

## **BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**

**Held in the Community Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Present** Councillor J Reid (Chairman) J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)  
Councillor I Currington 8 members of the public  
Councillor K Keene  
Councillor J Brickwood  
Councillor S Brown

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Tim Heenan, Councillor Heather Timms, Councillor Adrian Warwick and Debbie Lloyd – Clerk to the Parish Council

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

#### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the council, the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were all 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**

Jeanette Lomas thanked the lengthsman for the D Day display.

Information about funding available to PCs was provided to enable the patient participation group to approach Adrian Warwick related to the social prescribing gardening project.

Jeanette Lomas agreed to liaise with Debbie, PC clerk, about organising a competition for children and young people to win the hedgehog houses.

Two residents complained about the overgrown state of the cemetery where they had difficulty accessing graves due to long grass and nettles. Councillors were also aware that the cemetery had not been cut by the contractor for several weeks. The contractor plans to carry out the work this weekend.

One resident had expressed concern about the amount of grass left after mowing on The Crescent.

#### **5. District and County Councillors Reports**

No reports at this meeting.

## **6. Report by Cemetery Agent for Information**

There has been one burial in the last month. Four new memorials have been installed and enquiries received about future installation of memorials. Concern from visitors about the overgrown state of cemetery which has not been mowed for 7 weeks.

## **7. To discuss and approve an alternative pre pay card for the Lengthsmen to replace the SOLDO account**

Unanimous approval to replace the SOLDO account with EqualsMoney pre payment cards.

**Agreed payment of £10 each for 2 EqualsMoney cards.**

**Proposed by Councillor Keene, seconded by Councillor Currington.**

## **8. To discuss the prices obtained for the 4 picnic benches and approve a supplier and value.**

Prices £1355.80	Garden Oasis
£1392.40	Lemon Pavilion
£1469.96 & £7.99 delivery.	Primrose

**Approval to order 4 benches from GardenOasis at total cost of £1355.80**

**Proposed by Councillor S Brown, Seconded by Councillor K Keene**

When delivered 3 benches for playing field, 1 for Pocket Park.

An application has been made to Adrian Warwick's funding for part of cost.

## **9. To discuss the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery and to approve the costs for the first stage of the bothy.**

Cemetery to be mown this weekend. Contractor stated unable to do earlier due to weather and closed road (though access was possible). For future discussion re frequency of cutting before next year's contract written.

JR has volunteers willing to work on restoration of the bothy reusing old bricks and tiles on outer walls and roof.

Costs of £550.81 & VAT approved by all councillors.

## **10. Follow up discussion about the surgery and pharmacy changes.**

Some patients have received a letter about pharmacy changes.

Dr Brown explained more information will go out before the changes on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Key points are: everyone can get supply of medication in the building;

plan to extend pharmacy hours ( possibly including bank holidays);

Pharmacy First scheme will be available.

## **11. Update on speed reduction project.**

Meetings between PC and Warwickshire continue. Warwickshire suggested PC make advance payment to fund staff time and survey. No progress at present.

Plan to contact again, with support of Adrian Warwick & Heather Timms after the general election.

## **12. Road repairs**

Road repairs planned by Warwickshire Highways, on Lutterworth Road now completed.

Broad St junction still needs work.

## **13. Notice of public rights.**

Public right to view 2023/2024 accounts is set as Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## **14. To approve the accounts for payment**

Details	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
PAYE	441.20	PAYE
Red Shoes	66.60	Payroll
J Boonham	177.09	salary
D Lloyd	411.70	salary
Astley Computers	240.00	laptop set up
Leicestershire Gardens	1665.94	3rd payment for grasscutting contract
J Reid	412.33	lengthsmens expenses

### **APPROVED Proposed by Councillor S Brown Seconded by Councillor J Brickwood**

The Cashbook, Bank reconciliation and bank statements were checked, initialled and balance agreed.

Two payments made between meetings approved and initialled  
£226.32 to SSE Energy for street lighting  
£399.09 to Sloane & sons for memorial bench.

### **Progress Reports**

#### **Brinklow Castle & Playing Field**

Vince thanked for his continuing work.

Chairman John Reid has contacted RBC in regard to hire or loan of their All Terrain Mower for the Tump.

Playing field appearance good.

### **Correspondence**

Insurance renewal and second quote received.

Renewal with Clear Councils (previously BHIB) is £914.97

Quote from Zurich is £1292.92.

For approval at next meeting.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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CHAIRMAN