

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on 1st September 2022

Present: Councillor J Reid (Chairman) Councillor T Gillias (RBC)
Councillor T Heenan Councillor H Timms (RBC)
Councillor S Love
Councillor S Brown 8 Members of the public
Councillor M Lavin
D Lloyd (Clerk)

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Councillors I Currington and A Warwick, and also from J Boonham who were 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 13th July 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record for the proceedings.**

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

PC were asked by Mr Breen if there is any news from the tree surgeon. J Reid advised that the company we use has ceased trading, two new quotes have been received but as the trees are in a conservation area authorisation is needed to cut them. Once received a meeting will be set up between Mr Breen and the tree surgeon. It was also mentioned that the tree roots are appearing under the driveway of the property which is another issue to be looked at and have the expert to advise on. Jeanette Lomas thanked I Currington for his leadership of the Scarecrow Festival which was a huge success, the only issue raised was that a band started playing at 8.50am Sunday - too early for noise.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Reports by Councillor Tony Gillias (RBC)

Negative reports are being received about Amazon vans and lorries concerning parking issues and speeding. Angela Jeffry can be contacted angela@magna-park.co.uk purely for Amazon vehicle complaints. 14th September a planning meeting will review Brandon Estates redevelopment of Brandon Stadium as housing and sporting stadium. It was a pleasure to be a judge at the scarecrow festival which was a huge success. A reminder of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund available to Parish Councils until March 2025.

Reports by Councillor H Timms (RBC)

Average speed cameras fitted in Binley Woods due to its accident history, being a straight road and because traffic management put in years ago has not worked. Fake speed cameras put onto private land is ok to do. Heather was thanked for being a Judge at the Scarecrow Festival and for the Grant Funding given.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent

J Reid read out Jennies report to all present in her absence detailing an enquiry about an interment of ashes, another about re-use of an existing grave, a funeral director enquiring about the cost of a burial in Brinklow and on meeting a family tending a grave she was able to correct another error on the map. She thanked the Lengthsmen for their help in the cemetery which is now looking in good order.

7. To Validate the Procedure and a decision made at the June Meeting

The procedure going forward should be that when there is an item on the agenda regarding Brinklow Football Club an official should attend the meeting in the event of any questions which need answering. **RESOLVED BFC agreed to an official attending**

8. To Discuss Electricity Costs

Streetlight timings are to be reviewed, and residents asked for their opinion prior to any changes, to try to cut the electricity costs. Councillor M Lavin mentioned solar panels are going to be used on the Village Hall roof to reduce energy costs, planning is currently going through due to being in a conservation area.

CLERK TO ACTION Move to a future Agenda

9. Update from Councillor T Heenan with regards to the Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are currently examining a set of requested changes and then it will go to a RBC referendum. The editing will be done by RBC and funded by them. There are 61 pages of changes, all transport policies have been taken out as we were advised to have the referendum first and then look at modifying or making changes to these. Chairman J Reid thanked Tim for all of his hard work and input with regards to this project.

10. To Discuss Tree Works within the Village

Already discussed earlier following a query from a member of the public. The two quotes received – Tree Wise Men £4,300 and A C Old £1848

AGREED Proposed and seconded to accept the lower quote

11. Chairman J Reid to give an update on CCTV Project

The change of lamppost was completed on 7th July but done incorrectly leaving the conduit for CCTV buried. A company who has installed CCTV in surrounding villages can install a different system which has a memory card in the camera therefore no need for a cabinet, has 12 day recording, uses a mobile phone app to access recordings (only when asked to by the police), and can easily be added to in other areas of the village in the future. Cost £4037 (quote for previous system £3139 which was 2 years ago) The Standing Orders need revising to be able to view CCTV footage and both the CCTV and lighting column are to be added to the insurance and asset register. Signage to advise CCTV is in operation needs to be displayed at the entrances to the village.

AGREED Proposed and seconded to go ahead with the more flexible system

12. Feedback on Meeting held between Parish Council and Brinklow Football Club

Discussions in place regarding cutting back the scrub on the perimeter of the playing field. BFC mentioned the drainage on the field is dipping in places and could cause injury. This is to be assessed once the field is re-hydrated following the hot weather. A committee meeting will be held on Monday 5th September to look at requirements for the club going forward.

