

BRINKLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held in the Community Hall on the 10th September 2026

Present:

Councillor J Reid (Chairman)
Councillor T Heenan (Acting as clerk)
Councillor Sue Brown
Councillor I Currington
County Councillor T Gillias
County Councillor H Timms
13 members of the public

1. Apologies.

Apologies received and accepted from D Lloyd (Clerk & RFO), Councillor K Keene, Councillor J Brickwood.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 9th of July 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.

An update was given on the Brandon Stadium, a community asset which has been derelict for ten years and is the subject of a current planning application. The Local Plan has a policy supporting it. There is concern that the housing in the application will get built, but the speedway track may never materialise. As it is greybelt land it could be better to build housing there than on Brinklow's greenbelt. Obviously, the Stadium is not in Brinklow Parish, but as we had several councillors absent a sub-committee of councillors will be formed to declare our position. Our County Councillors commented that the site was an eyesore, it is full of asbestos and as it is 27 acres it is impossible to keep secure. Also, it is difficult to make money on Speedway, and the consortium would have to spend money to keep it going.

Pocket Park had won the Mike Swann award and there would be a presentation.

There would be a History Exhibition this weekend in the village hall 12-13th September from 11am to 3pm.

£500 would be kept from the Walking with Heroes exhibition funds and partly used to revarnish the plaques and vases.

Concern expressed from parishioners from Hall Grove and Chandlers Row trying to exit by car onto Broad Street. A written representation was handed over. The line markings had all but disappeared but effectively allow double parking which blocks the view of drivers trying to get onto Broad Street. It was pointed out that the Parish Council had been meeting Warwickshire Highways since September 2023 to get the line markings on Broad Street changed and re-painted, with our most recent request at a meeting on the 14th of July this year. We even offered to pay half of the costs of the white line work, but this was not accepted. Highways have done absolutely nothing. Brinklow Parish Council committed to organise a meeting with

concerned parishioners about this within 2-3 weeks and to work to raise awareness of the problem through Round the Revel.

The current position of the village hall was also raised. There appeared to be no booking secretary and no treasurer. Although Brinklow Parish Council is concerned, we have no connection to the Village Hall. In fact, its correct name is the 'Church Rooms' and it is a registered charity controlled by three trustees: Eleanor Friswell, David Hall and Bernard Fry.

There is a general lack of volunteers for several village organisations. John is designing a 'Situations Vacant' poster board and leaflets to try and recruit for the Lengthsmen, Speed Aware, Village Hall and an Events Co-ordinator. An open morning to be held in the village hall on October the 10th.

5. District and County Councillor Reports for Information.

Heather Timms said that the councillors' community grants were open again at £3,000 each. We could apply for the village hall. If two councillors were involved it rose to £5,000.

Changes to planning rules: Powers were being delegated to officers. Councillors could no longer ask for planning applications to be called into the full planning committee. However, they could put a request to the Chief Planning Officer for this. There was concern that the Frasers development near Ansty wanted to remove section 58 commitments and build just the warehouses and no facilities.

Tony Gillias reported on the A5 Partnership. New buildings were being put up at Magna Park which would result in 2000 HGV movements every 24 hours. A new HGV park was being put off Mere Lane, the Leicestershire side of the A5, adjacent to Monks Kirby Parish. 180 HGV parking bays, 32 EV chargers and cafe/facilities.

6. Report by Cemetery Agent.

Jennie reported the last few weeks have been busy. Three burials and three ashes internments, and enquiries about memorials. A company has called her that carries out testing of headstones. Jennie is checking when the last headstone stability testing was carried out and will liaise with the parish council if this is due.

A vote of thanks was given for all Jennie's work for the Parish.

7. An Update on the Parish Council's submission to the Planning Inspectors' Inquiry into the new Local Plan.

A team of parishioners, Claire, Carolyn and Tom plus three councillors had prepared a response to the Inspectors' questions which were relevant to Brinklow. This was delivered before the deadline, and two further appendices were added just in time by John.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Claire for all her work on this, followed by applause from the whole room.

Tony Gillias asked for a summary of our responses which Claire offered to prepare. Three councillors and a parishioner will represent Brinklow at the inquiry which begins on the 17th of November. Richard Allenach has offered an advice session to all those speaking at the inquiry on the 14th of October.

8. The Government awarded pay rise to the clerk and the cemetery agent.

It was noted that this pay rise will be applied and backdated to April 2026.

