

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 9 February 2017; 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr D Lowe (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
Cllr E Friswell Cllr M Lavin
Cllr V McBay Cllr J Reid
P Creek (Clerk) Three members of the public.

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

1.1. A member of the public welcomed the sweeping of the gutters which had happened earlier in the day. She asked if there could be clear notice of such sweeping in order that car owners could move their vehicles.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. RBC response awaited.

1.2. The local police officer gave a crime report and outlined the Supported Village Scheme.

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 'green bin' service would recommence on 1 April with an annual charge of £40 per bin.

4.2. County Council elections will take place this year.

4.3. The RBC Neighbourhood Plan is still being prepared and may be delayed.

5. Minutes of the last meeting. Delete the last sentence of paragraph 8.1. Subject to this alteration; the minutes were deemed accurate and signed by the Chair.

6. Planning applications. None.

7. Accounts.

7.1. Payments approved for payment.		All sums are in £s Sterling	
N Getty	Web hosting and maintenance	Chq no: 1749	200
Play Outdoors	Playground equipment deposit	Chq no: 1750	13,000
J Boonham	Room hire Neighbourhood Plan	Chq no: 1751	140
Community Hall	Room hire for 2017	Chq no: 1752	192
WCC	Street light maintenance	Chq no: 1753	558.94
P Creek	Taxed salary, misc. exps	Chq no: 1754	331.16

7.2. Business Reserve Account sheet no 208 shows a balance of £69,309.26 and was available for scrutiny at the meeting.

7.3. It was proposed to ask Mr Michael Jeffs to carry out the internal audit this year.

Post meeting note. Mr Jeffs has agreed to carry out this function.

8. Reports of associated meetings.

8.1. There was a meeting with Rugby police about the Council's proposals to install CCTV in the village. The police said that they would not support this and the meeting resolved to postpone this plan sine die.

8.2. There had been a recent meeting of the quarry liaison group. This year the quarry has insisted that its silage contractors have covers over their loads; this despite the extra cost to the quarry operators.

It was resolved to invite a quarry representative to the Annual Parish Meeting to explain the silage harvesting timetable to those present.

9. Continuing Minutes

9.1. Cemetery. There was an update on the request for a grave to be covered by a slab. Subject to detailed plans being submitted to the Cemetery Agent for final approval this was agreed to.

The Cemetery Agent was requested, as a matter of urgency, to update the regulations covering the cemetery with a view to the revised regulations being formally adopted at the March meeting and publicised in the approved manner in the weeks following the meeting.

Action: EF.

9.2. Events Committee. There is to be a Christmas fair at the church.

9.3. Playing field. The Council currently charges £462 rent from Brinklow Football Club (BFC). However, as the Council pays half of the cost of extra grass cuts requested by the club the net receipt to the Council stands at £132 per annum. It was resolved that the status quo would prevail in 2017, BFC would pay for 75% of the cost of the extra cuts in 2018 and all the extra cuts in 2019.

Furthermore, the contract for the extra cuts should be arranged by BFC from 2019 and a rent increase would be considered for that year.

Action: ML.

It was reported that a deposit of £13k had been paid, to the contractors, for the playground project.

The meeting voiced its thanks to the management of Brinklow Quarry which had cleared and fenced the existing site at no cost to the Council.

Secure a Field will be on site w/c 6 March.

9.4. Communications with the Parish. To include police feedback (see preceding minute 1.2), Supported Villages Scheme, Warwickshire Rural Watch and an update on the playground project.

Action: JB.

10. Improvement Plan. Quotations are being sought to refurbish the tennis court.

Action: ML.

11. Neighbourhood Plan. It was decided that the planning group could now manage without the consultant to handle communications in future.

12. Scarecrow Festival 2017. Will go ahead in the same format as last year; with more entries expected. There will be music in the public houses. Next public meeting is slated for 14 March.

13. A Cllr reported seeing piles of deep litter on a local farm. It was decided to report this to RBC EHO so that they can investigate.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Reported.

Exchange of Ideas and Information.

*It was decided to send as many Cllrs who were available to the WALC annual training day. Registration is online; Cllrs are requested to complete their individual registration and advise the Clerk who will arrange payment.

Action: All Cllrs, Clerk.

*Rugby in Bloom will encompass the Memorial and church.

Action: VM.

The meeting concluded at 21:25

Next meeting: Thursday 9 March 2017, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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