farm and Bubbenhall Quarry were named as Broadband Champions. The next Earl Craven meeting is on 6 September at Ryton Organic Gardens.

11. Continuing Minutes.

11.1. Footpaths. There was some debate as to the ownership of the land encompassing Smite Brook as a tree had been reported fallen into the stream. It was reported that the path between Coventry Road and the playing field was in urgent need of Strimming.

Action: Clerk.

It was decided that the various ad hoc areas of grass and shrub, which need Strimming every year, should be brought into the scope of the annual grass cutting contract(s).

Action: RP.

There was also some debate as to the ownership of the land encompassing the Heath Lane footpath and the issue will be investigated.

Action: CM.

11.2. Website. It was reported that some of the minutes had still not been uploaded to the website.

Action: CM.

11.3. Castle Site. The contractor for Quote B, being significantly cheaper than Quote A, was awarded the Castle mowing and Strimming contract.

Action: Clerk.

There was some discussion on disabled access to the site. It was determined that this was afforded through the gate opening from The Crescent.

The car park sign proofs were approved by the Council and a request was made to place them on order.

Action: Clerk.

It was determined that progress needs to be made on the storyboards for the site. This need to be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting.

Action: Subcommittee.

12. Warden's Report. Read to the meeting by the Chair. The need for some scrub clearance in the cemetery was highlighted in the report.

Action: RP.

13. Code of Conduct. The Council formally adopted the new Code of Conduct.

Action: All Cllrs.

14. Affordable Housing. A letter and voting slips had been delivered to all electors in the village. A ballot box was to be placed in the Post Office by the weekend and would be on collected on the following Sunday for counting. The opening of the box, and subsequent counting of the ballots, would take place on the Monday and be overseen by Cllr Gillias.

Action: RP, AG.

15. Street Lighting. The Clerk raised the possibility of switching off the streetlights in the estates to the same plan as the WCC switch off from April 2013. The Council debated this and decided to consider the matter again when there had been some experience of the WCC switch off.

16. AOB.

16.1. There is to be a forward planning meeting to discuss projects for the forthcoming Council term.

Action: All Cllrs

The meeting concluded at 20:45.

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

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