Minutes of the Meeting of Brinklow Parish Council
Held on
Thursday 13 October; 19:15 Hours at Brinklow Community Hall

Present: Cllr J Boonham (Chair)
Cllr E Friswell
Cllr M Lavin
Cllr V McBay
Cllr J Reid
Cllr A Gillias (RBC)
P Creek (Clerk)
Four members of the public (including local police officer).

1. Open section of meeting in which members of the public can speak
1.1. The attending police officer detailed crimes reported in and around Brinklow.
1.2. The recent circulated letter from Severn Trent was discussed. It was resolved that a proposed visit by Severn Trent, to discuss the matter, was not needed as BPC would take any action it could without being prompted.
Post meeting note. Severn Trent has responded in very positive terms to my post meeting email to them detailing the actions that the Council proposed. Severn Trent is arranging for Cllr Reid to tour a pumping station.
1.3. A representative from the quarry proposed setting up a liaison group regarding the tractors transiting the village in an effort to lessen their impact. This was welcomed by the Council and the Clerk suggested that it could be formed within the regular quarry site inspections.
1.4. An award certificate for the war memorial was presented to the Council.

2. Apologies received and noted. Cllrs David Lowe, Heather Timms.

3. Declarations of interest. None.

4. Parish Warden's Report. None received

5. News and views from Borough and County Cllrs.
5.1. It was stressed that all Parish Councils must respond to the draft local plan consultation.
Action: All Cllrs.
5.2. WCC budgets were said to be under review.
5.3. It was stated that the planning application for land behind The Crescent has been called in to the Planning Committee by Cllr Timms. In response to a question the Clerk stated that BPC were not against the application as it met the general aspirations over 'infilling'.

6. Minutes of the last meeting. It was pointed out that minute 5.1. should have read 11/11/16 not 11/12. Subject to this correction the minutes were deemed accurate and signed by the Chair.

7. Matters arising from the minutes other than continuing minutes. None.

8. Planning applications.
8.1. See preceding minute 5.3.

8.2. R16/0960; Green Lane stables resubmission. The Council resolved to oppose this application as Green Lane is a poorly lit single track road, devoid of parking space and the junction with Coventry Road is dangerous with frequent accidents.

Action: Clerk.

Post meeting note. Objection lodged.

9. Accounts.

9.1. Payments approved for payment. All sums are in £s Sterling

P Creek	Salary and expenses (Sept)	Chq no:	1705	360.61
E. On	Lighting power bill	Chq no:	1706	634.94
Lakeside	Playing field mowing	Chq no:	1707	432
V Smith	Castle site sundries	Chq no:	1708	71.21
Shaping Comms	Consultancy services	Chq no:	1709	54.30
Grant Thornton	External audit	Chq no:	1710	240
A Plester	Tree work	Chq no:	1711	500
M Lavin	Sundry expenses	Chq no:	1712	26.75
BJ Evans	Flailing hedges	Chq no:	1713	150
E Friswell	Cemetery work	Chq no:	1714	120
J Lomas	Hanging baskets/bulbs	Chq no:	1715	12.97

9.2. Business Reserve Account sheet no 204 shows a balance of £81,283.50.

10. Reports of associated meetings.

10.1. Community Hall AGM. Cllrs attended. Debt now down to £9k.

11. Correspondence. Circulated electronically.

12. Continuing Minutes.

12.1. Cemetery.

12.1.1. The Japanese Knotweed brash will be incinerated, in situ, this year.

Action: EF.

12.1.2 It was resolved that benches placed in the cemetery would be allowed to remain; providing the mourners who had placed them there maintained them. Benches in poor condition will be removed.

Action: EF.

12.2. Playing field. It was stated that there was a damaged swing and that the spring gate was inoperative. Cllr Reid volunteered to carry out repairs; at least to the gate.

Action: JR.

12.3. Grant funding. WREN meet on 26 October; after which the Council will know if its' bid for a grant towards new playing field equipment has been successful. Funds from the Cllrs Grant Fund have also been applied for.

Action: JB.

12.4. Communications with the Parish. The Neighbourhood plan and the recent communication from Severn Trent, re drain pumps, will be in Round the Revel.

Action: JB.

13. Computer literacy training. A Cllr wanted the Council to consider funding such training for village residents. After discussion it was determined that there was suitable provision at libraries, technical colleges and online.

14. Keep off the grass notices. The provision of such notices to cover sites around the Coventry Road will be investigated.

Action: Clerk.

15. Welcome to Brinklow Letters. A document, put forward by a resident, was examined. It was thought to be too long and needed tidying up. The resident will be asked to relook at it.

Action: VM.

16. AOB.

16.1. The 'Brinklow branding' paperwork was approved by the meeting to be used for posters, etc.

Action: JR.

16.2. Cllrs were asked to agree a Precept Meeting date with the Clerk.

Action: All Cllrs, Clerk.

16.3. There was a spirited debate around the content and format of the standard agenda.

16.4. Five thousand bulbs have been sourced and will be planted around the village.

The meeting concluded at 21:30.

Next meeting: Thursday 10 November 2016, 19:15 in the Community Hall.

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