

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on 13th October 2022

Present:

Councillor J Reid (Chairman)	Councillor T Gillias (RBC)
Councillor T Heenan	Councillor A Warwick (WCC)
Councillor I Currington	J Boonham
Councillor S Brown	12 Members of the public
D Lloyd (Clerk)	

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Councillors S Love and H Timms (RBC)

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 1st September 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.

A resident asked for an update on sorting his tree issues: advised that we are still waiting on the RBC conservation permit, tree surgeon is on stand by as soon as it is received.

A resident enquired: any update on CCTV for fly-tipping- this had been mentioned by Councillor H Timms who was not at the meeting to update us; difficulties with parking in Broad St – lines preventing parking near a residents driveway confirmed to be within limits by Warwickshire Highways; The old chicken Farm, Bungalow Farm, Smeaton Lane is a change of use needed? – currently used for food distribution and car repairs/breakers (including spraying). The Environmental Department has been made aware and Tony Gillias will look into the allegations; Are the Ansty junction improvements anything to do with the J2 proposal? – Councillor A Warwick confirmed that this work is being funded by the developer of Ansty Business Park to help improve the flow of traffic caused by their businesses; Requested that the Christmas tree is up in time for the Christmas Market and for the lengthsmens help with the Nativity- both agreed.

Jeanette produced a poppy wreath for the PC for this year & requested a 2 mins silence for Armistice Day; Enquired how often Pocket Park grass is cut? – the PC are aware of the problems with current contractor, a new schedule is being prepared; requested an Autumn litter pick - to be arranged; suggested a footpath and lighting for Green Lane which the PC will look into; Dog or Fox mess on playingfield – rats at the back of the Bulls Head are possibly attracting Foxes, reported to Environmental Health; Hot meals for elderly residents, suggested approaching events committee for help to deliver to housebound residents and those rarely seen out; a Hallween Party is arranged by Vince Rowley in the village hall Sunday 30th October. Halfway down Ell Lane the road has broken away leaving people having to walk in the middle of the road which is dangerous – to be looked into for repair.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Reports by Councillor Tony Gillias (RBC)

Tuesday 18th Oct Tony will be talking to the Magna Park Liaison Group about traffic in the villages.

Reports by Councillor A Warwick (WCC)

The council have made safe part of the footpath on the Coventry Road with further works to be looked at in the future. There is a Hardship pot available due to the current rising cost of living- there is a link to claim hardship money on the WCC website. There has been a rise in chimney fires probably due to burning of wood to cut costs, people to be made aware to take safety measures. The J2 proposal by Fraser Group is on greenbelt land, the motivation for any development on greenbelt should only ever be for a very special reason and there is none. Bats and badgers are on the land they propose to build on, the site is not in the local plan which was consulted on for 3 years, Rugby has adequate employment so the jobs created are not for local people therefore more housing would also be needed in the future and this becomes a vicious circle. This is contrary to Government policy: the government promised the greenbelt would not be harmed in the strive for growth – this is not levelling up but levelling down. Actions residents can take are: Email adrianwarwick@warwickshire.gov.uk and ask to be added to the email list for live updates as a database is being build by WCC; Email your MP Mark Pawsey mark.pawsey.mp@parliament.uk with questions or objections to make him aware of your feelings; Register a personal objection with RBC: RBC.planning@rugby.gov.uk and with the developer: junction2@plmr.co.uk or call them on 07496 675 302

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie read out her report to all present detailing that the last month has seen a delayed interment which should go ahead sometime in the next few weeks, a new burial enquiry for October, a memorial repair due to tree root damage and a memorial deemed unsafe is to be resolved by the stone mason in the next few weeks. Another error has been resolved on the map & the map for a major section of the cemetery is now correct.

7. To review ideas and costs for a Sustainable Christmas Tree for the village.

The supply used for previous years has ended and local suppliers do not have any trees big enough. Villagers have queried us having a tree cut then shredded every year so a large rooted tree was costed – this can be anything from £300-£500 and needs a lot of tending to encourage growth. A suggestion made of a metal support being erected (similar to Pailton's) for the lights to be displayed on (at a cost of £460) whilst we plant and grow a smaller tree on for future use.

AGREED

The metal support was approved by the councillors with the long term plan to grow a tree in situ.

8. An update on the CCTV Project.

We are waiting for a definite date for the installation but it should be up and running shortly. The Councillors were asked to approve the new CCTV Policy and the additional notes to go into the Standing Orders.

