

Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 14 March 2013, 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr R Pearson (Chair) Cllr J Boonham
 Cllr E Friswell Cllr C Moore
 Cllr C Tew Cllr H Timms (RBC, WCC)
 P Creek (Clerk)
 Four members of the public.

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

1.1. A member of the public detailed how he had endeavoured to purchase a piece of derelict land; part of the garage complex in George Birch Close. He could not understand why RBC had refused to sell. Cllr Timms advised that it was RBC policy not to sell such sites in case of future need by the authority.

1.2. A member of the public complained about rowdy parties and littering in George Birch Close. If the culprits can be identified then RBC will be asked to write to them.

Action: HT.

1.3. It was reported that there had been a spate of metal thefts from the quarry sites; possibly linked to a plethora of scrap metal pick-ups scouring the area. It was also stated that Warwickshire Police are to step up their patrolling of rural areas.

2. Apologies received and noted. None.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.

4.1. Earl Craven forum arranged for 21 March in Brinklow Community Hall.

4.2. There had been an upsurge of cold call selling in Binley Woods with the possibility that it was a façade for a scam or scams.

4.3. The possibility of turning of the streetlights on the estates, to mimic the on off pattern of Broad Street, The Crescent, Coventry and Lutterworth Roads, was discussed. The meeting resolved to complete a plan of which lights could be switched off with advice to be sought from WCC Lighting Dept.

Action: All Cllrs, Clerk.

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. Accounts

7.1. A copy of the updated Income, expenditure and cash balance spread sheet, together with a scan of NatWest Business Reserve Account sheet number 161 (£33,554.33), had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

7.2. The following were approved for payment.		All sums are in £s Sterling.	
Phil Creek	Litter pickers, print cartridge	Chq: 1440	43.25
Refined Line	Website work	Chq: 1441	15
Styvechal Estates	Castle site rent	Chq: 1442	180
Round the Revel	Donation	Chq: 1443	80

8. Planning applications. None

9. Correspondence.

9.1. Advice had been received from RBC that it would continue with the grass-cutting rebate to Brinklow PC, for 2013, at the same rate as last year. The Chair expressed concern that BPC was not notified until after it had set its' precept and that if the rebate had been withdrawn then there could possibly have been a funding shortfall in Brinklow.

10. Reports from associated meetings.

10.1. A Cllr had attended the recent Patient Participation Meeting.

10.2. A Cllr had attended the annual WALC training day subjects encompassed:-

- Neighbourhood plans.
- Community right to register land.
- Service uptake; grass cutting. Dog warden, etc.

11. Continuing Minutes.

11.1. Cemetery. Despite an appeal in Round the Revel; there had been no response from villagers to the problem of illegally placed artefacts around graves. It was resolved to commence removal of such items in the spring.

Action: RP.

11.2. Events Committee. Planning is underway for a Victorian Fair at Christmas. There will be a stall at the football club's six a side and centenary functions.

11.3. Playing field. The fence around the children's play area was reported as damaged and a possible hazard. BHE were to be asked to undertake immediate repairs; bearing in mind that the area was to be remodelled in the not too distant future.

The football club had requested to use the field for a photo shoot. Due to the poor state of the field (due to the inclement weather), it was decided to ask the club to seek permission from the Bulls Head to utilise their car park for attendees.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Repairs have been made by BHE.

11.4. Footpaths. A site meeting was to be arranged on the Heath Lane footpath to determine maintenance responsibilities between the quarry and BPC.

Action: RP, CM.

11.5. Brinklow Castle. It was reported that a gate, to access the rear of the site across Scout land, had been installed.

The next working party was due on the forthcoming Sunday.

The storyboards, when delivered, were to be stored at Home Farm pending their installation.

11.6. Communications with the Parish. A reminder of the litter pick, scheduled for 13 April, was to be placed in Round the Revel. It was pointed out that a risk assessment was needed to be carried out prior to the activity. Cllr Lowe volunteered to carry the assessment out.

Action: JB, DL.

12. Warden's report. Read to the meeting by the Chair. Highlighted the need for 'no fouling' signs to be put up at the park gates.

Action: Clerk.

13. Internal audit. The appointment of an internal auditor was discussed. It was decided to use the services of Mr Michael Jeffs who had carried out the task in the past and brings a certain rigour to the exercise.

Action: Clerk.

14. AOB.

14.1. Cllr Moore advised the meeting that, due to house renovations, she would not be at home from 20 to 29 March

The meeting concluded at 20:55.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 11 April 2013, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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