

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

Present: Cllr D Lowe (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
Cllr V McBay Cllr M Lavin
Cllr A Gillias (RBC) Cllr J Reid
P Creek (Clerk) Cllr H Timms (RBC, WCC)
Six members of the public.

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

1.1. A German style Christmas Market is to be held in the village on the weekend of 2/3 December. The Royal Charter to hold a fair on St Margaret's day was discussed. Before this was discontinued, around 35 years ago, Broad Street and The Crescent were closed to traffic, on St Margaret's day with many residents setting up stalls outside their homes to sell bric a brac, crafts, jam etc. It was thought that this would be an excellent way to raise money for good causes in Brinklow.

1.2. A resident asked if a 'diary of village events' could be produced. It was pointed out that any planned event could be posted on the website and this should be the first point of reference.

1.3. 2017 is the 100-year anniversary of Ford manufacturing tractors in the UK. A local farmer is looking at the feasibility of a ploughing competition to mark the event.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllr Friswell.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. Interactions with Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. It was reported that RBC had set its budget and there were reports of funding reductions from central government 2020 onwards.

4.2. Green waste collection has been set at £40 per bin per annum

4.3. Following the improvements to the airport traffic island; congestion has increased at the TGI Friday island. An improvement plan is underway.

4.4. A Broad Street resident had erected an illegal porch on a cottage situated on the street. Other residents were concerned that the structure was dangerous and had complained to Cllrs; the Clerk had been asked to report it to RBC Planning. The resident was instructed to take it down, by Planning, and apply for permission for the canopy only; i.e. no side panels.

It was pointed out that the canopy would still be making an incursion into WCC Highways land (the Pavement; by virtue of 'flying freehold' rights and that County Highways must be consulted. An RBC Cllr undertook to raise the issue with County Highways.

Action: HT.

Post meeting note. The resident has removed the side panels but not the canopy. The clerk understands that the resident was instructed to take the complete structure down; but has not done so. Apart from the curtilage incursion the canopy contravenes the Conservation Area rules.

Action: HT.

5. Minutes of the last meeting. Paragraph 4.3. should read 'RBC Local Plan'. Subject to this alteration; the minutes were deemed accurate and signed by the Chair.

6. Planning applications. None.

7. Accounts.

		All sums are in £s Sterling	
7.1. Payments approved for payment.			
Shaping Comms	Consultancy services	Chq no: 1755	851.5
Styvechal Estate	Castle site rent (half year)	Chq no: 1756	180
Lakeside	Grass cutting	Chq no: 1757	84
John Reid	Neighbourhood Plan (mic exps)	Chq no: 1758	152.15
L&N Graphics	Miscellaneous	Chq no: 1759	121
J Boonham	Buffet for daylong meeting	Chq no: 1760	46
Post Office	Withheld PAYE (HMRC)	Chq no: 1761	665.2
P Creek	Taxed salary, misc. exps	Chq no: 1762	367.52
Just Outdoors	Playground equipment	Chq no: 1763	38059.73

7.2. Business Reserve Account sheet no 209 shows a balance of £54,254.71 and was available for scrutiny at the meeting.

8. Reports of associated meetings.

8.1. Earl Craven. Two BPC Cllrs attended.

9. Continuing minutes

9.1. Events Committee. Liaison over the Scarecrow Festival is ongoing.

9.2. It was reported that the new play equipment had been installed and that the erection of the surrounding fence was imminent.

A tree had come down on the field but had been removed by the owner of the garden into which it had fallen. Concern has been expressed about the viability of an adjacent tree. A tree surgeon has pronounced it safe but the concerned resident has requested a second opinion.

Action: Clerk.

Signs, warning against dog fouling, have been ordered and are on their way. In the absence of regular visits from the RBC Dog Warden; a village volunteer patrol was mooted.

Action: HT.

9.3. Communications with the Parish. A digital diary was discussed for the website. Information for inclusion in Round the Revel was agreed upon.

9.4. Brinklow Castle. Strimming of undergrowth is ongoing and the bramble growth will be treated with weed killer. Dead trees will be marked up with paint in the Spring, when they can be identified, and felled throughout the year.

9.5. Neighbourhood Plan. Ongoing. Public consultation and update slated for Saturday 8 April.

10. Improvement Plan Review. To be discussed at a separate Cllr only meeting.

Action: All Cllrs.

11. Tennis Court refurbishment. Quotations have been received to cover different levels of refurbishment; some as high as £10.5k. More quotations are being sought

and a proposal for the level of work to be carried out, together with detailed costings, will be put to a future meeting for resolution.

Action: ML.

12. Fly Infestation Management. If flies are seen in numbers again this year it was agreed that it was a sine qua non that RBC Environmental Health should be contacted immediately and pressed for action. BPC is anxious that the tardy response from RBC, seen last year, should not be repeated. Two Cllrs reported infestations of over wintering Cluster Flies in their lofts. These were reported to be increasing in prevalence of the years but were not the culprits of last year's infestation which were carrion and sewage feeders; per RBC.

13. A request has been received for a donation towards the installation of some artificial grass at the Revel School. The Council was unsure of the legality of such an action and advice would be sought.

Action: Clerk.

Exchange of Ideas and Information. Nothing to minute.

The meeting concluded at 20:35

Next meeting: Thursday 13 April 2017, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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