

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on 12th October 2023

<u>Present:</u>	Councillor J Reid (Chairman)	Councillor H Timms RBC
	Councillor K Keene	Councillor T Gillias RBC
	Councillor J Brickwood	Councillor A Warwick WCC
	Councillor S Brown	J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)
	D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)	3 Members of the public

1. Apologies.

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor I Currington and Councillor T Heenan

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 14th September 2023 were approved, signed and initialled by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.****

4. Comments, Questions or Suggestions made by Members of the Public.

A question was raised about the repairs to the road that is sinking outside the Bulls Head. J Reid was asked to send a photo and details to Councillor A Warwick who will forward it to the relevant department to deal with.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Councillor Tony Gillias (RBC) reported that following the rejection of the planning application for the travellers site at Fosse Corner they have put in another application for 1 pitch, 2 vans which will be held until the appeal has been heard on the first application and the site returned to its original state; The Community Infrastructure Levy is moving forward; Local Plan - a decision is still to be made on whether to do a full review (which may open the green belt) partial review (which will not extend the life of the plan) or do nothing; A battery Energy Storage System may be proposed for Grove Road, Ansty (the other councillors suggested this may be related to the Fraser Groups proposed development); The Brandon Stadium planning hearing has been adjourned, to be reconvened on 27th November, and summing up on 28th November. Councillor Heather Timms (RBC) reported the Ansty planning application has been submitted but not verified yet, massive alterations may be needed on A46 and M6 – Highways are in discussions. National Highways to be approached to consider direct access to the site off the motorway. The parish Councils need to get together to help support Ansty PC to fight the application; WCC are holding a meeting on 30th October 10am to look at the Brinklow PC submission for finance matching for speed reduction.

Councillor Adrian Warwick (WCC) reported that secondary school applications should be in by 31st October; looking at fire safety for tenants; supporting Alzheimer's awareness, suicide prevention awareness & foster carers; Councillor Heather Timms is supporting a new food strategy where food champions teach how to cook from basics, how to shop and cook well on a budget, back to basics – workshops and supplies are sponsored by CADENT; Warwickshire Rural Community Council are open for applications for grants for warm hubs; Birmingham CC were recently declared bankruptcy and Coventry CC are possibly to follow, Warwickshire CC are stable but not immune due to the huge increasing costs especially in adult social care and special educational needs.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie read out her report to all present: An interment has taken place and a memorial is now to be introduced, a burial and interment are to take place shortly, a few plot reservations are being dealt with and the possible installation of a memorial. A bit of tidying up and grass seeding is planned and Jennie asked for the lengthsman to look at the latch on the gate.

7. To officially record a payment made outside the scope of a meeting.

The initial 50% payment for the Outdoor Gym Equipment was made on 29th September for £4416 to Freshair Fitness in order to schedule the work to commence. Authorisation obtained from the councillors prior to payment – details and authorisations on file.

8. To Approve the Accounts for Payment:

The expenditures by Electronic Funds Transfer and cheque were read out, approved and initialled by Chairman J Reid and Councillor Judith Brickwood.

Payee	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
J Boonham	164.84	Salary
D Lloyd	376.55	Salary
Npower	1123.43	Electricity for streetlighting 1 July – 30 Sept
Elite Workwear	1035.21	Workwear for lengthsman – donated by scarecrow funds
Astley Computers	70.	12 months cloud backup for clerks laptop
Round the Revel	125.	Annual donation to publication
South Holt Farm Ltd	2760.	Specialist mowing of the Tump
Godfrey-Payton	180.	6 months rent for the Tump
Soldo	96.58	Soldo card expenses to top up
J Reid	46.64	Expenses

**APPROVED FOR PAYMENT Proposed by Chairman John Reid,
Seconded by Councillor J Brickwood.**

9. To Discuss and Decide on recommendations made by Utility Aid.

The recommendations from Utility Aid to help cut the electricity costs for the streetlighting and memorial were discussed. To move to the SSE 12 month fixed was unanimously deemed currently the best option. **APPROVED CLERK TO ACTION Proposed by J Reid, Seconded by K Keene**

10. An update on Roadwork signs left at the side of the road.

This was followed up after a query at the last meeting, some have now been removed and others are still to be removed shortly.

11. An update on the water leak repairs – Barr lane.

Councillor H Timms spoke to WCC Highways but only STWA have the ability to consider it urgent and they have set a date in December for the repair. No more that the councillors can do.

12. An update on arrangements for a meeting with Brinklow FC and discuss the possibility of a Lease.

A meeting is arranged between the Parish Council and the Football Club to discuss the rent increase, due to the mowing costs increasing by 62%, to £825 for the year. A long lease had been requested but legal advice was not to set up a lease due to legality but to consider a License which could list all considerations – can be written up for £950 + VAT. To be proposed to BFC at the meeting.

13. To discuss the progress with a CCTV system.

The wiring is to be completed and then the CCTV companies will be invited to demonstrate prior to a decision on purchase.

14. An update on a meeting with the Grass Cutting Contractor.

A meeting has not been arranged yet. The contractor queried not receiving his latest payment, no invoice has been received by the Clerk who will request a copy. The payment will need making on receipt due to the delay. Councillors agreed unanimously payment can be made.

APPROVED CLERK TO ACTION

Make payment on receipt of Invoice.

15. An update on the purchase of a Bike Rack for the Skate Park.

Councillor I Currington is looking into this on behalf of the council – to be deferred to the next meeting due to absence. **CLERK TO ACTION**

Add to the next agenda

16. An update on the installation of the Outdoor Gym.

See item 7 following which a date was set for 2nd and 3rd November

17. Progress Reports for Information –

- **Brinklow Castle & Playing Field:**

New anoraks and tabards are being ordered for the Lengthsmen with thanks to the Scarecrow festival for the donation to enable this purchase. Vince has started cutting the banks back on the Tump for the winter and has fixed a new sleeper under the bench to secure it.

Brinklow FC are to be asked to remove their rubbish from around the storage container to tidy the area up.

18. Correspondence Received for Information.

None received.

19. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

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CHAIRMAN