9. Brinklow Football Club request for additional use of the playing field.

Jane and Tom asked for additional Monday evening training sessions for four weeks, which was approved. It was noted that there was now a good working relationship between Brinklow Parish Council and Brinklow Football Club. The club was intending to be more Brinklow focused and would invite villagers to a BBQ later in the season. Ian and John would work on the Licence Agreement. There would be no football on during the Brinklow Christmas Market on Saturday the 5th of December.

10. RBC's annual streetlight maintenance quote for 2026/27

This came to £472.61. This payment was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr S Brown, Seconded: Cllr I Currington

11. To record the completion of the 2025/26 external audit.

It was minuted that the external audit had been passed with no comments. A vote of thanks was proposed to Debbie for all her work on this.

12. To discuss an advisory sign for the tail end of Heath Lane.

There had been yet another fly tip on Heath Lane. It would be better if the gate at the end of the lane was padlocked. Could Elaine please provide contact details of the farmer who owns it. We could put up a warning sign and a type of CCTV camera. It was asked whether a CCTV camera could be put on the corner of the new garage being built on Heath Lane. A meeting would be held with our CCTV supplier Secure21 about extending our CCTV network.

13. Update on the burning of groundworks waste on the Tump during the heatwave.

This situation had been resolved.

14. To record that an expenses error had been corrected and paid back to correct the PC accounts.

This matter had been resolved and the money paid back.

It was also noted that we had received £8,000 back in VAT returns.

15. To discuss a request for some benches on Coventry Road adjacent to the bus stops.

There were concerns that anything put at the side of the highway has to be crash tested before installation and we would have to pay a contractor to do this who is licenced for Highway work. However, there was a possibility to put a bench on the green area by Yew Tree Hill. This request would be made to Highways.

16. To report that the PC have dealt with a few recent official requests for CCTV footage

Footage has been supplied following Police requests after some local incidents.

17. To discuss a planning application for consideration: R26/0758 at Marston House, Heath Lane, Brinklow, Rugby CV23 0NX for construction of new garages (Part retrospective).

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

18. To Approve the Accounts for Payment.

Payments approved and made in August in the absence of a public meeting – auth via email held on file:

12/08/26	EFT	J Boonham	202.90	Salary
12/08/26	EFT	D Lloyd	473.30	Salary
12/08/26	EFT	Rugby Borough Council	352.80	Bin collections
12/08/26	EFT	Luke Smith	160.00	Cemetery work
12/08/26	EFT	Secure 21	36.00	CCTV data card
12/08/26	EFT	Leicestershire Gardens	2495.00	grass cutting contract
12/08/26	EFT	Moore	378.00	external audit

Payments for approval for September -

Date	Cheq no / EFT	Payee	Total Payments	Payment Particulars	Person making Elect Trf	Checked & Authorised for Payment	Checked & Authorised for Payment
11/09/26	EFT	Luke Smith	176.00	com electy grounds work inv 049-2026	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	Leicestershire Gardens	2495.00	Grasscutting contract 5/9	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	Secure 21	36.00	inv 2408 - CCTV data card	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	Melbros	31.73	building materials	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	Redshoes	75.60	inv 19286 - payroll services	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	PAYE	585.71		D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	J Doolham	270.50	salary & expenses	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	D Lloyd	473.10	salary	T Heenan		
11/09/26	EFT	JRB Enterprise Ltd	144.90	inv 30074 - dog waste bags	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	Godfrey Payton	180.00	inv 1811034 - half year Tump rent	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	T Heenan	3.50	expenses - printer paper	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	Astley Computers	160.00	AC BP0005 - annual cloud storage	D Lloyd		
11/09/26	EFT	Equals Money	204.21	card top up	D Lloyd		
		Two to initial to authorise the Electronic Funds Transfers at the BPC meeting					

APPROVED Prop: Cllr I Currington, Sec: Cllr S Brown.

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

19. Progress Reports for information

Playing Field: A request has been made by a parishioner for two trees on the playing field to be trimmed back. A site meeting will be organised with a professional tree surgeon. The memorial oak that was planted has outgrown the railings around it, which could be removed.

Brinklow Castle: Hedge sprigs will be planted to restore the hedge along the front of Church Fields.

20. Correspondence received for information.

Nothing received.

21. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next official public meeting will be held on Thursday 8th October 2026.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm

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CHAIRMAN