

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on the 9th July 2026

Present:

Councillor J Reid (Chairman)

Councillor T Heenan

Councillor S Brown

Councillor J Currington

Councillor J Brickwood

D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)

Councillor T Gillias (RBC)

3 Members of the public

1. Apologies.

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor K Keene & Councillor H Timms (RBC)

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 11th June 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.

None were made.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Councillor T Gillias (RBC) reported that there had been a discussion on solar farms – a 84 hectare site proposed when there is no infrastructure in place to connect to the grid and could take 10 years to put into place.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

The cemetery agent was not present at the meeting. Chair J Reid mentioned that following a funeral a broken gazebo was left in the cemetery which the lengthsman removed. Revel Funeral Services were approached and admitted liability and will recompensate for their oversight.

7. Update on the Annual Insurance renewal.

The renewal is £1140.29. A 3 year insurance deal was accepted in 2025, the renewal has a slight increase of £11 but a small inflationary increase was found to be acceptable and part of the initial deal.

ACTION Clerk to accept renewal

8. To discuss the new Electricity Contract proposal.

The contract with SSE is due for renewal at the end of September and the new contract proposal has a forecast cost of £2448.75, last years was £2444.48. It was agreed to accept the new contract.

APPROVED Chair J Reid proposed, Cllr S Brown Seconded

9. BPC website updates.

A new section has been added to the website to give details, prices and contact information regarding the cemetery. Other contact information on the website needs looking at and updating.

RESOLVED Cllr S Brown & Cllr J Brickwood will update

10. Update on the request for additional use of the playing field.

Due to the contract currently in place the additional use would need Brinklow Football Club to sub-lease which they decided they were not prepared to do as they have junior football starting in September, it would be too complicated to monitor and cause too much wear on the playing field. BFC liaised directly with the proposer to give this decision. BFC representative also reported that their next tournament is scheduled for 4-6th June 2027; with PC consent they would like to have their annual presentation back in the village on the playing field (a 1 night event possibly 26th June 2027) – it was agreed by the councillors that it should be held in the village and could be accommodated, terms to be agreed.

11. Update on improvement to footpath to Playing field via Scout Hut.

The Scouts have issued permission for this work to be done, photos and details to be submitted yet. Only 1 quote received so far and additional quotes for the gate are needed. The estimated cost is £6k. RBC have a councillors discretionary grant available which could be applied for.

12. To discuss Social Awareness.

It was brought to the PC's attention that some village residents may need some help to improve their living standards, an elderly couple mentioned in particular. The PC will look into what help they can give.

13. To discuss the latest Speedway proposal in Brandon.

The latest proposal for new housing on the original car park and to reinstate the speedway track was discussed. Cllr T Gillias (RBC) stated that a speedway only track will not happen only a multi purpose track viable. Housing was already refused on the site. The same proposal happened at Swindon and only the housing was ever built the track was never reinstated. A consortium is already set up with the money to invest in the stadium with proper management, noise and dust reduction and respect for the neighbours. The site has FIM accreditation and is 1 of only 3 in the country.

Since the site closed it has been ransacked as it was not secured, there have been 6 gypsy incursions and 9 fires – which the current owners have been sued over and given a breach of community protection notice. Comments cannot be made until the planning is going through.

14. Update on the Scarecrow Festival.

Cllr I Currington reported that the event plan and insurance is sorted and everything ready for the event to be held at the weekend. A huge amount of work has gone into this event. He gave thanks to everyone involved and thanks for being allowed use of the village, for this event to take place, to anyone not taking part.

15. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.

Date	Ch No /so	Details	Total Payments	Payment Particulars
11/06/26	EFT	J Boonham	202.70	salary
11/06/26	EFT	D Lloyd	580.36	salary & expenses
11/06/26	EFT	J Reid	328.94	expenses
11/06/26	EFT	Clear Councils	1140.29	insurance renewal
11/06/26	EFT	Luke Smith	136.15	inv 030-2026
11/06/26	EFT	Secure 21	36.00	CCTV data card - inv 2332
11/06/26	EFT	Equals Money	249.49	prepay card top up
11/06/26	EFT	Leicestershire Gardens	2495.00	grass cutting contract 3/9 - 26/071

APPROVED Prop: Cllr S Brown, Sec: Cllr J Brickwood

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

16. Progress Reports for Information.

Brinklow Castle – specialist mower for the Tump is to be looked into for this years cut.

Playing Field - Contractor is to cut back the shrubbery and brambles at the edge of the playing field once the bird nesting season ends

Any other business – none discussed.

17. Correspondence received for information. –

- Brandon Estates proposal- discussed in item 13 – no response needed at this time.
- A residents concern over some development work to a garage taking place – RBC informed us they already have an open investigation, the change of spec was not authorised and work is currently under enforcement.

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next official public meeting will be held on Thursday 10th September 2026.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm

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CHAIRMAN