

**BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**  
**Held in the Community Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Present:**

Councillor J Reid (Chairman)

J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)

Councillor T Heenan

D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)

Councillor S Brown

Councillor K Keene

3 Members of the public

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor I Currington, Councillor J Brickwood and Councillor A Warwick (WCC)

**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 March 2026 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.**

Jeanette Lomas thanked the Parish Council for the new signage on Pocket Park regarding dog fouling and says that it appears to have helped with the issue.

**5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.**

Councillor T Gillias (RBC) reported that there is a lot of campaigning currently going on for the May election; an application has just been received for Crowner Field Farm; Easter Sunday he reported some youths on motorcycles in the village to Brinklow PC, riders wearing no helmets, 2 people on single seat bikes and felt they needed reporting.

Councillor J Reid responded that the Crowner Field application arrived by email today, if condition 58 is removed or amended it could leave the land with warehouses only & not the employment promised, the original planning was granted in a greenbelt location due to the employment, if this does not happen it no longer meets the special circumstances to build on the greenbelt.

Councillor H Timms (RBC) reported that RBC Councillor Moran is not standing for re-election in May; the police are looking into the motorbike issues – people need to be reporting them; RBC refused the planning for the Lentons Lane Solar Farm at the planning meeting regarding the part that falls under RBC. A recent planning application for a solar farm at Willey puts it on prime farmland as the local plan now says it's grey belt which offers no protection. It was voted against preferring the alternative of being on warehouse roofs ie Magna park but policy does not allow this as no grid connection.

Councillor J Reid mentioned that the Indigo Plus on demand mobile people bus/mobility bus is back up and running but is hardly used and needs publicising; it does not go where people want to travel to; routes need opening up as it must be running at a loss. Councillor H Timms will speak to Councillor A Warwick (WCC) about this to see if a survey is needed.

**6. Report by Cemetery Agent.**

Jennie read out her report to all present; It has been a busy time since the last meeting dealing with preparations for a burial, a planned ashes interment, and a family interested in installing a bench in the cemetery who have confirmed they wish to proceed (to be installed by the Lengthsmen) There are three more possible interments of ashes likely and Rugby pest control

have been contacted for help due to the damage currently being caused by the increased number of rabbits in the cemetery.

**7. To discuss changes to the Cemetery Fees.**

Jennie gave thanks to Councillor S Brown for help researching cemetery fees at locations such as Wolston, Rainsbrook, Lutterworth, Rugby, Harborough Magna & Coventry. Some fees are as high as £9,000 for a person from outside of the area, Wolstons fees seem similar in value to Brinklows but are calculated differently. Our fees were last increased in 2017, it is felt it is time to increase them, the cost of the grass cutting, ground works and tree surgery need taking into account. Current fees for local residents or people with a strong link to Brinklow (double for non residents) – a plot £500, Interment £500, Burial £1000 – new proposed fees – a plot £600, Interment £600, Burial £1200. A half size plot is to increase from £350 to £450. The grave digger is separately charged and is in line with Wolston. An admin fee of £100 is to be introduced for reservations due to the workload, to form part of the final fees paid but to be non refundable following a change of mind. New fees suggested to be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026, to be reviewed every 2 to 3 years, details to be added to the Brinklow PC website.

**8. To discuss the need and cost of a replacement storage container.**

The current storage container has been leaking but the roof has been mended and the water ingress has stopped. To look at the cost of a false roof to be fitted would be a cheaper resolution. The replacement project is to be put on hold for the present.

**9. To discuss options and costs to replace the defibrillator.**

Due to the current defibrillator having been discontinued three replacement quotes were obtained for the NFK200 defibrillator :- Andrew Deptford - £695 + vat, St John Ambulance - £1060 + vat, Intermedical - £895 + vat. A new box is to be looked into at a later date. To purchase from our current supplier Andrew Deptford for £695 + vat was agreed the better option by all present.

**APPROVED Proposed by Chair J Reid, Seconded by Cllr K Keene**

**10. To approve a spend value for plants for the village planters.**

A maximum spend of £130 was suggested for the spring planting in line with last years spending.

**APPROVED Proposed by Chair J Reid, Seconded by Cllr S Brown**

**11. To consider training requirements for the Lengthsmen.**

Chairman J Reid is looking into a comprehensive package, training for 3 or 4 people, with a flexible trainer to cover what is needed for the machinery used by the Lengthsmen. The cost could be approx. £1000, to be confirmed once researched fully.

**12. To discuss a Litter Pick.**

A litter pick/tidy up was being considered from Coombe to the gate house due to CO2 cannisters and parts of trees close to the roadside but traffic control would be needed for working outside of the 30mph limit as it would be dangerous for volunteers. The police, Traffik and Balfour Beatty were approached for help but no replies were received.

**13. To discuss tree issues at the Church and the Crescent.**

A very large tree needs cutting up and removing from the Church, RBC are to be asked for help. It is hard to access and if burnt would need fire protection. The fire brigade were contacted for help & advice but no response was received. At the Crescent a cherry tree was lifted at the roots during a storm and the tree is resting on the telephone pole. RBC have been contacted to look and see if any support would help rather than removing it as it is valued by the residents.

**14. An update on the new signage on the Fosse Way.**

WCC are working in collaboration with SoMoCo to tackle young drivers speeding on the Fosse Way, There is new signage and a warning system is being installed with posts in place for screens to flash warning notices. This is very costly and money would be better spent on sorting

overhanging trees, potholes and dangerous roads. Chairman J Reid emailed for an explanation but received no reply, residents have also written and one received a very lengthy reply back fully supporting the project.

**15. To set the date for the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.**

The date was set to run alongside the usual monthly PC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**16. To discuss and agree a response to Planning Application –**

- R26/0276 at 11 Colledge Close, Brinklow for proposed single storey rear and side extensions.

The councillors all agreed to respond that they have no objections to this planning application.

**ACTION Clerk to send response to RBC**

**17. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.**

Date	Ch No /so	Details	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
16/04/26	EFT	J Bonham	202.90	salary
16/04/26	EFT	D Lloyd	503.75	salary & expenses
16/04/26	EFT	JRB Enterprise	144.90	dog waste bags
16/04/26	EFT	T Heenan	5.75	expenses
16/04/26	EFT	WALC	524.80	WALC & NALC subscription renewals
16/04/26	EFT	Melbros	213.60	building materials
16/04/26	EFT	Luke Smith	101.50	Cemetery work
16/04/26	EFT	Secure 21	36.00	CCTV data card
16/04/26	EFT	Equals Money	194.86	repay card top up

**APPROVED Prop: Cllr T Heenan, Sec: Cllr S Brown**

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

**18. Progress Reports for Information.**

**Brinklow Castle** – Wood chippings have been obtained for the footpaths, brush has been cleared from the banks and burnt, strimming is to start soon. A new rough cut mower is still being looked into.

**Playing Field -**

**Any other business –**

**19. Correspondence received for information.**

An email received from Luke Smith requesting an hourly rate rise from £14.50 to £16.00 for the grounds work in the cemetery. **APPROVED Proposed: Cllr K Keene, Seconded: Cllr S Brown**  
STWA contacted the Parish Council offering to liaise RE: flooding issues – Chair J Reid responded accepting but has had no reply back.

RBC made us aware that they are investigating a complaint involving one BPC Councillor and one RBC Councillor, they stated they are happy with the process and all parties are cooperating.

**20. To confirm the date of the next meeting.**

The next official public meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm

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CHAIRMAN