

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on the 14th of December 2023

Present: Councillor J Reid (Chairman) D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)
Councillor T Heenan
Councillor I Currington
Councillor S Brown 1 Member of the public
Councillor Karen Keene
Councillor Judith Brickwood

1. Apologies.

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Tony Gillias (RBC) and J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)

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 9th November 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.

None were received.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

No District and County Councillors were present.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

In Jennies absence her report was read out:

A Burial took place in November, payment is still to be received; some memorials are due to be installed by the stonemasons and some have been removed for cleaning; payment has been received for three new plot reservations and certificates issued; after Christmas the lengthsman will install four new reserved posts and 12 more posts have been ordered from Dave Williams - some of which will replace the older posts already installed.

7. To Approve the payrise awarded by the government and to review the Clerks Pay Scale.

A pay rise equivalent to 7.4% was awarded by the government for council employees to be back dated to 1st April. Chairman J Reid also proposed to move the Clerk up one grade to SCP16 as of December 2023.

APPROVED Proposed by Chairman J Reid to approve the payrise awarded for both the Clerk and the Cemetery agent and to approve the Clerk's grade rise – Seconded by Councillor J Brickwood

8. An Update on the meeting with the practice manager of Revel Surgery.

The meeting due to be held on Friday 12th December was cancelled by the practice manager and rescheduled for 17th January 2024.

9. An update on the RBC Local Plan.

Chairman J Reid, Councillor T Heenan and Councillor S Brown all attended a meeting held by RBC regarding updating their Local Plan, due to be completed by 2026 (the call for sites ends on 2nd February 2024) MP Mark Pawsey has confirmed that the new Local Plan will override our Neighbourhood Plan and a response was sent formally complaining about this due to the hours of commitment and work, and the funding it took, to complete the Brinklow Neighbourhood Plan which Mark Pawsey has now escalated. It is important to keep our neighbourhood Plan updated which the Councillors are now looking into. The RBC Local Plan options are available to add comment to on the website by anyone individually or as a group.

10. An Update on the progress of the Speed Reduction proposals.

A very successful meeting was held between the Parish Council and Paul Taylor from Warwickshire County Council talking through the proposals put forward. A finance matching application was requested and a follow up Teams meeting has been scheduled for 15th January.

11. An Update on setting the Precept and Budget.

An additional meeting is required to finalise the Budget and to set the Precept. WALC's recommendation is to set the Precept in line with inflation due to the rising costs.

12. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.

Date	Ch No /so	Details	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
14/12/23	EFT	J Boonham	164.84	salary
14/12/23	2394	D Lloyd	376.75	salary
14/12/23	EFT	PAYE	406.00	PAYE
14/12/23	EFT	D Tooth	140.00	replace broken window
14/12/23	EFT	Soldo	473.14	soldo card expenses to top up
14/12/23	EFT	J Reid	237.28	lengthsmen expenses
14/12/23	EFT	SA & E Friswell	190.00	2X Christmas trees
14/12/23	EFT	S Gibson	180.00	Hedge cutting
14/12/23	EFT	Redshoes	63.00	payroll services
14/12/23	EFT	J Lomas	187.50	50% toward Xmas meals

APPROVED Proposed and Seconded by Chairman J Reid
and Councillor T Heenan

13. Progress Reports for Information.

- **Brinklow Castle:** Some work has been done on the Kissing Gate and there are now 3 members of the team maintaining the Tump – due to the weather not much work is currently going on.
- **Playing Field:** No further correspondence has been received from Brinklow FC following the last meeting.
- **Grant funding:** There are no current Grant Funding projects, there is not a lot of funding currently available. There may be some funding available to apply for to enable updating the Neighbourhood Plan.

14. Correspondence received.

- Rugby BC contacted us with regards to a repair needed for a streetlight at Walkers Terrace along with a costing. The councillors will look at the cost to see if there is any scope for a reduction. **APPROVED** Due to the emergency Chairman J Reid proposed the repair is done with a maximum spend of £801.75, Seconded by Cllr K Keene
- Jeanette Lomas contacted us and the Events Committee asking for funding for the Christmas meals provided for the elderly residents of the village – 50 meals @ £7.50 each. **APPROVED** Chairman J Reid proposed the Parish Council and the Events Committee share the cost and pay £187.50 each, seconded by Cllr S Brown and Cllr I Currington on behalf of the Events Committee

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th January 2024 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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CHAIRMAN