13. Feedback from Scarecrow Festival

Councillor S Brown reported that the Festival was hugely successful and well supported with many people getting involved and giving their time freely. Thanks given to BPC and the lengths men for their unwavering support before, during and after the weekend and to Councillors H Timms and A Warwick for the grant funding essential for equipment purchase. For future events a documentary framework and process is now in place but serious consideration would have to be given to infrastructure, car parking, increased volunteering and potential commercial involvement to lighten the load. Final fundraising total will be determined and communicated in the coming weeks after which fund raising applications will be opened. There were officially 91 scarecrow entries and thanks given to Ian by everyone, including the PC, for organising and the time given.

14. To Discuss Procedures and Security Measures RE: Internet Banking

The Clerk asked the Councillors to decide on an authorisation process for payments once internet banking has been set up and who is to be set up to use this.

RESOLVED Internet banking is to be set up with D Lloyd (Clerk), Councillor T Heenan and Councillor S Brown as users. Payments will be agreed at the monthly meeting as usual prior to being made electronically.

15. To Discuss and make a Decision on the Purchase of Land on Ell Lane

A decision is needed soon, there are concerns about who would purchase this plot of land if the PC don't (may be of interest to the travelling community) To be considered and put onto the next agenda. **CLERK TO ACTION** Put onto the next Agenda

16. Discussion regarding Traffic Changes in Brinklow

Councillors I Currington and S Love tasked to produce a formal proposal to get this started. Speeding signs could be replaced with something better that also records data. Data should also be available from the police from times they use their cameras in the village. WCC Highways money may be available – PC to speak to Councillor A Warwick. Chairman J Reid looking into data available and prices for future consideration.

17. Councillor M Lavin to make a Resignation Statement

Councillor M Lavin stated that he is resigning due to his loss of confidence in the PC Chair and stated his reasons for this.

RESOLVED His resignation was accepted by Chairman J Reid who thanked him for all his help in his role as Councillor.

18. To Discuss the Parish-On-Line website and subscription

This no-obligation free trial was offered by an insurance company but we are unable to access the website. **CLERK TO ACTION** Put onto the next Agenda

19. To Review and make a decision on any Planning Applications

R22/0682 – 75 Heath Lane – proposed extension to the front elevation and alterations to the fenestration on the side elevation. **RESOLVED** The PC have no objection

20. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.

Payments approved this month:

Lakeside	25% grasscutting contract	2322.00
JRB	Dog waste bags & gloves	135.00
J Boonham	Salary x2	
D Lloyd	Salary x2	
S Brown	1 st aid course lunch	24.00
WCC	lamp post change	449.48
Brinklow Community Hall	hire of hall – training	30.00
Brinklow URC	hire of hall – BFC meeting	8.00
Morral Play Services	play equipment inspection 2021	59.40
Tim Heenan	expenses	42.60
D Williams	Brinklow Plaque mounting frame	700.00
J Reid	Lengthsman expenses	314.58
HMRC	PAYE	386.00
C Parsons	Wood- repair pocket park bench	23.94
L Hendy	pocket park equipment	97.73

21. Progress Reports for Information.

Brinklow Castle

Tree branches dangerous to walkers are to be removed, Vince has cut the undergrowth, bonfires are not possible at the moment. Fire beaters are to be installed in the future.

Playing Field

When the nesting season ends in September the scrub will be cut back as agreed with BFC. Recent vandalism includes the bird spikes on the swings which have been damaged and the tennis net has been broken and will be replaced. A weekly checklist is being done for the insurance.

Grant Funding

J Boonham is looking into any grant funding available.

22. Correspondence received for information.

Mr Breen wrote regarding the trees and damage to the wall and driveway as discussed in item 4.

A resident enquired about hedge cutting in College close who is now joining other residents who arrange for a contractor to cut it.

A request was received and agreed for some Arras fencing to be erected on the perimeter of the playing field whilst some work is being completed on a property.

To Confirm the date of the next 3 meetings.

The next 3 meetings will be held on 13th October 2022, 10th November 2022 & 8th December 2022 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

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CHAIRMAN