

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council**  
**Held on**  
**Thursday 10 April 2014, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr C Moore (Chair) Cllr J Boonham  
Cllr E Friswell Cllr D Lowe  
Cllr C Tew

**1. Open section of meeting at which members of the public can speak.** There were three members of the public present. One member of the public notified the meeting of the plans to apply for planning permission to develop an anaerobic digester business on local farmland, with maize as the main crop. Detailed plans and information were provided for the PC to study.

A second member of the public wished to state his objections to the application for planning permission applied for by the owner of a property on The Crescent, which, if successful, would erode areas of the Green.

A third member of the public noted that the grass within the children's play area was not cut at the same time as the field. Some bollards on the field were rotting at the base, and need to be replaced. Attention also required near the entrance to the field from Coventry Road, where the earth has compacted.

**2. Apologies received and noted.** Cllrs Pearson, Gillias and Timms and Mr P Creek, Parish Clerk.

**3. Declarations of interest.** None.

**4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.** There were none present.

**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 Planning Application for 31 The Crescent, which included an application to build a two-bedroom property in the original garden, and widen the approach to the property across the Green, was discussed in detail.

Concern was expressed about the reduction of another garden, although it was acknowledged that the proposed property would be balanced by the established property behind the adjacent property.

The PC was unanimous in objecting to the proposal to widen the drive across the Green, virtually doubling the width of the existing drive, following the re-siting of the oak posts and granite blocks. The PC agreed that protection of the Green was paramount, and concern was expressed about further erosion of the Green, and that approval might lead to similar applications being successful.

It also came to light that the application to change the current wooden gates (historically registered as a coach gate) to metal ones might contravene the

protection documented for the listed building within the Conservation area. The PC asked the Clerk to investigate.

**Action: Clerk**

## **8. Correspondence.** None

## **9. Accounts.**

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

Community Hall	Room hire	Chq no: 1511	48.00
WALC	Subs	Chq no: 1512	356.00
Round the Revel	Donation	Chq no: 1513	80.00
Roger Pearson	Printing	Chq no: 1514	27.00
N Freeman	Grass cutting/half year	Chq no: 1515	1,980.00
EON	Electricity	Chq no: 1516	355.06

## **10. Reports from associated meetings.**

**10.1.** Cllr Friswell reported on the Patient Participation meeting at the Surgery

**10.2.** Cllr Tew reported on the recent Memorial meeting, with the new date for the opening ceremony likely to take place in mid September.

**10.3.** Cllr Boonham reported on the recent Community Forum meeting when the Brinklow Speed Watch team had been awarded a citation for their work during 2013.

**10.4** Cllr Boonham reported on attending the open meeting at the Revel School in Monks Kirby, as part of their consultation to apply for Academy status.

## **11. Continuing Minutes.**

**11.1.** Community hall. It was reported that the new nursery business had extended its hours, including being open all day on Friday.

A discussion followed relating to Emergency Equipment for the village, and where such equipment should be sited. Further discussion required, alongside consultation with the village's First Responder and separately with the Surgery.

**11.2.** Cemetery It was reported that a chart for the Cemetery needs to be checked, to indicate reserved plots and unmarked graves. Concern was also expressed re brickwork on the entrance to the cemetery, which needs attention.

**Action: RP**

**11.3** Events Committee A Silent Auction was to be held on Saturday 12 April, and plans were coming together for this event. Any profit will be allocated to village charities or organisations.

**11.4** Playing field It was reported that the ditch on the field needs to be cleared (adjacent to Coventry Road) and broken bollards also need to be replaced by hardwood bollards.

**11.5. Communications with the Parish.** Reference would be made to the Litter Pick, to be held on Saturday 12 April, together with a reminder about the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held on 15 May.

**Action: JB.**

**11.6 Brinklow Castle** Cllr Lowe reported on the continuing work on the Castle site. Recent attention has been focused on the path near the entrance to Ell Lane. Quotes to tender for work for mowing on the banks to be followed up.

**Action: DL**

**12. Warden's Report.** Reported in person, and itemised under above headings. It was also reported that the gentleman's watch which had been found on the playing field had been claimed by the owner.

**13. Japanese Knotweed** A local contractor has been engaged to eradicate the Knotweed once the growing season has commenced.

**14. AOB.**

**14.1.** An approach had been made by Midlands Rural Housing about carrying out a Housing Needs Survey in Brinklow. It was decided that more information was required and MRH's contact would be approached and asked to attend a meeting prior to the next PC meeting on Thursday 8 May 2014 or prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 15 May.

**Action: JB**

**14.2** Preparations and arrangements for the village Spring Clean were discussed, to be held on Saturday 12 April.

**14.3** Cllr Tew reported that the canal bridge on the Easenhall Road was now in a very poor state, and needs urgent assessment.

**Action: Cllr Timms**

**14.4** The notice board on the village green has not been repaired, and rain water is damaging any notices. BHE required to repair as a matter of urgency.

**Action: RP**

The meeting concluded at 20:30.

Next meeting: Thursday 8 May 2014, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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