

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on the 11th July 2024

Present: Councillor J Reid (Chairman)
Councillor T Heenan
Councillor S Brown J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)
Councillor Karen Keene D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)
Councillor Judith Brickwood 5 Members of the public

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ian Currington, Councillor Adrian Warwick (WCC) and Councillor Heather Timms (RBC).

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 on the 13^h June 2024 were approved, signed and initialled by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.**

4. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2024 were approved, signed and initialled by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

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

Jeanette Lomas informed all present that the Rugby in Bloom judging will be taking place around the village next week. Pocket Park have entered.

Asked if a village discussion would take place regarding the Ansty planning proposal it was stated that the planning has now been submitted and the Parish Council will formally object and support all personal objections sent.

Councillor Tony Gillias (RBC) stated that all of the villages will be impacted by this proposal, transport is a huge issue, every Parish Council and every resident should write in as individual objections are stronger than one document signed by many. Labour are now in charge of RBC but do not appear happy with the Frasers Group proposal, if RBC reject the application when it goes to committee it will then go to the Secretary of State to decide. 6th August is the deadline for responses to this planning - R23/1027

6. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Councillor Tony Gillias reported that a speed and volume test was done in Pailton as a test of the Magna Park figures.

Originally 10 businesses checked over a 24 hour period for 7 days there were 488 HGV movements, now there are 33 businesses and 1600 movements at Magna Park. There is an agreement for HGVs not to travel through the villages.

Asked about the battery storage proposal he said that it was only a pre-planning consultation not a planning application yet.

There is a hold on the Local Plan, preferred options are not done yet. Grey belt land is greenbelt land which has previously been developed.

Councillor J Reid asked for an official complaint to be submitted to RBC about not answering telephone calls or emails – Tony said that communication is on the RBC agenda, software is to be improved and funds have been allocated.

7. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie read out her report to all present. The state of the grass was a major concern last month, not only was it cut but volunteers, including the lengthsman, raked up the cuttings left behind, it will take some time to recover, it is appreciated that additional interim cuts will possibly take place if this happens again. An interment enquiry was received. Work is continuing on the map, corrections have been made, sincere thanks given to Councillor Sue Brown for her help with this.

8. To Review and Approve the Financial Regulations.

Following a review the Financial Regulation they were approved.

APPROVED proposed: J Reid, seconded: T Heenan

9. To Discuss and Approve the Streetlight maintenance as quoted by RBC.

The quote for the maintenance of the Brinklow LED streetlights @ £2.42 per lantern was approved by all councillors

APPROVED Clerk to respond and accept the quotation

10. To Discuss and Approve the Insurance renewal.

The renewal with the current provider Clear Councils is £914.97, a slight increase on last year. A quote from Zurich was £1,292.92, unable to obtain a third quote after trying various companies. All councillors unanimously agreed to remain with Clear Councils.

APPROVED Clerk to accept and pay the renewal when due.

11. To Approve the purchase of replacement play equipment.

The table tennis bats and balls need replenishing, a purchase of 32 bats and balls @ £45 was proposed.

APPROVED proposed: J Brickwood, seconded: K Keene

12. Update on the Scarecrow Festival.

Tony Gillias is sorting a temporary power supply for the playing field; Brinklow Festival takes place on Saturday 24-25 August & Scarecrow Trail 24-30 August; events on playing field; Parking is contracted out; Insurance is a separate policy from BPC due to the number of attendees last time which has pushed the cost up; the event has become very expensive and complex with a 38 page event management plan, risk assessment etc....and volunteers are still needed.

13. To Minute the response given to Planning Applications between meetings.

Planning Consultation R24/0492 – 6 Heath lane – Proposed ground floor side extensions – The Parish Council responded with No Objection.

14. Planning Applications for Consideration.

R24/0554 – 24 Skipwith close – For demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey kitchen extension – The council wish to respond with No Objection.

ACTION Clerk to send response to RBC

15. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.

Date	Ch No /so	Details	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
11/07/24	EFT	J Boonham	257.09	salary & expenses
11/07/24	EFT	D Lloyd	493.79	salary & expenses
11/07/24	EFT	Leicestershire Gardens	1665.94	4th payment for grasscutting contract
11/07/24	EFT	J Brickwood	169.73	expenses
11/07/23	EFT	Equals Money	500.00	top up pre-payment card
11/07/24	EFT	WCC	582.30	streetlight repair at walkers terrace
11/07/24	EFT	J Reid	149.47	expenses

APPROVED Proposed; Councillor K Keene, Seconded: Councillor S Brown

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

16. Progress Reports for Information.

- **Brinklow Castle** – Fire beaters are in place on the Tump; a previous contractor is being contacted for a quote for mowing the Tump as a one off due to the specialist machinery required.
- **Playing Field** - The new benches have been fitted and concreted in place, they are very good quality and heavy, another one is to be fitted at Pocket Park.

17. Correspondence received.

- In response to the minutes of the previous meeting an email was received from Revel Surgery asking for the below to be included in this meetings minutes. This is published at the request of the surgery, not representative of the views of the Parish Council, and the minutes referred to were a correct recording of what was said at the Parish Council Meeting –

' It has been brought to my attention that there are some factual inaccuracies in the parish council minutes, which I feel need correcting.

As were not at the meeting and there has been a subsequent amount of confusion, I think it only fair this is out right. Revel Surgery is a 'Reserved Location' which means a location with a population of less than 2750. It was incumbent on the pharmacy at time of setting up their new service to waive the right to dispense to the Brinklow patients. On requesting evidence for proof of this, which the onus is on them to do so, there has been no further proof. Therefore we are led to believe that we have 'Reserved Location' status and if the residents of Brinklow wish to us the Surgery Dispensary, they are able to do so. Its is down to patient choice, we are not coercing or persuading anyone to use our service. However we do feel the information they were give should be correct.'

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th September

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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CHAIRMAN