

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on 9th March 2023

Present: Councillor J Reid (Chairman) Councillor T Gillias (RBC)
Councillor T Heenan Councillor H Timms (RBC)
Councillor I Currington D Lloyd (Clerk to the Council)
Councillor S Brown
Councillor K Keene 2 members of the public
Councillor D Forman

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Councillor A Warwick (WCC) and J Boonham

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 7th February 2023 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.

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Reports by Councillor T Gillias (RBC)

The council set a 2.99% council tax increase in the budget. RBC are currently redeveloping the town hall site, £5 million is being used to rebuild and reinstate the economy in the town centre. There are expansion plans at MIRA for up to 40 multinational companies on the newly named RIBAMIRA Tech Site. This will create employment meaning more cars/traffic causing traffic problems locally. National Highways are to speak at Harborough Town Hall about schemes to keep traffic flowing. The A46 has re-opened and the new flyover works well, including the pedestrian crossing which is very safe.

Reports by Councillor H Timms (RBC)

Coombe Fields Road has been litter picked by RBC due to the large volumes of litter. Chairman John Reid mentioned that from Coombe Abbey to the flyover is to be litter picked soon by the Brinklow Lengthsmen and Coombe Abbey staff. There is a planning committee next week - including converting clock towers into flats. Barnacle traveller sites have temporary permission but are about to request permanent permission. They are currently not counted towards the numbers so this will help meet the required numbers leaving RBC able to refuse any others that come forward now that they have the documentation in place for appeals to be heard. Recent thefts in Brinklow appear to be by travellers from Barnacle but there seems to be an inability to tackle them or do anything about the problems. Heather suggested inviting the police inspector to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain police procedures for tackling rural crime because she would have to respond to questions at a meeting.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennies report was read out in her absence to state that she has dealt with a couple of burials and an interment and had a couple of enquiries regarding interments. An application and payment to add an inscription to an existing memorial has also been dealt with. Jennie is approaching a family regarding the installation of a memorial without permission or payment and is awaiting response from a family who placed artificial grass on their family plots.

7. To discuss and approve the purchase of New Table Tennis Bats.

The table-tennis table put on the field after the pandemic has very few bats left and therefore need replacing.

APPROVED Proposed and agreed to purchase 12 new bats

8. To discuss Outdoor Gym Equipment for the village.

A questionnaire has been prepared to go out to residents, and into Round the Revel, to see how much interest there is in this project and if it is wanted we can put together options of what to buy and where to site it. Purchase a starter kit to add to or look at grants to buy bigger, better quality, equipment to reduce maintenance. Suggested that the scarecrow festival funds of £3,500 already allotted could be used and the Parish Council agreed to match this when setting the budget. Insurance and public liability need considering too.

AGREED The questionnaire to be reviewed and then distributed before further decisions made.

9. An update regarding the modifications to our Made Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor T Heenan stated that a grant has been received for the Housing Needs Survey which has been posted out today to every parishioner by post, the postage paid for by the government. It allows for either online or postal responses and the analysis will be completed by the end of March. Suggested a Facebook posting is done as a reminder and to explain why we are doing the survey.

CLERK TO ACTION

10. An update on the grass cutting contract for 2023/24.

The quote from Leicestershire Gardens was re-submitted for £12,500 which meets our budget and was therefore accepted as agreed at the last meeting of the PC. Cutting is about to start around the village and the cutting of the field is to commence on advice of the Chairman J Reid.

11. An update on the CCTV installation issues.

We told the installation company that we were not happy with the system, the service provided and that the pictures produced are not usable therefore we were not happy to pay the invoice. Their response was to say they will remove the equipment, and collect the laptop, and will cancel the invoice. Quotes will be obtained for another system with proof of it working satisfactorily before being set in place. The National Farmers Union may be able to advise on systems they use.

12. To Approve the Accounts for Payment:

Details	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
Godfrey Payton	180.00	6 months rent RE Tump
Redshoes	63.00	payroll services
J Boonham	164.84	salary
D Lloyd	393.13	salary & expenses
HMRC	500.43	PAYE
JRB Enterprise Ltd	145.56	Dog waste bags & gloves
J Reid	65.25	lengthsmen mileage claim
Soldo	313.01	lengthsmen spending - card top up
Leicestershire Gardens	6250.00	50% of grass cutting contract
Len Hendy (J Lomas)	94.86	sleepers for Tump

APPROVED All approved for payment as above.

13. Progress Reports for Information –

- **Brinklow Castle:**
4 Sleepers installed as bridges on the Tump. There are issues with bonfires being lit on the Tump, fire prevention signs and beaters are needed. (Chairman to contact Warwickshire Fire Service)
- **Playing Field:**
The gate is designed and being made by the installer. The Armco barrier and gate are to be installed once the playing field is drier. There may be traffic management issues as half of the carpark on Barr Lane will need closing to do the work.
- **Other News:**
A ladies lengthsmens team want to set up on a Wednesday doing smaller jobs around the village so there will be 8 lengthsmen on a Thursday and 4/5 on a Wednesday. Some equipment will be needed to facilitate this and a suggestion of spending up to £150 on a small cart was proposed and agreed to go onto the next agenda for approval.

14. Correspondence received for information.

Planning Application R23/0223 at Fosse Cottages, Rugby Road, Brinklow, Warwickshire, CV23 0LZ for Conversion of car port to provide ancillary accommodation was responded to between meetings – the response was that we have no objection provided that it does not become a separate dwelling.

Planning Application R23/0208 49 Heath Lane, Brinklow CV23 0NR for a single storey side and rear extension was deferred for a decision.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th April 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

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CHAIRMAN