

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 10 May 2012, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr H Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
 Cllr E Friswell Cllr D Lowe
 Cllr C Moore Cllr B Garcia (RBC)
 Cllr A Gillias (RBC) Cllr H Timms RBC, WCC
 P Creek (Clerk)

Pre meeting. There having been an election since the last meeting in March; all six Cllrs signed their Declarations of Acceptance which were witnessed by the Clerk and are held by him on file.

1. Open section of meeting at which members of the public can speak. There were none present.

2. Apologies received and noted. None.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. RBC Cllr portfolios are to be confirmed.

4.2. Easenhall bridge repairs now scheduled to start 25 June 2012.

4.3. Provision of the Coventry Road pedestrian crossing and associated traffic calming was said to be imminent. Actual start date to be ascertained.

Action: HT.

4.4. Sainsbury's Merchandising Support Centre is to move to the former Ericson building on Ansty Park.

4.5. Concern was expressed by all that a Brinklow Quarry inspection had not taken place for some considerable time although six monthly inspections are mandated by WCC.

Action: AG, HT.

4.6. A resident of Brays Close had contacted Cllrs from BPC and RBC over a planning and parking issue. The resident has been advised to contact the Planning Officer. Concern was expressed at the meeting that the development would lead to vehicles parking in the Brays Close turning circle

4.7. It was reported that a Curry's delivery van had driven over, and damaged, the newly laid tarmac on the Hall Grove footpath. Concern was expressed that this should happen to a new and expensive installation and investigations are to be made.

Action: CM, HT.

4.8. A Brays Close resident had complained that a recently installed lamp column was too bright. It was pointed out that this was a standard installation with low energy consumption as fitted everywhere. The possibility of retro fitting a dimmer switch was discussed; it was thought that if a dimmer could be fitted the cost should be borne by the resident.

5. Minutes of the last meeting. Agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair. Some Cllrs thought that they had not received the minutes and asked that they to be resent.

Action: Clerk.

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.

7.2. The following were approved for payment.

All sums are in £s Sterling.

SA Friswell	Castle fencing	Chq: 1369	4353.60
N Freeman	Grass cutting	Chq: 1370	1641
SA Friswell	Ditching	Chq: 1371	360
Refined Line	Web news feed	Chq: 1372	30
Community Hall	Room hire (March)	Chq: 1373	32
J Shirley	verge cutting	Chq: 1374	90
BHE	Bollard replacement	Chq: 1375	32.4
E.On	Power bill	Chq: 1376	358.38
R Pearson	Printing	Chq: 1377	34
Phil Creek	Laptop and service contract	Chq: 1378	768.79
WALC	Subscriptions	Chq: 1379	340
Community Hall	Room hire (May)	Chq: 1380	40
Refined Line	Domain renewal	Chq: 1381	7.5

7.3. The latest NatWest Business Reserve Account statement sheet number 151 was available to the Chair. The statement put the balance at £37,932.

7.3. A new banking mandate was adopted, signed by all six Cllrs and has been countersigned by the Chair and Clerk. The Clerk stressed the importance of the three Cllrs who were currently non signatories proving their identities at the bank asap in order that the Council's financial business over the next four years could be conducted smoothly.

Action: JB, EF, DL.

8. Planning applications. 8 Brays Close. See preceding minute **4.6**.

9. Correspondence.

9.1. Post meeting note. An Earl Craven Panel questionnaire has been handed to the Chair for completion

Action: RP.

10. Reports from associated meeting.

10.1. Plans for the Jubilee celebrations are proceeding apace. The Clerk advised that the beacon lighting time has been given as 22:15 but that procuring a gas beacon was proving difficult.

Action: Clerk.

11. Continuing Minutes.

11.1. Affordable housing. It was resolved to hold an electorate wide referendum on this issue with the precise wording to be determined after consultation with RBC and the housing association.

Action: RP

11.2. Cemetery. The stonemason was reported to be attending, to repair the remaining headstones, shortly. (Split infinitive!)

11.3. Playing field. There was a meeting in March about the proposed skateboard park. Brochures received are to be handed to Cllr Lowe for assessment.

Action: CM.

11.4. Grant funding. Brochures on picnic benches were handed to Cllr Lowe for assessment. It was hoped that they could be installed prior to the Jubilee celebrations.

Action: DL.

There is a meeting with LEADER on 12 June.

Action: JB.

The money for the fencing has not yet been received from LEADER.

Action: JB.

11.5. Communications with the parish. The constitution of the new Council and date for the start of the Easenhall Road bridge will be publicised in Round the Revel.

Action: JB.

11.6. Parish plan. There is to be a meeting at Cllr Moore's house on Tuesday 10 July at 19:00 to discuss plans for the four years of the Council's term

Action: All Cllrs.

11.7. Brinklow castle. A report on the recent subcommittee meeting was given to the meeting. There will be no new scrub clearance until September with the exception of a fallen tree. Grass seed has been ordered for the cleared bare areas. Direction signage for the car park is required as soon as possible. At this point, it was pointed out that inconsiderate parking by the residents of Park Gates was taking up too many of the available spaces. It was resolved that a Cllr should speak with the residents and ask them to park correctly in the marked out spaces.

Action: DL, RP, Clerk.

12. Warden's report. Read to the meeting by the Chair. It highlighted, again, the need for a sign saying that pedestrians in Barr Lane should have priority over vehicular traffic.

Action: Clerk.

13. Cllr Portfolios for the new Council.

Cllr Boonham. Grant funding, events committee.

Cllr Friswell. Events committee, playing field.

Cllr Lowe. Castle site, playing field.

Cllr Moore. Planning, website, footpaths.

Cllr Pearson. Cemetery, Community hall, war memorial.

Cllr Tew. Pensioner issues, war memorial.

14. AOB.

14.1. It was reported that the yellow no parking lines outside of the school are routinely ignored.

Action: DL.

14.2. A projector and laptop are required for the Annual Parish Meeting. Topics for the meeting will be the past year's achievements and disappointments, plans for the forthcoming Council term, pedestrian crossing, affordable housing, speed awareness and the Jubilee celebrations.

Action: DL, RP, Clerk.

14.3. It was reported that a street lamp fitting on the Ansty Road was broken and in need of replacement.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. On subsequent inspection (Friday 11 May) it was found that a new fitment had been installed; although the broken lamp was still in situ.

14.4. Following receipt of an e-mail regarding the Teenage cancer Trust it was resolved to post details on the website.

Action: CM.

14.5. The proposed site for the war memorial will not be progressed until the funding target is in view.

The meeting concluded at 21:55.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 14 June 2012, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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