

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Unofficial Meeting of the Council
Held on the 12th August 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillor J Reid (Chairman)
Councillor T Heenan
Councillor S Brown
Councillor Karen Keene
Councillor Judith Brickwood
D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)

1. Councillor Michael Bannister (WCC) – portfolio Holder for Customer and Localities – will be attending our next PC meeting to introduce himself – not an open forum. John would like a good public attendance at the meeting.
2. The government have advised of the new pay award for PC employees which is to be backdated to 1st April – to be added to the next agenda for acceptance for Debbie and Jennie.
3. Advice from an electrician that battery storage facilities can cause voltage spikes and houses are being advised to have anti-surge protection installed – which is another argument against the planning at Bungalow Farm. John has applied to speak when the Planning review is listed.
4. The new defibrillator child pads have been installed and a bleed kit is also contained within the unit – to be made public knowledge via Facebook.
5. John and Tim have managed to get agreement for the match funding for the village gates project and the footpath repair adjacent to the Raven, a 50/50 split on the costs.
6. **Housing:**
 - Phil Morson has stated that he has put the last part of the deal together and planning permission is now imminent for the proposed housing site on the Lutterworth Road.
 - Dunchurch have been allocated 2100 houses which may take the pressure off other proposed sites.
 - Warwickshire Schools, Transport and Minerals looked at the new RBC Local Plan and disagree with it especially the dispersal strategy – this is an important move which RBC will have to respond to.
 - The Swains, owners of the land on Coventry Rd/Green lane, have had no contact from Linfoot Homes – John will contact the company to let them know how disappointing this is.
 - Land we have located for building – Walkers Terrace, Swains Land, Green Lane (Adam Smith) to be looked at by the builder we located, to be drip fed over time rather than offered all at once unless RBC push for larger numbers of housing.
 - Another volunteers meeting to be arranged for September – the numbers may have dropped but may be easier to handle and people with skills and knowledge will hopefully continue to help.
7. Heath Lane water leak possibly caused by the fire brigade when they used the stop cock recently when attending a fire, turning it off suddenly causes a surge and has broken the pipe according to STWA – John to address this with Adrian Warwick.

8. Police:

- A recent accident and stolen cars in the village but no contact from the police for CCTV footage
 - The police are holding a drop session in at the village hall Tuesday 2nd September 2pm – 3.30pm – posters to be put up and notice on Facebook.
 - Ben Gaut, the new beat officer, is attending the next PC meeting.
- 9.** Warwickshire Fire and Rescue are offering free smoke detector installations, 1st Aid and CPR training and safety advice – a date is to be set, maybe October, ask them for publicity posters, PC will support this but not fund it.
- 10.** The playground climbing wall wooden boards are cracked and are a risk of injury, materials to be sourced from a fencing supplier – approx. £150 to repair
- 11.** The sandbags located in the crescent have disappeared.
- 12.** Valda has given a Gazebo and a child's football net free for the use of the village, currently in storage.
- 13.** Ell Lane has had recent fly-tipping which has been collected by the Lengthsmen and is to be removed and a chain link fence to be put up to deter further tipping in this location.
- 14.** Debbie asked for a tree survey to be considered as it was discussed in the Internal Audit and a tick sheet to show that the PC assets are regularly checked for issues.

Meeting finished at 9 pm