

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on the 9th of November 2023

Present: Councillor J Reid (Chairman) Councillor H Timms RBC
Councillor T Heenan
Councillor I Currington J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)
Councillor S Brown 2 Members of the public
Councillor Karen Keene
Councillor Judith Brickwood

1. Apologies.

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Tony Gillias and D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO).

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 12th October 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.

There would be two ceremonies at the memorial for armistice day.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Councillor Heather Timms (RBC)

Local Plan out to consultation. 4th December presentation in Brandon village hall. Village to be encouraged to take part. Greenbelt importance to be emphasized.

BPC thanked Heather for her help with our Highways meeting. Paul Taylor, who was at the meeting, was a very experienced Highways Officer.

Planning permission request comments from Brinklow Parish Council will now be published.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie read out her report to all present: Funeral of Mick Holt was attended by many people in the village who commented on the tidiness and peace of the cemetery. Thanks to Sue for helping to deal with nettles and brambles. Lots of admin with requests for new memorials and more interest in reserving plots. Lengthsmen help needed to refix posts, may need to buy more. It was agreed that another dozen reserved posts could be ordered. Proposed Cllr. Sue Brown and seconded Cllr. John Reid. AP) Jennie to order

7. Rugby Local Plan online consultation

There were concerns that the new Rugby Local Plan could supersede our Neighbourhood Plan.

AP) Email to be sent to Heather asking for a Local Plan presentation in Brinklow as currently we are not included in the presentation programme.

AP) One hour meeting of parish councillors Monday 27 November at 7:15 at John's to discuss the consultation for the new Local Plan.

AP) Local Plan Meeting for parish councils on Thursday November 30th at 18:00 at the Benn Hall Rugby.

AP) Landowner involved in planned housebuilding for our Neighbourhood Plan to be contacted regarding the new call for sites.

8. Response to consultation on A46 junction improvements.

Highways England holding a Public Consultation in Brinklow Village Hall on November 30th 2pm – 8pm

9. Feedback from Brinklow Road Safety Proposals meeting.

Warwickshire Highways and Road Safety Officers and the Police Road Safety Officer as well as Councillors Adrian Warwick and Heather Timms attended a meeting with Councillors John Reid and Tim Heenan.

- The worn out 30mph roundels laid directly on the roads would be replaced by 'SLOW' signs.
- The existing centre line in Broad Street would be burnt off and restored to its correct centre position. However white lining, due to the winter temperatures, is a summer activity so we have to wait.
- The roadside speed indicator at the entrance to the 30mph zone on Coventry Road would continue to be maintained by Warwickshire Highways. The other two units would be offered for adoption by Brinklow Parish Council.
- Trief kerbs at entrances to village would be allowed although they are costly. A cost estimate to be provided.
- Installing a footpath on Rugby Road would be extremely costly, in the region of £50,000. A cost estimate would be provided.
- The proposed 30mph limit on Rugby Road from the canal bridge towards Ell Lane and the Cathiron Road junction would not be allowed. There was no street lighting and there were insufficient properties on the road to justify it.
- White 'Dragon's Teeth' laid on the road surface at each entrance to the village to mark the beginning of the 30mph zones would be allowed.
- White Entry Gates at the beginning of the 30mph zone at each entrance to the village would be allowed, cost to be provided.
- Improvement to the signage around the primary school depends on our position in the Rugby programme for School Safety improvement. As there are something like 730 schools in Rugby, we may have a long wait. Some temporary replacement of worn out yellow Zig-Zag no parking road markings may be possible. Some 'Pencil' markers may be possible near the school.
- A 20mph zone by the school will not be allowed.
- The stop line at the Broad Street and Rugby Road Junction will be re-marked and the faded Zebra Crossing re-marked.
- The blocked drain adjacent to Church Fields, which is a winter road hazard, will be power jetted.

10. Formal vote on adoption of roadside speed indicator units.

The unit on Lutterworth Rd would be adopted. Highways would be allowed to remove the unit opposite Yew Tree Hill. Cllr. John Reid proposed Cllr. Judith Brickwood seconded. AP) Our insurance to be informed. Legal adoption document to be filled in and sent by Parish Clerk.

11. To agree the purchase of new handheld speed gun

This was for the Speed Aware Team. Cllr. John Reid proposed, Cllr. Tim Heenan seconded. £200 expenditure authorised. AP) Jennie Boonham to purchase.

12. Barr Lane traffic and parking

Parishioners have expressed concern that village parking is being used by Health centre attendees. Barr Lane dangerous for pedestrians. AP) Cllr. Karen Keene: Arrange meeting with practice manager at surgery.

13. Feedback from a meeting with Brinklow Football Club.

Brinklow Football Club were thanked for attending the Parish Council meeting.

AP) Brinklow Parish Council to issue a rental agreement to BFC for agreement and signature.

Wording and relevant dates in the document discussed with Football Club representative during the meeting. BPC committed to working together with the football club. Gym equipment position on playing field was queried. AP) Football club to investigate any need for safety measures.

Note that the goalposts for pocket park donated by football club will be in place in the spring.

14. Broken window on Great Balance.

Payment for a broken window on Great Balance, allegation it was done by our contractor.

Proposal: a three-way split of cost £140. Brinklow Parish Council, Rugby Borough Council, Contractor.

15. To approve the accounts for payment

Date	Chq no / EFT	Payee	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
09/11/23	EFT	J Boonham	164.84	salary
09/11/23	2391	D Lloyd	401.39	salary & expenses
09/11/23	2392	R Pearson	123.00	winter planting at memorial
09/11/23	EFT	Npower	444.32	electricity for streetlighting 1 Oct - 31 Oct - final bill
09/11/23	EFT	Royal British Legion	30.00	Remembrance poppy wreath donation
09/11/23	EFT	United Reformed Church	13.50	hall hire for police liaison meeting 19.04.23
09/11/23	EFT	Freshair Fitness	4416.00	final payment for outdoor gym MJul23/15 - £3500 donated

Signed and approved by Cllrs Karen Keene and Sue Brown

16. An update from the Events Committee. Insufficient volunteers came forward for Scarecrow, looking to outsource parking. One quote received was £5,500.

17. Purchase of Bike Rack for the skate park

An update on the possible purchase of a bike rack for the skate park. There is no requirement for an annual safety inspection. The cheaper option of the two examples circulated was approved. Proposed Cllr. Karen Keene, seconded Cllr. Tim Heenan.

18. To agree a date for a separate budget and precept meeting. to be held by councillors prior to the December Parish Council meeting. Friday 8th December at 7:15 at John's.

19. Progress reports for information.

- **Brinklow Castle:** Lengthsman working in Church fields.
- **Playing Field:** AP) Bottle of sanitiser to be screwed on the fence in the spring.
Regarding the complaints on Facebook about grass mowing there was a proposal for a statement to be posted on Facebook saying that Parish Council business was undertaken at the Parish Council meeting and not on Facebook. This was proposed by Cllr. John Reid, seconded by Cllr. Judith Brickwood. AP) Cllr. Reid to provide the text for the post, Clerk to post.
- **Grant funding:** Nothing to report.

20. Correspondence received for information.

None

21. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th December 2023 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9 pm

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CHAIRMAN