

## **BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**

**Held in the Community Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Present:** Councillor J Reid (Chairman)  
Councillor T Heenan  
Councillor S Love  
Councillor S Brown  
Councillor M Lavin  
Councillor A Warwick (WCC)  
Councillor T Gillias (RBC)  
Councillor H Timms (RBC)  
J Boonham  
D Lloyd (Clerk)  
Neil Millard  
4 Members of the public

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ian Currington who was unable to attend.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record for the proceedings.

#### **4. Comments, Questions or Suggestions made by Members of the Public**

- Advised that the Shrubs will arrive on 19<sup>th</sup> February ready for the Gardening Club to do the planting during half term on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February. A letter will be sent out to residents with the dates for this. The Lengthsmen will also be planting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. A claim back from Greenshoots is to be submitted before the end of March.
- Enquiry with regards to maintenance of the defibrillator – Chairman J Reid confirmed that it had been serviced, and new parts fitted, week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

#### **5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.**

##### **Reports by Councillor Adrian Warwick (WCC)**

**5.1** The new council tax has been set adding £1.10 to a Band D property

**5.2** Commonwealth Games – input is needed for a snapshot of the area

**5.3** Voice of Warwickshire, mentioned at the last meeting, still has places available.

**5.4** Virtual Forest is a West Midlands initiative creating a map of all new trees planted to help with care and maintenance whether on Council or Farm land.

**5.5** Young Climate Heros – A competition for schools to submit pictures, pieces of writing etc.. to win £2,500.00 to be spent within the school.

**5.6** Any Major planning application needs to show a net gain in biodiversity.

**5.7** Brinklow Quarry have cleaned the roads and litter picked along Coombe Fields Road

**5.8** The Fire service have reported an increase in chimney fires, possibly due to people being at home more in lockdown, asks residents to please check if they need cleaning.

## **Reports by Councillor Tony Gillias (RBC)**

**5.9** Litter along our highways is appalling, fines and enforcement needed. A letter has been sent to the MP regarding this and requests that BPC also send a letter of complaint. Advised to report, but do not touch, any fly-tipping as it leaves a trail of evidence.

AGREED Proposed and Seconded that the council write to the MP

**5.10** The quality of street cleansing is very poor. The council are trialling a new machine and will give feedback on how to improve the quality of cleaning.

**5.11** All new leases at Magna Park include the rule that HGVs are not allowed through the villages. Geo Net is used to prevent Sat Nav systems from sending the HGV's on to the B roads, non Sat Nav users cannot be controlled in this way (usually foreign trucks) If reported – fines and termination of leases are possible measures.

### **6. Report by Cemetery Agent**

Jennie Boonham read out her report to all present detailing that an interment of ashes has taken place for which a new memorial will be introduced, she has had an enquiry about a burial for a local resident, an additional inscription has been authorised and paid for and installation of two memorials will shortly be taking place for which payment has already been received. With regards to the increased rabbit activity in the cemetery, the quote of £100 + VAT has been accepted from a local pest controller to help with this situation. Jenny passed on her thanks to the Lengthsmen following some very positive feedback she has received with regards to how well maintained the cemetery is.

### **7. To Approve Grass Cutting Contract**

Still unable to obtain a third quote for the grass cutting contract despite numerous attempts the two quotes received were reviewed. It was proposed to accept the quote of the previous contractor Lakeside as there was no increase since the last contract and they were half the price of the other company who quoted.

AGREED Proposed and Seconded to accept Lakeside quote- same payment terms as previously

Possibilities were discussed with regards to the purchase of a sit-on mower for the village use, also for use at the allotments and for the Football Club to use for additional cuts. Discussions about financing this were undertaken with no decisions or proposals being made.

### **8. To agree Expenditure for a maximum set value and purpose for Incidental Expenditure that may occur between meetings**

Queries have not yet been discussed, therefore decision deferred. Moved to next Agenda.

CLERK TO ACTION

### **9. To Consider Draft Financial Regulations**

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CLERK TO ACTION

### **10. Report by Chairman J Reid regarding the dog fouling problem**

RBC have re-instated the Public Spaces Protection Order so that there is greater legislation with regards to dog fouling, this is to be mentioned in the letters being sent out to residents along with details of the Gardening Club. More signs are to be put up around the village.

