

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on 10th November 2022

Present:

Councillor J Reid (Chairman)	Councillor T Gillias (RBC)
Councillor T Heenan	Councillor H Timms (RBC)
Councillor I Currington	J Boonham
Councillor S Brown	5 Members of the public
D Lloyd (Clerk)	

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Councillors S Love and A Warwick (WCC)

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 October 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.

An update was requested regarding the tree surgeon. Chairman John Reid confirmed that the permit has been received from RBC dated 13/12/22 and the tree surgeon is booked for 16/12/22, weather pending, who will liaise with the residents over the trees and roots issues and will do a 30% cutback of the trees.

Traffic issues on the Rugby Road: vibration when lorries hit drain holes, water splash on property frontage causing damage, speeding vehicles during the night and traffic congestion causing difficulty getting off driveway were reported by Mr Shirley. Councillor Adrian Warwick will be approached for funding for the drains, a fake speed camera has helped reduce the speeding during the daytime. The Council are already looking at changes to speed limits and have proposed various speed reduction ideas none of which have been approved. The cost to buy a speed camera is £5-£7K but is not supported, speed reminders are approx. £2K but WCC will not approve them, Average speed cameras WCC will not approve. The Parish Council will speak again to WCC and will submit a large detailed document to press a formal proposal. Councillor Tony Gillias stated that Pailton are trying to get 6 Elan city speed reduction signs at £2,200 each, including solar panel, and suggested villages get together a bulk order for a reduced cost. It was confirmed by the PC that unanswered questions are minuted and chased up. Asked when the funding from the festival will be allocated – responses are going out beginning of November.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Reports by Councillor Tony Gillias (RBC)

Tony will be attending a Midlands Connect meeting on 21st October which is about growth in the locality. Recent growth includes: DPD – increased deliveries during covid created increased jobs and increased vehicle movements through the villages which will never reduce; MIRA – 5000 new people to be employed; Hinckley Rail Hub is creating 2000 new jobs – all putting pressure on housing and rural villages will be affected.

Reports by Councillor H Timms (RBC)

Heather asked the Parish Council to accept an invite to the Cost of Living Summit which is addressing funding for warm hubs for struggling residents.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie read out her report to all present detailing that there has been one burial in the last month, the grave digger resolved an issue with a tilting memorial and was paid direct by the family and two memorials considered unsafe by RBC have been brought to the attention of the stonemason who was responsible for both. A new memorial has been installed without any approval or payment which is being queried via the stonemason. She gave thanks to the lengthsman who dealt swiftly with a large branch that came down in high winds, fortunately no one was hurt that there was no damage caused.

7. To Approve the proposed pre-paid cards for the Lengthsman & set a budget.

Cashplus pre-pay cards, as supported by WALC, were suggested for use by the Lengthsman (a sub committee of the PC) for expenses to enable repairs around the village in order to address the issue picked up on our Audit. A monthly budget is to be set so that spending is controlled by the Council.

APPROVED – CLERK TO ACTION

Proposed and seconded that the council will provide the Lengthsman with 2 cards, each with a £250 credit to be topped up to this value monthly – all receipts to be submitted.

8. To Approve the appointment and fees of a new Internal Auditor for 2022/2023.

The Clerk contacted an Internal Auditor, as recommended by WALC, for availability and fees. Bill Wooliscroft, resident in Monks Kirby, is happy to take on our internal audit for a fee of £340.00

APPROVED - CLERK TO ACTION

The PC agreed to appoint Bill for Internal Audit

9. To Discuss the Lakeland Grass Cutting works and contract.

Chairman John Reid stated that he has a meeting on 11th November with the contractors to discuss our concerns over the number of cuts made this year. There seems a huge shortfall in the agreed 20 cuts between April and October, everything needs cutting before winter and proposals for getting on track for next year are to be addressed. The playing field is also an issue, the agreement being 23 cuts a year and Brinklow Football Club to pay for additional cuts if needed. There is no way to determine how many have been done therefore a log of the dates will also be requested at the meeting.

10. The Clerk to advise on Decisions made on Planning Applications between meetings.

R22/0248 – Fern Cottages, 3 Rugby Road – single storey side and rear extensions & relocation of parking – The Parish Council responded with no objection to this Planning Application.

11. To Review and make a decision on Planning Applications received.

R22/0960 – 29 Heath Lane, Brinklow, CV23 0NR – Material amendment to planning permission

R20/0754 **RESOLVED – CLERK TO ACTION The Parish Council will respond with – no objection to this Planning Application.**

12. To Approve the Accounts for Payment:

Steers Printing	Neighbourhood Plan Booklets	1906.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation for poppy wreath	30.00
J Boonham	Salary	152.58
D Lloyd	Salary & Expenses (new printer)	483.54
J Reid	Expenses	245.60
V Smith	Lengthsman Expenses	100.47
Jeanette Lomas	Pocket Park Expenses	19.50
Jill Parsons	Pocket Park Expenses	24.00
Home Front Ltd	replacement for CHQ 002343	146.40

APPROVED All approved for payment as above.

13. Progress Reports for Information –

- **Neighbourhood Plan:**

Councillor Tim Heenan thanked helpers with the distribution of the booklets. Saturday 12th November there is a meeting in the village hall to explain the Neighbourhood Plan and voting will take place Tuesday 15th November 7am – 10pm.

- **Tree Works for the Village:**

As mentioned earlier the tree surgeon will now prune the trees back by 30% and in the new year will cut the tree that needs attention at the Tump and the fallen tree in Ell Lane.

- **Vacancy for a Councillor:**

No applications have been received so the advert is to remain up and we are still looking for a replacement councillor. The advert will be displayed at the Saturday morning meeting.

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

Hedge cutting took place in the village today and a quote is being obtained for cutting the Tump with a radio controlled cutter. Vince now has a team of 5 on a Sunday and the moat is looking nice and very tidy. The playing field is to be discussed with the contractors as already mentioned. We had a report of the children's playground being used by adults but no further info was given. We will chase up our CCTV installation for the village and then get them to look at the system already installed at the surgery and update it for us.

14. Correspondence received for information.

Nothing received.

To re-confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

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CHAIRMAN