

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 11th JULY 2024 AT 7:30PM**

Present: 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 apologies for absence from Mr Brendan Sparks.
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There was a declaration of interest from Mr Rob Plom in respect of a payment owed for grass cutting services.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were 3 members of the public present to discuss the planning application for 3PL/2024/0090/F - Land at Orchard House , Crown Street and Discovery House, Scrumpy Way. Photographs of the land were presented to the Parish Council. The initial application proposed access by way of use of a privately owned driveway which has previously been objected to. The current application makes assumptions that to access the site there would be a need to remove a privately owned fence. Objections were raised with regards to access, as this is completely insufficient so far as the measurements are concerned and further, the current access proposals would require part of a privately owned fence to be taken down, or for a wall to be removed. No permission has been sought from the owner for this. If the wall isn't removed then Scrumpy Way is going to become heavily congested with works vehicles for the duration of the proposed build. This is going to cause extreme disruption and obstruction for the residents and the access/exit of Scrumpy Way. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would respond and object to the application on the basis that the drawings submitted are inadequate, and assume access over private land meaning non permissive access. Furthermore, objection would be raised with regards to inadequate access to large vehicles and the general obstructions and issues which would be caused to the residents of, and people accessing and exiting Scrumpy Way.

A further resident advised of a very overgrown and hazardous hedge on Heath Road. Advised to be discussed later during the meeting.

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MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 6 th June 2024 meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> Mr Drewrey advised a recent inspection of the allotments had raised concerns in respect of various plots. The Clerk took details of the plots, and agreed that an email would be sent to the individuals offering assistance, and checking if the plot holders wish to keep the plots when considering the waiting list in place.	Mr Drewrey Parish Clerk
6.	<u>Grass Cutting:</u> The Parish Council discussed an email received from the BCCA with regards to maintenance of the grass of the play area. The PC noted that grass cutting has been taking place twice a month for the last 16 years at least, and there had been no issue raised with regards to the regularity of cutting. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council need to be more vigilant with cutting of grass, weeds and nettles underneath the play equipment. In respect of hedge cutting it was acknowledged that previous offers to maintain these had been rejected on the basis that the hedges belong to the BCCA and would be maintained by them. The Clerk will respond to the BCCA accordingly.	Parish Clerk
7.	<u>Proposed Community Orchard:</u> Members of the PC will look to arrange a meeting with members of the Kenninghall Orchard on the 18 th July 2024 to discuss plans.	Chairman Dr Dalton
8.	<u>Banham Play Area:</u> The ROSPA report has been received and reviewed and there was some concern this appeared to be a copy and paste affair in some areas. The report will be reviewed further, and the recommended maintenance will be dealt with as required. Enquiries will be made into mole control measures.	Mr Drewrey Mr Plom
9.	<u>Limited Transport Grant:</u> The Clerk will now look to advertise the limited transport grant as required.	Parish Clerk

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<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
10.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> Mrs Spicer advised the D-Day Celebration went very well with more than 80 people joining the celebrations. Knitted Soldiers and decorated 'Spoon Soldiers' by residents and children are displayed in the P.O window. The wheelchair is currently being used by an 11 year old and is making a real difference. Funds are now being sought in respect of mobility workshops and also the Christmas meal event.	Mrs Spicer
11.	<u>7 Churches Summer Club:</u> The Parish Council acknowledged a request for funding in respect of the 7 Churches Summer Club. There was a unanimous decision and agreement to a donation of £500.00. The PC will look to source a banner for this and other sponsored events in Banham.	Parish Clerk
12.	<u>Flagpole:</u> The PC acknowledged and reviewed a quote received in the sum of <u>£547.20</u>. It was noted this was far cheaper than any other quote received which were all generally almost double this amount. It was agreed that the flagpole on the green is no longer working and a new one is required. <u>The Chairman proposed the amount of £547.20 for the new flagpole, and this was unanimously agreed by the members of the Parish Council.</u> The Clerk will look to make the necessary arrangements for purchase and delivery.	Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Banham History:</u> The Parish Council discussed the 'History of Banham' which had previously been presented and agreed. The Chairman advised that a display case will need to be purchased to house the history, and the Clerk confirmed she would look into this and obtain quotes.	Parish Clerk
14.	<u>Banham Flooding:</u> The Chairman advised that matters had been put on hold due to the elections. An update will be provided when talks are back up and running.	Chairman
15.	<u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths & Hedges:</u> In respect of the Grove Road street light, it was decided that the maintenance package offered would not be required. The Clerk will revert to Clayland Homes and request that ownership documents are transferred.	Parish Clerk

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<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
15.	<u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths & Hedges continued:</u> The PC acknowledged that all footpaths are overgrown and so the Clerk will report to Highways along with the overgrown verge on Doe Lane. The hedge on Heath Road was discussed as complaints have been received from residents about this. It was confirmed that 'The Lord of the Manor' is responsible for this, along with Butchers Pit. The Clerk will make contact requesting that the hedge is cut back and the pit cleared due to the confirmed flood issues. Finally, the Clerk will report potholes on the road towards and outside of the 'Smoke House'. What 3 words confirmed.	Parish Clerk
16.	<u>Planning:</u> 3PL/2024/0090/F – Land at Orchard House. Crown St, Scrumpy Way Objection – See public session for information. 3PL/2024/0539/HOU – Orchard Stable, Heath Road Agreed – Planning request reviewed with no obvious issues.	Parish Clerk
17/18.	<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 £ 72.00 – Hall Rental – Banham Community Hub £117.60 – ROSPA Inspection Fee £540.00 – Grass Cutting	Parish Clerk
19.	<u>Chairman's other business:</u> There was no other business to discuss.	
20.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> <u>Thursday 1st August 2024</u> <u>The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre</u>	

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