

**BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Brinklow Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Held in the Community Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor J Reid (Chairman)	D Lloyd (Clerk)
	Councillor T Heenan	J Boonham
	Councillor I Currington	Councillor A Warwick (WCC)
	Councillor S Brown	Councillor T Gillias (RBC)
	Councillor K Keene	
	Councillor J Brickwood	13 Members of the public

**1. To Accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillor H Timms who was unable to attend due to another PC meeting commitment.

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

**RESOLVED**      That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th May 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record for the proceedings.

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

A report was read out to all regarding the councils activities for the 2022/23 period:

- The CCTV system for the village is still to go ahead, with ANPR quality. A demonstration is to be given to the councillors by Grundig in Rugby once the weather improves so that a decision can be made. This will hopefully be a good deterrent to help protect the village.
- The Lengthsmen and women's work is ongoing and they have been busy around the village as usual keeping the village safe and tidy, doing repair works and safety checks including an inspection of the Parish Councils assets.
- New tables and benches are to be purchased for the playing field to create a meeting area to help draw out any lonely people in the village.
- The speed reduction project is still ongoing. Our proposals were put to WCC approximately a year ago and hopefully some will come to fruition. It is a very long process with a lot of rules to adhere to and the accident record is also taken into account prior to any approval given. Another obstacle is that they have a very small budget for the whole of Warwickshire for the year.
- A Police liaison evening was started up, and is to continue, which will need to be funded by the Parish Council due to the police having a lack of funds for such meetings.
- A selection of outdoor gym equipment was purchased jointly by the Parish Council and the Events Committee for the playing field.
- The new Armco barrier was put into place at the end of the playing field by the doctors surgery to replace the worn and damaged posts that were there previously.

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

The new Local Plan could over rule our Neighbourhood Plan if it is not kept up to date so this is now in process – last years housing needs survey was to help with this. If there is a change of administration following a general election the new local council could alter the National Planning Policy Framework (which the local plan must conform to) and change future policy. The current site evaluation for housing and development should be available soon, over 150 sites were put forward. Our preferred site, Lutterworth Road, is in the greenbelt but affordable housing and housing for the elderly are in the exceptions for building on greenbelt land. Midlands Rural Housing have partnered with Linfoot Homes who need to formally secure the site, make a planning pre-submission then a formal planning application. Probably 2 years before building commences. Anyone in Brinklow needing affordable housing or a bungalow suitable for the elderly or disabled should register on the Rugby Housing Register (requesting Brinklow) & email Neil Gilliver at Midlands Rural Housing saying what you need.

**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 A Warwick (WCC) reported that there have been a lot of discussions over the last few years about Local Authority finance, Birmingham Council went bankrupt and Coventry are possibly not far behind. The difficulties are driven by adult social care and special educational needs as 70% of council money is now spent on these services leaving other services to suffer. 17 years is the average time a person needs care for, which all needs funding. Councils need supporting a lot more and need to communicate with the public more. Regarding the speed reduction project issues Brinklow PC are having with highways this is because everything is now over tested due to the increasing claims and being sued. Adrian gave his thanks to the Parish Councillors for all of the work that they have done over the year.

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

Councillor T Gillias (RBC) thanked everyone who supported him and voted for him in the latest election. RBC now consists of 17 Conservative, 15 Labour and 10 Liberal Democrat members. On 15<sup>th</sup> May a new Mayor will be put into position and seats will be given. He gave thanks to everyone who does something to help their community.

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

No matters were raised.

The Meeting Closed at 7.20pm

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CHAIRMAN