

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 9 November 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
Cllr H Timms (WCC)
Seven members of the public.

1. Apologies received and noted. Cllr A Warwick, P Creek (Clerk)

2. Declarations of interest Cllr J Boonham, relating to Planning Permission application, 1 Fern Cottages (In the event, not discussed)

3. Interactions with Borough and County Cllrs

3.1. All the supporting submission documents for the Local Plan are before the appointed Inspector, and it is likely that hearings will commence in January 2018.

3.2. House-building for Rugby has nearly met its quota, with 14 of the biggest house-builders working in Rugby.

3.3. The motorway services at Junction 2 of the M6 will include a lorry park, which should result in reducing the number of lorries on local roads.

3.4. The Rolls Royce site is set for expansion, and likely to be developed in a similar way to Ansty Park. This will bring more jobs and apprenticeships to the area, and likely increased use of local services, but the downside may be an increase in traffic.

3.5. The roundabout on the A46 at Binley is due for re-work, to improve traffic flow.

4. Minutes of the last meeting. Deemed accurate and signed by the Chair, although Cllr McBay abstained, in respect of item 3.4, objecting to the word “slated”.

5. Planning applications. No 1 The Crescent. Plans viewed and there were no objections, nor objections from local neighbours. Defined working hours and other considerations will be requested, if Planning Permission granted.

5.1. Bungalow Farm – RBC, with guidance from DEFRA, is assessing a new building, purported to be for storage of poultry manure. The current use of an existing agricultural building has been challenged, and a further planning application has been requested.

5.2. Planning applications – Concern was expressed in relation to some applications, such as plans appearing to be incorrect, and the lack of response to enquiries. It was suggested that a meeting should be arranged between Cllrs and the Planning Office, to verify procedures and improve mutual understanding. Cllr Timms’s involvement was requested.

Action: ML

6. Accounts.

6.1. Payments approved for payment.

All sums are in £s Sterling

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Amount
P Creek	Taxed salary and expenses	1835.	466.76
Severn Trent	Memorial water supply	1836	544.84

R Pearson	Memorial plants	1837	101.90
J Reid	Lengthsmen expenses	1838	372.62
Spoilt cheque		1839	
Bernhards	Playing field tree	1840	76.68
V McBay	Print cartridge	1841	21.94

6.2. Business Reserve Account sheet no 217 shows a balance of £58,513.02 and was available for scrutiny at the meeting.

7. Reports of associated meetings.

Nothing to report

8. Continuing minutes.

8.1. Community Hall. The next meeting is due to be held on 20 November.

8.2. Cemetery. Colin Cook had sent his thanks to the Parish Council for the celebration organised to recognise his contribution to the village, including his service as Cemetery Agent and Parish Warden.

A letter of thanks had been received from a member of the public, who visited the Cemetery to attend to a relative's grave, to find how well it had been maintained in her absence. Thanks were expressed to John Reid and his team of Lengthsmen.

8.3. Events Committee. It was reported that because of the Church actively fund-raising, by holding two summer fetes, and the addition of the Scarecrow Festival in the last two years, the Events Committee had decided to stand back from initiating events for the time being. They continue to fund the Pensioners Christmas lunch, Because of this, the Events Committee has declined the request to make a donation for fairy lights for the Christmas Market. However, the Parish Council has some spare fairy lights, which can be loaned for the Christmas Market event. The PC agreed to purchase transformers necessary for the lights to function.

Action: DL

8.4. Playing field. Reference the communication from Innovation Group relating to a possible insurance claim, our insurers had confirmed that they would handle liaison as required, and would instruct the Parish Council when any action is required.

The annual inspection of the play equipment on the field had been carried out, and some issues had been raised. Cllrs Boonham and Reid will liaise, and involve the suppliers were necessary.

Action: JB and JR

8.5. Grant Funding issues. An application to the Councillor's fund had been made for support for the re-use of telephone box project, awaiting decision.

8.6. Rights of Way. It was reported that a house-owner had planted trees, which were encroaching on to the lane at the back of Heath Lane, which would cause an obstruction. Cllr McBay to follow up.

Action: VMcB

8.7. Communications with the Parish: Recognition of Colin Cook's contribution to the village would be highlighted in Round the Revel, along with lighting the village

Christmas tree, and reference to completion of the Neighbourhood Plan Group's questionnaire.

Action: JB

8.8. Brinklow Castle. The wild flower meadow had been established, but there was little more to report at this time of year. Dead trees had been noted, to be thinned out in the future.

8.9. Neighbourhood Plan. Over 50% of questionnaires delivered had been returned, a good response for such a survey. The analysis and results of the survey are likely to be available in January.

Discussions had taken place with the consultant who had carried out the Policy Review, which will ensure that the village's Neighbourhood Plan lines up with the Local Plan. The next stage for the Group will be Evidence Gathering.

9.0 Christmas Market. Cllr Lowe will liaise with Jeanette Lomas to provide support from the Parish Council, where needed. Information about arrangements would be requested.

10. Tractor and Quarry Movements. Complaints had been raised about the number of tractor movements, and the alleged speed and noise generated. It was agreed that facts need to be established, in terms of the number of tractor movements (recognising that tractors from more than one farm or business travel through the village), along with restrictions on speed for different vehicles. A schedule of movements would be sought, along with evidence of where vehicles are travelling. In addition, information from RBC and/or WCC would be requested about the number of registered authorised movements.

It was also noted that tarmac or aggregate trucks and heavy-goods vehicles from other businesses use local village roads, and therefore contribute to the volume. A meeting with WCC would be requested, to obtain more information, possibly including a survey of village traffic. It was decided that the problems should be discussed initially with Cllrs Warwick and Timms, to facilitate meeting arrangements.

Action: Cllrs to discuss with Clerk

11. Green Lane. Green Lane verges had been made worse when traffic was diverted during the Coventry Road closure. There is also concern about run-off from the fields where Green Lane meets Heath Lane. Follow up to be requested from Cllrs Warwick and Timms who had inspected the area.

Action: JB

12. Great Balance Grass. A decision in writing is needed, whether WCC will sell the land, or whether they will cut it. If neither, then the PC will review.

Action: Clerk

13. Broad Street Traffic. An increase in the volume of traffic had been noted, and concern was expressed about the visibility of the white lines and the 30 mph road

signs. Concern was also expressed about the state of the roads and maintenance levels. WCC had indicated a road survey is due, but urgent attention is required. Request that the Clerk makes contact, to emphasize the urgency. It was suggested that all contact with RBC and WCC is backed up by email, so that a record of contact is available.

Action: Clerk

14. Exchange of Information. The ownership of land near the Cemetery is to be investigated, use of which may assist the Lengthsmen for disposal of the deposits from their clearing work.

The Precept meeting has been delayed until January 2018.

Post-meeting note: The original date for the Precept meeting has been reinstated, and will now take place on 19 December 2017.

The meeting concluded 9.00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 14 December 2017, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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