

Brinkley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish council meeting at 7pm on 31st March 2025
At Brinkley Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr M Coley, Cllr N Beamish, Cllr S McIntyre, Cllr Monks, Hayley Livermore

Item		Action
24-25/57	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Allotments have been cleared, and a skip will be ordered to take rubbish away. Many thanks to J Brewin for his hard work on this.</p>	
24-25/58	<p>Apologies of absence</p> <p>Cllr A Aubert</p>	
24-25/59	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Monks for item 24/25 65.1 Allotments are subject to 3m wide right of access belonging to Cllr Monks.</p>	
24-25/60	<p>Approval of minutes 4th December 24 and 27th January 2025</p> <p>Minutes were reviewed, approved and signed by the chairman.</p>	
24-25/61	<p>Review Risk and asset register</p> <p>Asset register reviewed. New item of play equipment added and old item removed.</p> <p>General, allotment and play area risk reviewed. Changes made to 'risk identified' explanations for better understanding on general risk assessment. Allotment holders are sent an email annually reminding them of the rules that need to be adhered to. New sign has been put up at play area and weekly checks are taking place. Existing procedures are adequate to mitigate risk as much as</p>	

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possible.

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Willingham Stud- It was agreed that the chair will write to the architects acting on behalf of the new owners of Willingham stud to express concerns about the removal of hedgerows and the planting of Cupressus (perhaps Leylandii) trees along the boundary of the High Street. This is a concern from both an environmental point of view and visually the approach to Brinkley will be blighted from what is praised in Conservation Area.

24-25/63

Kingsway Solar- Cllr Monks and Cllr McIntyre attended the recent Kingsway solar meeting. Second stage of consultation will take place this summer. Clerk will monitor the Kingsway solar community action group facebook page and website.

24-25/64

Internet banking- It was agreed that we will adopt internet banking for the Parish council. Staying with our existing bank Lloyds was discussed and also the possibility of moving to Unity trust bank. Clerk will investigate Unity trust bank fees and report at next meeting.

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Finance

1. Cheques for signature-

Chq 684-Capalc-£243.81

Chq 685-HMRC-£8.00

Chq 686-SLCC-£62.70

Chq 687-Vision ICT-£210

Chq 688-ECDC-£35.00

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Parish matters

1. Allotments- It was agreed to spend up to £300 on a skip to clear the rubbish from the

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allotments. Proposed by IM, seconded by MC.

Council considered and RESOLVED to purchase the land on which the allotments sit in Coles Lane, Brinkley with overage for future development at a cost of £8000. The cost of this will be covered by S106 and Facilities improvement grants. The council will fund the cost of legal fees and searches which will total around £2500.

Prop. Cllr Beamish / Seconded Cllr McIntyre. Cllr Coley in favour. Cllr Monks abstained due to conflict of interest.

2. Play area-It was agreed that we will apply to Wadlow wind farm for a grant to replace a piece of equipment. This needs to be submitted by 1st August. One quote has been received and two more will be sought for the grant application.