

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on the 10th April 2025

Present:

Councillor J Reid (Chairman)
Councillor T Heenan
Councillor S Brown
Councillor I Currington
Councillor K Keene
Councillor J Brickwood

J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)
D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)
Councillor A Warwick (WCC)
Councillor T Gillias (RBC)
Councillor H Timms (RBC)
Councillor B Garcia (RBC)
9 members of the public

1. Apologies.

None received.

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 13th March 2025 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.

A request was made for a memorial bench in the village – Councillor J Brickwood will liaise to discuss the cost and suitable positions available.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Councillor T Gillias (RBC) reported: everyone needs to respond to the consultation and in the correct manner; slips are in the shop to show how to write in direct to the document; very few responded to the last Local Plan due to complacency; stressed the importance of a Neighbourhood Plan in a community; 2nd May Neil Holly from Rugby BC is visiting to speak with a number of representatives of Brinklow Parish Council.

Councillor H Timms (RBC) reported: Responses to the consultation really matter; raised employment land is coming our way too; the Fraser site has been taken out of the greenbelt before it is even built giving them a free hand to change the plans; There is a grey belt review – ‘affecting the openness of the countryside’ is the only difference between Green and Grey belt land; Grey belt options should come first; RBC do not have a 5 year land supply making them vulnerable for land to be put forward; Labour proposed the New Local Plan, they could have stopped it as they are in control but chose not to; existing houses up for sale are not in the equation only new housing; RBC added 2 years onto the statutory number of years needed, which added more houses than necessary, and a larger buffer than needed at 9%; the previous Local Plan was led by Heather Timms, there were large housing numbers so they looked at Houlton and SW Rugby – using larger sites and just a few smaller sites; Any copied responses or any with personal comments or defamatory comments will be thrown out; The Government are withdrawing funding for the A5 improvements.

Councillor A Warwick (WCC) reported: Rugby BC do not have a 5 year supply of land creating the call for sites, land put forward was accepted into the preferred options in the New Local Plan.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie read out her report to all present: It has been a month of dealing with enquires about reservation posts and following up outstanding enquiries; a donation has been received from a member of the public, with strong family links to Brinklow Cemetery, to cover the cost of repairs to the lych gate; progress is being made on checking the map with the help of Councillor S Brown.

7. Update on recent activities regarding the New Local Plan.

A large number of volunteers are working on different sections of the New Local Plan and gathering information and evidence to put together a detailed, informed, official response.

8. To discuss and Action adopting the Local Plan Action Group as a Sub-Committee

The group of 35 volunteers who formed the Local Plan Action Group should be incorporated as a sub-Committee of the Parish Council working under the direction of the Parish Councillors with set terms of reference.

APPROVED Proposed by J Reid, Seconded by T Heenan

9. To discuss a new Call for Sites.

Any landowner in Brinklow can put forward a site for consideration however small, the Parish Council can put these forward on their behalf. A number of landowners have been contacted regarding this as smaller sites are considered the better option for the village. Councillor K Keene is leading the call for sites volunteer group and will discuss actions.

10. Review of Budget to allow for New Local Plan objection costs.

£5,000 was budgeted for a small car park with EV charging on the Lutterworth Road, when this was looked into it was not possible due to the power supply not being available. It was suggested that this is recommitted to the Local Plan costs in the interest of the village agreed at the last meeting.

APPROVED Proposed by J Reid , Seconded by K Keene

11. To discuss and agree Speed Gates for the village.

Rugby B C have now agreed to fit the gates for £1,800, so a total cost of £9,200.

**APPROVED Proposed by J Reid, Seconded by T Heenan,
Approved by all Councillors.**

12. To approve the purchase of a mirror for the Broad Street junction.

After a discussion this was not approved due to an issue with the reflection of headlights at the junction being dangerous and Highways would not permit this.

13. Streetlight Maintenance quote to be considered.

Rugby B C have quoted £2.48 per streetlight for the maintenance for 2025/26.

APPROVED Proposed by J Reid, Seconded by S Brown

14. To discuss flytipping.

Regular fly tipping on Cathiron Lane is a problem, recently the equivalent of a small lorry load was tipped there. If reported correctly to Rugby BC they usually remove it very quickly, the lengthsman will bag up what they can ready for removal. We will highlight how to report these issues in Round the Revel and on the Facebook page and see if any posters are available.

CLERK & COUNCILLOR S BROWN TO ACTION

15. To discuss a potential health hazard – Green Lane ditch

A large quantity of horse manure had been tipped into the ditch on Green Lane, a notice was left and the person responsible made contact and cleared the issue. A broken sewage pipe on Green Lane has been reported separately.

16. The response given to planning applications between meetings.

- **R25/0233 at 1 DUN COW CLOSE, BRINKLOW for proposed removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension – the response of ‘No objection’ was sent.**

17. To discuss and agree a response to Planning Applications received.

- **R25/0274 at 6 COLLEDGE CLOSE, BRINKLOW for proposed new hipped roof to front elevation over bedroom and porch with bathroom extension. Rear infill extension to lounge with flat roof over** – the response of ‘No objection’ was agreed to be sent.

CLERK TO ACTION

18. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.

10/04/25	EFT	JRB Enterprise	145.86	Dog waste bags
10/04/25	EFT	Equals Money	488.63	card top up
10/04/25	EFT	J Brickwood	11.99	traffic survey counters
10/04/25	EFT	Seure 21	36.00	data card
10/04/25	EFT	J Boonham	196.55	salary
10/04/25	EFT	D Lloyd	502.54	salary & expenses
10/04/25	EFT	Luke Smith	159.50	Cemetery work
10/04/25	EFT	WALC	500.20	Subscription
10/04/25	EFT	Brinklow Community Hall	45.00	3x hall rental for Local Plan
10/04/25	EFT	Warwickshire CC	15450.00	new footpath
10/04/25	EFT	J Reid	125.63	expenses

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

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

19. Progress Reports for Information.

- **Brinklow Castle** – Vince reported that they have been strimming the banks of the Tump recently. He requested additional PPE for the volunteers to use when strimming – this was confirmed to be a permitted purchase using the prepayment card.
- **Playing Field** - The playing field is looking really good due to the additional earlier cuts made by the contractor this year. Feedback these comments to the contractor.

20. Correspondence received.

A letter received from Jean Wooliscroft on behalf of the Revel Surgery Patient Participation Group is asking to re-connect with the Parish Council and for any Councillors or Parishioners to become a member of the group. The councillors are currently very busy with other commitments but will consider re-connecting with the group later in the year.

A date was set for the Clerks appraisal but due to personal commitments and the councillors being currently very busy it has been set back – to be rearranged at a more convenient time.

21. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th May, along with the two Annual meetings, to commence at 6.30pm

Addendum: (this has subsequently been changed to Monday 12th May to commence at 7.30pm)

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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CHAIRMAN