CHAIRMAN J REID TO ACTION

**11. Report on Meeting regarding Planning Applications**

A meeting has not yet been arranged - the new Head of Planning is still settling into their new role with RBC. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

CLERK TO ACTION

**12. To Discuss the Formation of a Village Events Committee**

A communal meeting suggested for 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in the village hall to put together a team of officers, volunteers, part time helpers and to raise a chairman from the Parish Council to ensure that the correct paperwork and procedures are followed. A flyer is to be displayed and distributed. COUNCILLORS I CURRINGTON AND S LOVE TO ACTION

**13. To Discuss the possibility of reforming the Youth Club**

Various suggestions made from running this weekly to a once-a-month (initially) Art Club. Some funds are still in the previous youth club account and the Parish Council would consider some financial assistance. Decided that demand will guide this so advertising in Round the Revel and posters outside the village hall and schools will be used to ascertain how much interest there is, and any possible volunteers, via an emailed response.

COUNCILLOR S BROWN TO ACTION

**14. To Discuss the 20 is Plenty for Warwickshire Campaign**

Councillors M Lavin and T Heenan and Chariman J Reid have attended the 20 is Plenty Zoom meeting asking for the support of the Parish Councils to call for a 20mph speed restriction to be implemented in the villages. This was supported by the members of the council but only for specific roads rather than all of them. Further meetings are to be attended to show our support. J REID, M LAVIN & T HEENAN TO ACTION

**15. To Discuss and Agree to writing off the Petty Cash from the Reconciliation**

A deficit £63.00 petty cash has been carried forward for many years, since before the last clerk took up the role. The new clerk would like permission to remove this anomaly prior to the financial year end. RESOLVED Proposed and seconded to write this off

**16. To Approve the Accounts for Payment**

**Payments Approved this Month –**

Jennifer Lampert Associates Ltd	Basic Conditions Statement	1440.00
J Boonham	Salary	150.10
D Lloyd	Salary	329.40
Andrew Deptford	Parts for Defribillator	118.80
John Reid	Lengthsmen Expenses	850.09
Creative Wood Solutions	replacement for chq 2256	144.00

**17. Progress Reports for Information**

a) Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16

On 7<sup>th</sup> February cabinet approved submission of our Neighbourhood Plan, the 6 week consultation process will close on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Notes were sent to the statutory consultees and we will get copies of the responses. RBC and Brinklow Parish Council will decide on the best examiner to appoint from a list of available examiners (arranged and paid for by RBC) who will review and comment. His word is the final say, there is no appeal. The plan then goes to referendum, if over 50% of voters approve it then it is adopted and becomes a legal document and applied to any planning permission requested in the village.

- b) Gypsy and Traveller Sites  
RBC are currently unable to properly defend the appeal of any gypsy and traveller planning applications due to not setting up the required Development Plan Document (know as a DPD) in 2017. A consultancy company have been employed to count all authorised and un-authorised sites to help get the document in place.
- c) Replacement Lamp Post and wiring for CCTV  
This is currently with WCC to action and to sort the wiring.
- d) Brinklow Castle  
There has been very little maintenance of the Tump over the past 2 years, Vince is now helping with the Sunday work again. A contractor may be needed to clear the backlog so that it can easily be maintained going forward. For further discussion at the next meeting.
- e) Playing Field  
There have been a few maintenance issues in the play area, a post has been replaced and the tennis court surface is to be cleaned.
- f) Grant Funding  
Councillor A Warwick asked for any submissions for anything beneficial to the village up to £200 for him to fund  
There is an amount of money still available from the Neighbourhood Plan Grant which may be used to print an update or new version of the plan.
- g) Bank Mandate Changes  
This is still pending, waiting on the bank to action the changes.
- h) Outside Light at village Hall  
This was changed the following day after the January meeting when the issue was highlighted.

**18. Correspondence received for Information**

Notification was received about a new Hinckley Rail Freight Terminal to be built north of Hinckley which is on a scale with the size of Magna Park. This could cause peripheral traffic concerns for the village.

**19. To Confirm the date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 19.15 in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 9 pm

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CHAIRMAN