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Full Council Meeting Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr V Wakeling (Chairman), Cllr R Byers, Cllr D Kerry, Cllr A Rainbow, Cllr E Williamson

Guests: P Halford (Senior Caretaker)

Clerk/RFO: R Flatley

1 member of public

MINUTES

FC25/429	Apologies for Absence (<i>authorisation required</i>) None received
FC25/430	Variations of Order of Business (<i>if needed</i>). None
FC25/431	Declaration of Members' Interests and Requests for Dispensation Cllr A Rainbow declared an interest in Item FC25/433 due to being a relation of the applicant. RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council grants a dispensation to the following councillor(s): <i>Cllr A Rainbow</i> to enable her to speak and vote on matters relating to the item declared above, notwithstanding that they have a disclosable pecuniary interest in such matters. The Council is satisfied that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• without the dispensation the number of members prohibited from participating would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business; and• granting the dispensation is otherwise appropriate in the interests of the inhabitants of the parish. This dispensation shall apply to this meeting only.
FC25/432	Suspension of Standing Orders to allow the following: Resolved (VW/DK)
FC25/433	To consider applications for co-option to the Parish Council Two applications had been received prior to the meeting. One applicant, Mr Dale Rainbow was in attendance. RESOLVED That, following the expiration of the period during which a request for an election may be made and no such request having been received, the Parish Council resolves to co-opt Dale Rainbow to fill one of the casual vacancies on Brinsley Parish Council; and that Dale Rainbow, having confirmed that he is eligible and willing to serve, be co-opted as a councillor with immediate effect. Cllr Rainbow subsequently signed the declaration of office and was provided with the necessary paperwork.

FC25/434	<p>Broxtowe Borough Council Matters – Cllr E Williamson reported that Broxtowe Borough Council has raised concerns regarding Brinsley’s play park following a borough-wide review and public consultation. The play park was ranked second from bottom in the borough in terms of overall quality, equipment, and appearance. It was noted that the site appeared untidy, with ageing equipment, and that the seating, including benches, was in need of replacement.</p> <p>Nottinghamshire County Council Matters – Cllr G Pepper was not present at the meeting however he had spoken with the Senior Caretaker and met with the Clerk to discuss matters pertaining to the Parish. He informed the Parish Council that since his election he had been working to secure certain key road improvements and was presently battling with VIA East Midlands and the County Council Highways team to fund the provision of grit bins within the area.</p> <p>Police Reports – No report</p> <p>Public Participation (maximum of 15 minutes allocated to 3 minutes per attendee) – No members of the public were present.</p>
FC25/435	<p>Reinstatement of Standing Orders Resolved (VW/AR)</p>
FC25/436	<p>To receive Reports – The Chairman – The Chairman reported that she had received an invitation from Broxtowe Borough Council to attend their Holocaust Memorial Day Service at Bramcote Hills Park on Tuesday 27th January however unfortunately had to decline attending due to other commitments.</p> <p>Senior Caretaker Report – The Senior Caretaker is awaiting a number of quotes, which will be presented at the next meeting. It was reported that there was no internet access at the hall during the previous week due to an issue with Openreach. As a result, the local history group was unable to access the internet during their booking and expressed dissatisfaction. A request was made for a reduction in the hire rate and the matters was discussed by councillors. It was noted that the previous Line Dancing group had enquired about returning to use the hall. Members were advised that there is currently no availability for that timeslot due to the hall already being in use. A request from the Caretaker for a new fleece was approved under the delegated authority of the Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To reject the request to provide a discounted rate to the local history group for their recent booking on the basis that the internet outage was outside of the Parish Council’s direct control (DK/EW). Cllr A Rainbow registered her objection to the resolution and request it be noted explicitly in the minutes.</p> <p>The Caretaker also reported that the guttering on the building requires cleaning, and repairs are needed to the guttering outside the boiler house. Quotes will be obtained for the necessary works. Finally, it was noted that an electrician has attended and completed repairs to the front light and the pavilion sensor light.</p> <p>Clerk Report – The Clerk reported that his time had been focused heavily over recent weeks in getting all the budget papers ready. A number of ongoing maintenance matters with the Hall and Pavilion were being addressed. The Clerk noted that the six monthly fire inspection would be taking place next week.</p>
FC25/437	<p>Minutes - <i>To receive and approve the draft minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 10th December 2025 at 6.30 pm. It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes (EW/DK).</i></p>
FC25/438	<p>Financial items:</p> <p><i>Receipts</i> <i>To note income received 1st to 31st December 2025.</i> Noted (RB/AR)</p>

	<p><i>Payments</i> <i>To note payments made 1st to 31st December 2025 and to be authorised.</i> Approved for payment (DK/VW)</p> <p><i>Bank Signatories:</i> The Clerk was due to chase Unity Bank regarding any outstanding actions to add Cllr R Byers as a signatory and remove historic signatories as previously agreed.</p>
FC25/439	<p>To receive and approve the financial reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank reconciliations to 31st December <p>Noted (RB/AR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Budget <p>RESOLVED That, having considered the draft budget for the financial year 2026–27 and noting that it was reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee at its meeting on 14 January, the Parish Council resolves to approve and adopt the budget for 2026–27 as presented. (AR/EW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept <p>RESOLVED that, having approved the budget for the financial year 2026–27, the Parish Council sets a precept of £95,563 for the year 2026–27 and to submit the necessary request to the billing authority.</p> <p>Members and the Clerk wished to put on record their thanks to Cllr D Kerry for all his assistance in preparing the budget.</p>
FC25/440	<p>To consider quotations received: None received</p>
FC25/441	<p>Request for favourable rates: To consider any request received for reduced fees for Council services A request had been received and considered in item FC25/436</p>
FC25/442	<p>Repairs and Maintenance; The Council noted that a tree survey was completed in November 2025. The survey identified a number of recommended actions requiring attention, which were discussed by councillors.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council approves the procurement of quotations for the recommended works identified in the tree survey and instructs the Clerk to obtain these quotations for further consideration by the Council.</p> <p>The Council also considered the findings of recent playground inspection reports, which identified a number of remedial works requiring attention as raised by Cllr E Williamson in her Borough Councillor Report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to obtain quotations for the remedial works identified in the recent playground inspection reports, for further consideration by the Council.</p>
FC25/443	<p>New Housing Estate Footpath and Recreation Ground Access: The Council discussed concerns regarding a footpath providing access between the new housing estate and the recreation ground. Members noted that the footpath remains in place, despite the Council being unaware of any formal planning consultation or planning permission having been obtained in respect of its installation.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write to the developer to express the Council’s concerns regarding the continued presence of the footpath and to seek clarification as to the planning status, consultation undertaken, and any permissions granted.</p>

FC25/444	Planning items; No application received
FC25/445	Exclusion of Public Order Exclusion of the Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. <i>Not required</i>
FC25/446	Close meeting – Date of next meeting Wednesday 11 th February. <i>Noted</i>