

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Brinklow Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the Community Hall on 14th May 2026

Present:

Councillor J Reid (Chairman)	D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)
Councillor T Heenan	J Boonham (Cemetery Agent)
Councillor I Currington	Councillors T Gillias & H Timms (RBC)
Councillor S Brown	Councillor A Warwick (WCC)
Councillor J Brickwood	7 Members of the public

1. To Accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor K Keene.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2025 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record for the proceedings.

3. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

A report was read out by the Chairman J Reid to all regarding the councils activities for the 2025/26 period:

- It has been a busy year dealing with the RBC new Local Plan which was fought with a lot of support from the local residents of Brinklow.
- Jeanette Lomas with the help of the Parish Council and the Lengthsmen achieved the Walking with Hero's display in Church Fields for VE day and VJ day.
- Following the display a few of the soldier silhouettes were placed permanently at the memorial and in the cemetery with lighting added.
- The Bothy in the cemetery has been re-built by the Lengthsmen as a place to sit and rest when visiting the cemetery.
- Some remedial work has been done to some of the gravestones and memorials in the cemetery which, along with the additional grounds work, has tidied up the cemetery enormously.
- Other projects achieved over the past year are the speed gates being installed at the entrances to the village, some of the white lines on the roads repainted and the crossing also re-painted.
- There have been a few occasions when the police have requested access to the village CCTV footage to help them with their enquiries into reported incidents with positive outcomes.

4. To Receive reports from local Community Organisations.

Tom Bostock representing Brinklow Football Club mentioned the football tournament is due to take place on the weekend of 30th May and that an additional 2 extra cuts of the playing field will be required again this year which will be funded by the football club. Parking and disruption during the tournament will be kept to a minimum.

5. Report by member of Warwickshire County Council representing Brinklow.

Councillor A Warwick reported that it has been an interesting year with WCC having a change of administration with Reform being the biggest party but having no overall control. The financial situation is very difficult and half of the SEND deficit is to be paid by the Government. With the plans for a unitary council WCC's middle tier and upper tier will go. If the change becomes two councils, Warwickshire North and Warwickshire South, it is felt that it will not work financially. The Rugby BC Local plan is to build new houses where transport will need to be provided for the children to attend school, adding to the deficit, which is the main reason for fighting it. Warwickshire Rural Community Council, the charity helping identify needs in rural communities, folded last year. A difficult winter is coming with the high fuel costs WCC are looking at working with Parish Councils to help rural areas. A council plan adopted, climate emergency change to climate policy, is an energy plan for Warwickshire set around the cost of living.

6. Report by members of Rugby Borough Council representing Brinklow.

Councillor T Gillias reported that new food waste bins are being delivered to homes. No bags are provided but compostable or plastic bags can be used in these bins as the digester at Coleshill can remove these before being digested. The gas produced goes directly into the grid and also provides electricity for their own use at the plant. Some councils in Warwickshire have used this system for a few years now very successfully. The collections will be weekly, set according to the lifecycle of flies. An explanation of the purpose of an Annual Parish meeting was given to everyone in attendance.

Councillor H Timms reported that following the latest election there are 12 elected Labour Councillors, 12 Liberal Democrats, 3 Reform and 15 Conservative so the Conservatives are now the biggest party. Fly tipping in rural areas needs to be reported to RBC to get it removed. Between 11.30am and 3.30pm tomorrow there is a large funeral taking place in Rugby with a wake being held at the Barley Mow. Chair J Reid asked Councillor H Timms about the new signs on the Fosse Way saying that the turning where illuminated signs are being installed is not an accident blackspot. She stated that the money would have been better spent on road improvements, signs are not noticed after being in place for a while, there will be the additional cost of maintaining these and that the only measure that works on speeding is the average speed cameras.

7. Other Matters raised by any elector of the Parish.

No matters were raised.

The Meeting Closed at 8pm

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CHAIRMAN