

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:30PM**

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

Item:	Details:
1.	<u>Welcome:</u> The Chairman welcomed members of the Parish Council and the public.
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> There were apologies of absence from Mr Brendan Sparks
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There was a declaration of interest from Rob Plom in respect of a grass cutting, cheque payment.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were no discussions or notifications from attending villagers.

MEETING RECONVENED

Item:	Details:	Actions:
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 5 th September 2024 meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> The Clerk advised that she was meeting the new tenants of Plot No. 10 the following day to sign the tenancy agreement and show them around. The Clerk also advised that Plot 18 has now been vacated and so an email would be sent to the next on waiting list. Hedge alongside allotment is to be cut by a neighbouring resident. Allotment rent is now being collected.	Mr Drewrey Parish Clerk
6.	<u>Proposed Community Orchard/Greyhound Lane Development</u> The Clerk advised of previous exchanges with Breckland Bridge, & confirmed that further discussions regarding the 'open space' would start up again beginning of 2025.	Parish Clerk

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7.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> Mrs Spicer advised that attendance at the Hub is still good. There is a fund raising bake sale on the green on Saturday 12th October. This week has seen agreement for funding of soup & a roll, and funding has now been granted for the Christmas community meal. Finally, the Hub is waiting for a response to an application filed for funding for sustainability going forwards so the Community Hub can continue into 2025 and beyond. Social Prescriber will be attending regularly to provide support with support services and form filling etc.	Parish Clerk
8.	<u>Hunts Corner Safety Signs:</u> It was acknowledged that there had been a couple of accidents at the junction of Hunts Corner and as such, the Clerk had looked through historic exchanges in respect of this matter. It was acknowledged that a proposed road safety sign had been reviewed by the Parish Council and Highways, and the Clerk will now go back to Highways to 're-open' discussions going forwards. Steve Askew who was in attendance advised to send an email to Highways and himself with regards to the possible funding through the Parish Partnership Scheme, and the Clerk confirmed she would deal with this to get discussions started again with the purpose of having a speed sign installed on the approach to the junction, hopefully in the neat future.	Parish Clerk
9.	<u>Village Defibrillator:</u> The Clerk advised that the new 'pads' had been received, and that these would be 'fitted' to the unit as required. In respect of the defibrillator, the Clerk confirmed she had spoken with the manufacturer, and as the battery is good and the unit was serviced last year and deemed to be in good working order, there is no reason to replace the unit at this time.	Clerk
10.	<u>History of Banham:</u> The Chairman advised that he is looking to speak with the 'cabinet maker' in respect of the 'mock up' history, and would contact him with regards to the costs shortly so we can deal with the printing and display case down the line.	Chairman Clerk
11.	<u>CAN proposed housing development:</u> The Parish Council updated the Chairman on the discussions which had taken place at the previous meeting in his absence, and it was agreed that a further meeting would take place with Rik Martin of CAN on Tuesday 8th October. More comments will be advised upon once this meeting has taken place.	Chairman Mr Plom Dr Dalton

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12.	<u>Heath Road/Acorn Park School Parking:</u> The Parish Council discussed the exchange of emails with Highways to assist with the parking/queueing vehicles on Mill Road, and it was acknowledged that a sign would be placed on Mill Road warning motorists of their approach to the school. In respect of the speeding issues which have been raised by local residents, the Clerk confirmed she had contacted the local SNAP Team, and it was acknowledged this had been passed to the Attleborough Safer Neighbourhood Team who would be contacting us in respect of speed enforcement shortly.	Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths & Hedges:</u> The Clerk advised of a failed light on Church Lane, and confirmed this had been reported to K&M Lighting. Mr Plom advised on the issue with an overgrown hedge on Kenninghall Road, and the Clerk will make contact with the owners of the hedge, asking for this to be cut back as it is causing a hazard to pedestrians using the footpath.	Parish Clerk
14.	<u>Planning:</u> 3PL/2024/0740/EU - The Old Telephone Exchange Dam Brigg, Banham The Parish Council reviewed the application, and confirmed no objection to the application. 3SR/2024/0006/SCR - Crown Chicken Ltd, Banham The Parish Council reviewed the application, and confirmed no objection to the application.	Parish Clerk
15/16.	<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 £ 71.94 – New Defibrillator Pads – Michelle Jones £194.73 – Village Green Christmas Tree £500.00 – Donation to Banham Christmas Fair/Santa's Grotto £ 64.40 – Payroll Services – TP Jones LLP £ 52.50 – PC Meeting Hall Rental – BCCA £360.00 – Grass Cutting – Mr Rob Plom The Clerk also advised on Remembrance Day coming up on 10th November, and asked whether the Parish Council would be matching the donation of £175.00 for the wreath and donation to the Royal British Legion. The Chairman proposed £180.00 and this agreed unanimously by the Parish Council.	Parish Clerk

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17.	<u>Chairman's Other Business:</u> Village Green Christmas Tree – This will be up on the green by the 7 th December in readiness for the Christmas Carols on the green. The Chairman will be available on the 10 th October to attend Butchers Pit with Highways, and Mr Cole to ensure steps are taken to avoid future flooding.	Parish Clerk
18.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> Thursday 7 th November 2024 – 7:30pm The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre	Parish Clerk

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