

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM
COMMUNITY CENTRE, THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024 AT 7:30PM**

**Present: Mr Brendan Sparks, Mr Keith Drewrey, Mrs Pam Spicer
Mr Rob Plom**

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>
1.	<u>Welcome:</u> The Vice Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public.
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> There was an apology for absence from Mr Jeff Burrell and Dr Jo Dalton
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There was a declaration of interest from Mr Rob Plom in respect of Planning application Ref: 3PL/2024/0139/F - BANHAM: Grove Villa and Orchard View Kenninghall Road.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were no comments from the Public

MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 7 th March 2024 meeting and Extraordinary Meeting of 18/02/24 were approved, and signed by the Vice Chairman.	Vice Chairman Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> Mr Keith Drewrey advised that he had inspected the allotments, and definite efforts had been made in respect of many of the allotment plots since the last meeting. Some plots had still not been worked, but further consideration would be given at the next meeting, with further action being considered if necessary.	 Mr Drewrey

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6.	<u>Spring Litter Pick:</u> The Clerk advised that due to issues with the council, she had been unable to secure the required amount of litter pick kits for the previously planned litter pick date of the 26th March. A further date of the 21st May 2024 was proposed, and the Clerk advised she would make the necessary application for the kits sooner rather than later. There was also discussion of the Parish Council purchasing their own litter picking kits, and the Clerk advised she would look into the costs of these. In the meantime, the proposed date will be put to those absent members of the Parish Council, and if this is acceptable then further contact will be made with the Primary School.	Clerk
7.	<u>Community Orchard:</u> The matter has been deferred to next month, as Dr Dalton was absent from the meeting and the item needs to be reviewed.	Clerk
8.	<u>Banham Play Area:</u> The Vice Chairman advised that some of the play area maintenance has taken place, and the final required works should be completed by the end of April.	Vice Chairman Mr Drewrey Mr Plom
9.	<u>Banham Wheels/Banham Transport Grant:</u> The Parish Council discussed the proposed 'Banham Wheels' Scheme alongside the 'Travel Norfolk Car Scheme'. It would appear that there is already a scheme in place being run by Norfolk County Council, and given the complexities of the setting up of the proposed 'Banham Wheels' scheme, along with the lack of volunteer drivers, it was decided that the Clerk would contact the co-ordinator for the 'Travel Norfolk Car Scheme', and ask whether it would be possible for Banham Parish Council to promote this scheme rather than set up a brand new scheme. Logistically, it would make sense to promote an already established scheme. In respect of the limited transport grant received, the Clerk will look to promote this and utilise the grant given, but once the funds for this have been used, then the 'Travel Norfolk Scheme' would be utilised. The Clerk will 'draw up' posters for the limited grant, to be agreed by the Parish Council members.	Clerk

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10.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> Mrs Spicer advised that the Hub is continuing to be well supported, and attendance continues to be 40 plus people. During the School Holidays, the Hub has provided waffles, games, and craft and flower arrangement workshops. There has been attendance from a fire safety officer, and some home visits were carried out following this meeting. The Easter weekend activities went very well, and included a bunny hunt, artists display and coffee and cakes. On the 16th April there is to be a CPR event, and on the 8th June there is to be a V-Day tea dance. Mrs Spicer advised that the cost of hall hire for the Wednesday Community Hub is to be increased to £18.00 per Hub meeting, and asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to consider continuing the funding of the hall hire. This was proposed by the Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr Rob Plom, and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council as a whole.	Clerk
11.	<u>Highways:</u> The reinstatement of the Hedge on Grove Road was discussed, and it was acknowledged that there had never been agreement for this hedge to be reinstated. The Clerk however advised of the previous exchanges with Clayland Homes where it was very much suggested that the hedge would indeed be reinstated, and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Goymour to see if he would be prepared to consider replacement of the previously removed hedge following concern from local residents that this had been removed, along with the issues this would cause to local birds and wildlife. In respect of the replacement street light on Grove Road, the comments of the Chairman were advised upon in his absence, and it was agreed that the Clerk would revert to Clayland Homes and ask for ownership of the street light to be returned to Banham Parish Council. Finally, there was a report of a large pothole situated on the path outside the Community Centre, and the Clerk confirmed she would report this to Highways as required. The Vice Chairman advised of reports from residents in respect of increased rat numbers at 'Butchers Pit'. The Clerk advised she would contact Breckland to make enquiries in respect of this.	Clerk
12.	<u>Banham Flooding:</u> In the absence of the Chairman, it was advised that there were ongoing discussions with Breckland and Highways in respect of flood defence going forwards, and that this would be further discussed at the May meeting once the Chairman had returned.	Chairman

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13.	<u>Planning:</u> Ref: 3PL/2024/0090/F -Land at Orchard House , Crown Street and Discovery House, Scrumpy Way. Proposal: Erect one detached two storey Dwelling and new access It was agreed that until ownership of land had been resolved, then the Parish Council would be unable to comment, though the general opinion at this time, due to aesthetics, privacy issues to neighbouring properties and access problems is likely to lead to an objection. Ref: 3PL/2024/0139/F - BANHAM: Grove Villa and Orchard View Kenninghall Road Proposal: Proposed new access and parking court to provide 4 car parking spaces to the front of Grove Villa and Orchard and the demolition of an existing garage The Parish Council did not feel that they were able to either object or support this application, and so would 'no comment' in response to the application in place.	Clerk
14.	<u>Accounts:</u> The Vice Chairman proposed the approval of items for payment. There was unanimous agreement from the Parish Council in favour of payment of the following: £44.00 – Street Lighting – K&M Lighting £50.00 – Storage of PC items – Mr R Bensley £40.00 – Hall Hire – Banham Community Hub £64.40 – Accountancy services – TP Jones £70.00 – NALC Parish Council Website Hosting Fees	Clerk
15.	Vice Chairman's other business: No other business	Vice Chairman
16.	<u>Next Meetings:</u> <u>Thursday 9th May 2024 - The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre</u> <u>Annual Meeting 7:00pm (followed by) May Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm</u>	

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