

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on 13th April 2023

Present: Councillor J Reid (Chairman) Councillor T Gillias (RBC)
Councillor T Heenan D Lloyd (Clerk to the Council)
Councillor K Keene J Boonham
Councillor D Forman 4 Members of the public

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Councillors I Currington and S Brown

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 9th March 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.

Roger Pearson mentioned that several people look after and maintain the planted areas at the memorial, on the corner of Brays Close and the planters at the entrances to the village. The village did not win Rugby in bloom last year due to not following the theme for the competition. This years theme is 200 years of rugby therefore a request for an agreed maximum spend of £350 for this years entry - to purchase plants, compost and accessories - was put forward to the Parish Council. **AGREED Proposed and seconded.**

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Reports by Councillor T Gillias (RBC)

Harborough District Council met with National Highways to look at improvements to Gibbet Hill roundabout where 3 schemes were discussed ranging from a quick fix costing £2.5 million and taking approximately 2.5 years to complete to a scheme which will cost £50 million. The Cross in Hand proposed development for a lorry park, Lutterworth Road, Pailton had their appeal dismissed and will not go ahead. Rugby Borough Councils Project Warwickshire is looking at help for new businesses, providing workshops with expert advice and help and giving help with form filling and grant applications. There are plans for 2000 new homes in and around the town centre above the shops and for Rugby to become a market town with a thriving market.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie read out her report to all present and stated that there has recently been a burial and an interment in the cemetery, with two further interments pending. The family of a plot where a tree has grown substantially have been contacted and with their permission it has now been removed, another family are being contacted with regards to another tree which also needs removing. Jennie is awaiting a response from a family regarding the removal of some artificial grass they have put on their family plot and she thanked the Lengthsmen for their help with the upkeep of the cemetery.

7. To discuss and approve the annual check for the Difibrillator.

This did not need approving as it is a set requirement which is monitored and we are advised when the annual check is due. This was actioned last week.

8. To formally approve the purchase of a Cart for the new group of Lengthsmen.

As discussed at the last meeting this purchase was proposed for a maximum spend of £130.

AGREED proposed and seconded

9. To approve the renewal of the WALC membership.

The Annual renewal was discussed.

AGREED proposed and seconded

10. To discuss the Police Liaison Meeting.

This meeting has been arranged by the Parish Council, to take place on 19th April, for all residents to attend. This is to discuss and ask questions regarding any crimes and car thefts that have taken place in the village due to the lack of actions that seem to be being taken by the police and leaving victims feeling that there is no backup. New waterproof posters are to be put up around the village to make people aware of the meeting.

11. An update on the Neighbourhood Plan and Housing Needs Survey.

Thanks was given to Jennie for completing the grant application with regards to this project. 165 responses were received, out of 526, from the Housing Needs Survey representing 32% which is a good result. Some of the highlights from the survey are that half the residents say their current property is not suitable, 32% cant afford a house in Brinklow, 32% want a house on one level, 12% are looking for shared ownership, residents want priority on new homes, affordable homes, sheltered rented accommodation and bungalows. Mike King who ran the survey has offered a Zoom call to discuss the results which will be open to parishioners – also to be notified on Facebook. We have been asked by Midland Rural Housing to join them and RBC at a meeting with our survey results.

12. To discuss the public footpath adjacent to the Raven Public House.

The Parish Council are responsible for this footpath which is in a terrible state of repair but the neighbouring property has vehicular access via a right of way on their deeds (although this access is currently bricked up) Our solicitors are to be contacted for advice on how to overcome this situation.

13. An update on the CCTV system.

The system put in place, as previously mentioned, did not work appropriately and was subsequently not paid for. 6 weeks since cancelling the contract we have had no contact from the company and the cameras have not been removed therefore preventing us from obtaining new quotations. Our contracted tree surgeon is prepared to remove them for us if the councillors are in agreement.

AGREED Proposed and seconded that they are removed and safely stored for collection.

14. An update from the Events Committee regarding the Coronation.

Tea in the Park is arranged for Sunday 7th May with music, the choir singing, ice cream, bouncy castle, no bar has been arranged yet, all to be kept low key. A meeting of the committee on Monday 24th is to discuss giving a memento to the children of the village, a printed mug was suggested, an age group for a free memento is to be set. A free cream tea has also been arranged to be given to the residents who received a free Christmas meal.

15. To set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting along with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council both on 11th May 2023 starting at 7pm followed by the normal monthly meeting of the council.

16. To consider a response to Planning Applications.

- R23/0268 – 17 Broad Street, Brinklow – to remove black paint from internal beams.
- R23/0330 – 17 Broad Street, Brinklow – for replacement render to gable.

AGREED – CLERK TO ACTION

The response to be sent: The Parish Council have no objections to these applications.

17. To Approve the Accounts for Payment:

Details	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
Npower	1034.29	Electricity for streetlighting 1st Jan 23 - 31st Mar 23
J Reid	9.57	Expenses - details on file less refund for card used in error
J Boonham	164.84	salary
D Lloyd	376.75	salary
J Lampert Associates Ltd	360.00	consultancy fees - Neighbourhood Plan grant funded
Warwickshire County Council	210.38	annual streetlight maintenance
People and Places	7440.00	Housing Needs Survey grant funded
Lakeside	1980.00	final grass cutting payment
Soldo	428.40	Soldo card top up
S Brown	40.87	Expenses for table tennis bats
WALC	460.00	renewal of WALC membership

APPROVED

All approved for payment as above

18. Progress Reports for Information –

- **Brinklow Castle:**

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue were contacted regarding fires being lit on the Tump but no return call was received. A sign is to be made and fire beaters placed on the Tump for safety reasons. It is looking very tidy and well maintained. There is a dead tree that is to be trimmed and left as a monolith. A cut on the Tump is to be looked into.

- **Playing Field:**

The field is to be mowed as soon as it can be done without causing any damage. The tree surgeon is to look at cutting trees on the field backing onto the houses. The Lengthsmen have a fire ready to burn and additional work is to be done behind the goal posts so that the area has more grass than undergrowth.

19. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May 2023 commencing straight after the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which are scheduled to start at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.18 pm

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CHAIRMAN