

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 1st AUGUST 2024 AT 7:30PM**

**Present: Mr Brendan Sparks, Mr Jeff Burrell, Dr Jo Dalton, Mr Keith Drewrey,
Mrs Pam Spicer, Mr Rob Plom,**

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>
1.	<u>Welcome:</u> The Parish Council welcomed members of the Parish Council and the public.
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> There were no apologies of absence
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

2 residents advised of the insufficient repair of a pot hole on Wayland Way. The Parish Council were advised that the previously reported pothole had been 'repaired', but that the repair has not been carried out sufficiently and now there is a further trip hazard being caused by the bad maintenance. The Clerk confirmed she would revert to Highways to see if this could be corrected and made safe.

There was a report of an overgrown hedge along Mill Road. The hedge is now reportedly growing into the path restricting the route for pedestrians and pushing people into the road. It was acknowledged by the Parish Council that the hedge cannot be cut due to restrictions to protect wildlife, but the Parish Council will contact the owner to see if anything can be done to make the route safer for pedestrians.

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MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 11 th July 2024 meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> Mr Drewrey confirmed that he had recently carried out a further inspection of the plots, and confirmed that there were more plots which appeared to have been neglected. The Parish Council acknowledged and agreed the draft email which had been proposed, and the Clerk confirmed this would now be sent out to the individual plot holders as required.	Mr Drewrey Parish Clerk
6.	<u>Proposed Community Orchard:</u> The Chairman and Dr Dalton advised that they had attended the Kenninghall Orchard, and had been impressed with what they had seen, and further confirmed there are many ideas that could be adopted for Banham's own orchard. The Clerk confirmed she would find and review the previous exchange of emails in respect of the Greyhound Lane developments and make contact with the relevant people to check the likely funds available, and when the proposed site will likely become available. Further discussions can then take place.	Parish Clerk
7.	<u>Banham Open Spaces:</u> The Parish Council acknowledged the questionnaire which had been received for completion, and we ran through this confirming Banham's open space areas as required. This will now been returned to Breckland.	Parish Clerk
8.	<u>Limited Transport Grant:</u> The Clerk confirmed that she would look to get the advertising posters out, and on Social Media this month.	Parish Clerk
9.	<u>Banham Community Hub</u> Mrs Spicer advised that the numbers of attendees to the Wednesday Hub event continue to be good, and they are looking forward to the silent disco which is due to take place on the 8 th August 2024.	

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10.	<u>Flagpole/Christmas Tree:</u> The Clerk advised that payment has been sent for the new flagpole, and she is awaiting details of the likely delivery date. Once this is known then she will advise the Parish Council members, and plans can then be made for installation of this. The Parish Council also discussed the proposed 'Flagpole Christmas' Tree, and enquiries will be made as to the likely costs, and review of this going forwards.	Parish Clerk
11.	<u>Banham History:</u> The Chairman advised that he would get the measurements of the required history display case to the Clerk, and enquiries and arrangements can then be made.	Parish Clerk
12.	<u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths & Hedges:</u> The Clerk advised she is awaiting the ownership documents for the Grove Road Street Light, but would let the PC know when this is received. The Clerk confirmed the need to change the DD amount going to K&M Lighting & the Chairman confirmed he would deal with this. There has been no action taken with regards to the road hazards near to The Smoke House, and so the Clerk will report these again. It was acknowledged that there had been a complaint in respect of queuing and stationary vehicles outside of the Acorn Park School, whereby a vehicle had exited the bend to standstill vehicles. This is an historic issue, but it was acknowledged that procedures had been put into place at the School insofar as the filtering of taxis through the grounds of the school, and further that this could have been down to family parking for the events taking place during the last week of school. It was discussed that previous discussions with Highways, Transport South and the School had resulted in the school putting procedures into place inside the school, but the Clerk agreed to drafting an email to Highways to see if the speed signs could be moved further along from the school to give sufficient warning to road users, and further to see if additional 'school' and 'slow' signs could be put in place.	Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Planning:</u> There were no planning applications for consideration, but the Parish Council voiced their disappointment in respect of the approved application 3PL/2024/0090/F, Land at Orchard House , Crown Street and Discovery House given the clear issues and objection raised.	

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14/15.	<u>Accounts:</u> The Chairman proposed the approval of items for payment. There was unanimous agreement from the Parish Council in favour of the following: £ 48.00 – Street Lighting – K&M Lighting £ 50.00 – Storage of PC items – Mr R Bensley £ 90.00 – Hall Rental – Banham Community Hub £197.50 – Banham PC Hall Hire – BCCA £ 41.51 – Lawnmower Maintenance – Cranworth Farm Services £ 17.00 – “Sponsored By” banner – Michelle Jones	Parish Clerk
16.	<u>Chairman’s Other Business:</u> The Chairman advised that the first meeting for the Christmas Fair committee had recently taken place, and confirmed that last year the PC had donated funds for Santa’s Grotto allowing this to be free for the families and Children of Banham. The Chairman asked that consideration be given to this in order that it could be discussed at the next meeting.	
17.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> Thursday 5th September 2024 The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre	Parish Clerk

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