

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council**  
**Held on**  
**Thursday 14 February 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 A Gillias (RBC)  
                 Cllr H Timms (RBC, WCC)                P Creek (Clerk)  
                 Two members of the public.

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

**1.1.** A member of the public argued that the streetlights not coming on until 06:00 on Saturday mornings affected his staff that had to access his business in the dark; which might compromise their safety.

**Action: HT.**

**1.2.** A representative from Brinklow Quarry was concerned that they had not been consulted over the new speed limit in force on the road passing the business; he opined that visibility was comprised when exiting the quarry. The Council pointed out that the Speed Aware campaign highlighted that 10% of motorists entering Brinklow on that road exceeded the speed limit and that any measure to reduce that percentage was to be welcomed.

**1.3.** Busses were reported as speeding in the village.

**Action: Clerk.**

**1.4.** Concern was raised again over parking at the bottom of Church Field following an accident in which a parked car was written off.

**Action: HT.**

**2. Apologies received and noted.** Cllrs D Lowe, Cllr Garcia.

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

**4. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.**

**4.1.** It was reported that Council House rents were to rise by £4.64 a week.

**4.2.** It was pointed out that scrutiny topics for RBC needed to be submitted by 4 March. Footpath maintenance was mooted as a topic.

**Action: All Cllrs, Clerk.**

**4.3.** Council tax rise for 2013/14 likely to be 0%.

**4.4.** Brinklow and Wolvey are to benefit from the government's fuel efficiency initiative.

**4.5.** The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre is due to open in July 2013.

**4.6.** A new crematorium is to be constructed in Ashlawn Lane.

**4.7.** WCC had set a 0% rise for the forthcoming financial year and the Police Commissioner was believed to be doing likewise.

**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 160 (£34,008.78), had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

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

Community Hall	Room hire (Jan, Feb)	Chq: 1433	48
WCC	Lighting maintenance	Chq: 1434	456.02
RBC	Litter bins	Chq: 1435	419.06
G Lindsey	Materials for Castle site	Chq: 1436	64.96
Colin Cook	Burial duties	Chq: 1437	60
Refined Line	Web hosting	Chq: 1438	75
WALC	Training	Chq: 1439	39

## **8. Planning applications.**

**8.1.** Cert of Lawfulness; Bottom Close, Heath Lane. No comments.

**8.2.** Replacement conservatory; 65 Lutterworth Road. No comments.

**8.3.** Walkers Terrace. It was stated that the online plans were unreadable and that a hard copy should be requested from RBC.

**Action: Clerk.**

## **9. Correspondence.** None.

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

**10.1.** War memorial. It was reported that just under £3k had been raised and that there was to be a sponsored 'Rowathon' in The Raven.

## **11. Continuing Minutes.**

**11.1.** Cemetery. It was stated that the area of grass marked out just inside the gate was un consecrated ground.

**11.2.** Events Committee. At the last meeting attendees had included representatives from other Revel organisations. It had been proposed to explore the feasibility of posting a village events diary on the website to inform and prevent event clashes. The Council agreed to bear the additional cost of posting a diary subject to measures being taken to minimise the extra web management charges.

**Action: CM.**

**11.3.** Community hall. It had been proposed, at the meeting on 21 January, that the community hall AGM should be held on the same date as the Annual Parish Meeting; either just before or after. It was agreed that after the APM would be the most appropriate time.

Concern was expressed that the hall interior needed brightening up; old photographs of Brinklow were proposed.

The need to replace the plastic window with glass in the noticeboard was raised again.

**Action: Clerk.**

**11.4.** Playing field. An estimate for the work on the children's play area had been received and two more were to be sought. The dampness of the site was discussed.

**Action: DL.**

Grant funding for the project would be sought.

**Action: JB.**

**11.5. Footpaths.** It was reported that Bretford PC had complained about the poor surface of the bridle path Tutbury Lane. Some reparation work was said to be on the WCC Footpaths Officer's 'to do' list. It was agreed to assess the scope of required work with the landowner.

**Action: CM.**

**11.6. Brinklow Castle.** There was to be an evaluation report on the project to be issued by LEADER before the end of February.

The cost of installation of the storyboards had been quoted at £700 but then reduced, after comment, to £630. The manufacturer of the boards had stated that the warranty on the boards would be invalid if they were installed by a third party. Legal advice was to be solicited on this point.

**Action: Clerk.**

**12. Warden's report.** Read to the meeting by the Chair.

**13. Clerk's absence.** It was agreed that Cllr Moore would take the minutes of the April meeting as the Clerk would be unavailable on that date.

**Action: CM.**

**14. AOB.**

**14.1.** The next quarry liaison meeting had been arranged for 29 May. It was reported that the quarry owners are to plant fruit trees on the site with the crops being given over to the Scouts for sale to augment their funds.

**14.2.** There was a report of a car wheel being damaged by a pothole. It was stated that any claim should be made to WCC.

**14.3.** The Annual Parish Meeting had been scheduled for 16 May 2013.

**Action: Clerk.**

The meeting concluded at 20:50.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 14 March 2013, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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