

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 12 September 2013, 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)
Seven members of the public

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

1.1. A delegation from Lutterworth Road complained about the installation of bollards surrounding the grassy area adjacent to the cemetery. This was leading to more visitors to the cemetery parking on the road leading to difficulties when residents were exiting their drives. It was explained to them that a bye law prohibited parking on the grass and the bollards were installed to stop persistent parking on the grass. The circumstances of the bye law were to be investigated to see if a dropping bollard could be fitted to enable the grave digger and grass cutters to park there.

Action: Clerk.

1.2. The speeding traffic along Lutterworth Road was discussed and subsequently two members of the delegation volunteered to join the Speed Aware team.

Action: RP.

1.3. In response to a question it was confirmed that the Coventry Road to playing field footpath had been strimmed on Bank Holiday Monday.

1.4. In response to a question it was confirmed that the proposals for the Affordable Housing along the Coventry Road had been shelved sine die. The Council had no knowledge of a Surveyor seen in the vicinity at 23:30 one night.

1.5. The hedge along Lutterworth Road to Ell Lane was reported to need cutting.

Action: Clerk.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllr A Gillias.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. It was reported that the Coventry Road pavement was due to be repaired and resurfaced in a similar fashion to the Broad Street work last year.

4.2. Cllr Timms identified a funding source and asked for applications for suitable schemes to receive funding.

Action: JB.

4.3. The Community Forum on 19 September was to discuss the Coventry Airport development and associated traffic measures. There would be a Broadband update.

4.4. It was reported that the quarry at Wolston had received approval and that traffic management measures were being implemented.

4.5. A drain was identified on Coombe Road which needed unblocking.

Action: HT.

4.6. Advice on the legality of A board advertising in the village had not yet been received.

Action: HT.

5. Minutes of the last meeting. Deemed accurate and signed by the Chair.

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

7. Planning applications. The apparent flouting of the Planning regulations at Poppy Court was discussed. The Clerk had spoken with the Planning Officer and followed it up with an email confirmation of the collective view of the Council.

8. Correspondence. A letter had been received from the owners of the newsagent/Post Office which contained an offer to sponsor a litter bin at the skate board park site. The Council expressed its thanks and it was stated that there would be no objection to the bin having advertising for the business concerned.

Action: Clerk.

9. Accounts.

9.1. Business Reserve Account sheet number 167 had been circulated to all Cllrs.

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

Colin Cook	Burial duties	Chq no: 1469	48
BHE	Various works	Chq no: 1470	894
Streetmaster	Two benches	Chq no: 1471	1735.2
CPRE	Subscriptions	Chq no: 1472	29
Styvechal Estate	Castle rent	Chq no: 1473	180
Community Hall	Room hire	Chq no: 1474	48

9.3. The Clerk reported that there had been a modest salary increase notified by NALC. The Clerk's spinal point was SCP27 and it was resolved to implement the increase from its start date of 1 April 2013. Douglas Tonks, who administer the payroll, would be asked to make the necessary changes.

Action: Clerk.

10. Reports from associated meetings. None.

11. Continuing Minutes.

11.1. Community Hall. The Hall had been redecorated. It was reported that the playgroup had closed and that the Hall Committee was endeavouring to find alternative tenants; an appropriate advert would be placed on the website.

Action: CM.

11.2. Cemetery. The Japanese Knotweed problem was discussed. It was hoped that a local farmer would have the time to attend the necessary course and tackle the Knotweed in 2014.

Action: EF.

11.3. Events Committee. It was reported that the Pudding Club event had been cancelled due to lack of interest. It had been decided that the Committee would concentrate its' efforts on delivering a yearly Victorian Fair with a Silent Auction and Open Gardens on alternate years.

11.4. There had been complaints of excessive noise emanating from the skate park. The facility was reported as having the required soundproofing but investigations would be carried out to determine if the situation could be improved.

Action: DL.

11.5. Grant funding. A grant towards the refurbishing of the children's play area was to be sought; a sum could be available from the fund alluded to in preceeding minute **4.2.**

The plans for the new children's play area are to be revisited in the process.

Action: JB, DL.

11.6. Footpaths. A resident of Dun Cow Close reported that a willow tree on the adjacent footpath was shedding sizeable debris into their garden

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. The Clerk has spoken with a contractor who will visit the site and assess the situation. The contractor believes that the tree in question may well not be a willow but an ash tree which he had discussed with Cllr Moore in the past. Report back awaited.

11.7. Communications with the Parish. A report on the recent skate park opening will be submitted to Round the Revel for publication as will the dates for the forthcoming castle mound working parties.

Action: JB, DL.

11.8. Brinklow Castle. A clearance plan for the upcoming season was to be submitted to RBC's Tree Officer for approval.

Action: DL.

The recent email from the Land Agent requesting changes to the access arrangements was discussed. It was resolved to reply requesting that the access should be left as it is and giving all of the reasons why it should be so.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. An email with a cogent argument has been sent and a reply is awaited .

The need for strimming the thistles and ragwort in a timely manner to avoid the seeds spreading to adjacent farm land was discussed. It was resolved to purchase a second strimmer to facilitate this.

Action: DL.

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

13. AOB.

13.1.

The meeting concluded at 20:25.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 10 2013, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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