APPROVED

The Policy was adopted and the addition to the Standing Orders approved.

9. To discuss the option and cost of using Parish-On-Line.

After a video of this was viewed it was deemed of little help and not to be considered further

RESOLVED

Agreed not to be used by the PC

10. To review the work requested by Brinklow Football Club on the Playing field.

Prior to the meeting the Councillors met with BFC on the playing field to view the works requested.

AGREED

The PC agreed to the cutting back requested by BFC, to be completed by the contractor.

11. To discuss and decide on the purchase of land on Ell Lane.

To purchase the parcel of land on Ell Lane, offered to the PC for only the cost of the legal fees for the transfer of ownership (approx. £1600 - £1800) was proposed. The land was deemed attractive to the travelling community if offered for general sale.

AGREED The councillors agreed by a majority vote to purchase the land.

12. To discuss vandalism in the playground.

There has been recent vandalism to the pigeon spikes on the swings and the climbing frame anchor, both repairs now completed by the lengthsman. Future CCTV costs to be looked into, advice to be taken with regards to CCTV use in a Children's Playground.

13. To discuss the appeal RE: refusal of Planning Application R20/0259.

A letter has been submitted to the Planning Inspector (to be included in the Section 6 Agreement) on behalf of the Parish Council strongly objecting to this planning for a HGV Facility on the Lutterworth Road.

RESOLVED Letter submitted by Chairman J Reid

14. To discuss issues with the village School Transport.

It was reported that the secondary school transport WCC provide has been reduced to 1 bus & public transport is full which therefore at times goes through Brinklow without stopping. Councillor A Warwick stated that opted schools are where the problems arise but if the demand is there WCC should look at available services they can add to routes. Transport will be notified to look into this.

15. To discuss Tree Works in the Village.

The PC are still waiting for permission to go ahead with the necessary tree works. Since the last meeting a 3rd quote has been received from a local contractor Colledge Tree & Landscape Services for £1980 – previous quotes: Tree Wise Men £4800, AC Old £1848

AGREED The councillors agreed to use the most local contractor (Colledge Tree & Landscape)

16. To discuss a review of the electricity costs for BPC.

The Parish Council are responsible for the electricity costs for the street lights off the main roads and lighting at the memorial. Due to the huge increases Bionic (part of Compare the Market) are looking at ways to help us save power and will negotiate with the Government to take off support at source. Councillor I Currington offered to assess the times of the lights going off at night around the village to enable a review.

17. To discuss the Major Planning Proposal to re-develop land at Ansty.

This item was covered by Councillor A Warwick in his report earlier in this meeting.

18. To review and make a decision on Planning Applications Received –

R22/0248 – The PC received two planning applications with this reference, one being for a two storey side extension and relocation or vehicular access, the other being for a single storey side and rear extension & relocation of parking.

DEFERRED A decision was deferred until clarification received from the planning department.

19. To Approve the Accounts for Payment:

Round the Revel	Donation	100.00
Roger Pearson	Plants/compost – memorial	102.00
Godfrey Payton	12 months rent – The Tump	360.00
JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog waste bags & gloves	145.56
Redshoes	payroll Services	63.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fees	360.00
Npower	electricity 1/7/22-30/9/22	1264.94
Round the Revel	distribution of flyers	40.00
J Boonham	salary	152.58
D Lloyd	salary & expenses	377.81
J Reid	lengthsmen expenses	317.04

20. Progress Reports for Information –

- **Scarecrow Festival:**

£24,500 combined total raised & money is still coming in. Applications for funding have been sent out and there are future projects to support with the money raised.

- **Neighbourhood Plan:**

Polling cards will go out to all residents to vote. 800 booklets are to be printed and distributed along with a letter from Chairman J Reid highlighting the importance to vote. Printing quote from Steers is £1856 (mainly covered by the Groundwork grant)

AGREED

Printing quote agreed and permission given to the Clerk to make payment prior to the next meeting if necessary due to the time restriction.

- **Brinklow Castle, Playing Field, Grant Funding:**

The moat is currently dry and has made cutting easier at the Tump, Vince was thanked for all of the cutting back that he has done.

The importance of the play equipment inspection has been highlighted by recent issues in the playground.

A grant application for the Neighbourhood plan final costs is being finalised.

21. Correspondence received for information.

A request was received from BFC for use of the playing field for their Annual Football Tournament Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th June 2023

AGREED

The council agreed to this request

22. To re-confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th November 2022 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

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CHAIRMAN