

**BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Brinklow Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Held in the Community Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Present:** Councillor J Reid (Chairman)  
Councillor T Heenan  
Councillor S Love  
Councillor I Currington  
Councillor S Brown  
J Boonham  
D Lloyd (Clerk)  
Neil Millard  
Councillor Adrian Warwick (WCC)  
9 Members of the public

**1. Election of the Chairman of the Council for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year**

Apologies were received from Councillors Heather Timms, Tony Gillias and Mick Lavin who were unable to attend.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting.**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record for the proceedings.

**3. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council.**

- Pocket Park was a project undertaken to improve the piece of overgrown land behind George Birch close which was funded by WCC. A new hedgerow and 3 decorative trees were also planted and locking posts have been fitted to protect the area which is now a lovely usable space and is also used by a kids gardening club where they learn all aspects of gardening. The Parish Council are funding additional gardening items for the club.
- The lengthsman have painted some of the exterior of the Village Hall to help with the maintenance.
- A Kissing Gate has been installed by the lengthsman at Church Fields which is a big improvement to a 'step-over' gate.
- Church Fields has always had a flooding problem from the moat so improvement to the drainage is being proposed at the monthly meeting to look at resolving this.
- A lot of bramble has now been removed from the Tump to allow the grass to re-grow so that going forward it can easily be mowed.
- The pavement on the Ansty Road has been repaired and re-surfaced. Councillor Adrian Warwick helped us to achieve this.
- Trees that were covering the street lights on the Coventry Road have been cut back by the tree surgeon.
- In the cemetery some of the gravestones have been re-assembled and stabilised, the rabbit issue has been sorted and there has been a lot of general maintenance.
- The village Christmas trees and lights are sponsored by the Parish Council. Alternatives may be considered for this year rather than purchasing cut trees. A metal tree or plant a tree in situ were suggestions. Councillor Adrian Warwick mentioned a source who sell large root-balled trees that he could help us to obtain.
- The Parish Council have helped to fund Poppy day and the Jubilee celebrations.
- The trees in the village have been surveyed, numbered and registered by a preferred contractor to help keep on top of any issues. They will be reviewed bi-annually.
- The Parish Council have maintained the tennis courts and all of the green spaces in the village.
- The mowing for the village has been sourced and funded by the Parish Council, a discussion is to take place with regards to the current standard.

- Litter picking around the village and the canal car park and also management of the dog waste bins are undertaken by the lengthsman.
- Fly tipping and the disposal of numerous Nitrous Oxide cannisters seems to be on the increase. The Parish Council have asked the PCSO to increase vigilance around the village.
- CCTV for the village is to go ahead with the first stage (the change of lamp post) to commence on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- A Brinklow road safety push is planned, considering some 20mph speed limits, dropping 50mph limit to 30mph, more warning signs, to look at sorting the road markings up Broad Street, consideration for a one-way system for Ell Lane.
- The Parish Council are responsible for the pathway between the Raven and the property that used to be the old garage. It is in a bad state of repair and the legality of doing the repairs is to be looked into.

**4. Report by Brinklow Parish Council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.**

No report was given due to this being covered in the monthly PC meeting.

**5. To Receive reports from local Community Organisations.**

No Local community organisation reports were given.

**6. Report by member of Warwickshire County Council representing Brinklow.**

Councillor Adrian Warwick reported that WCC have done road repairs and the pavement resurfacing at Walkers Terrace. WCC are struggling with their budget due to the high cost of support for care leaving the highways budget constrained. WCC have set up a property company to look at council owned land to use, develop or lease to help increase funds. The council are giving additional support and help to key workers. Councillors Adrian Warwick and Tony Gillias managed to get a clause put into any new leases at Magna Park to prevent them from driving through the villages. He advised the Parish Council that his £8000 grant is now open for any applications. With reference to looking at speed restrictions for the village he advised that Intelligent Speed Assistant (ISA) will be fitted to all new cars in the near future.

**7. Report by members of Rugby Borough Council representing Brinklow.**

The Councillors were unable to attend but Councillor Adrian Warwick covered this within his report.

**8. Other Matters raised by any elector of the Parish.**

No further matters were raised.

The Meeting Closed at 6.50 pm

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CHAIRMAN