

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7:30PM**

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

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>
1.	<u>Welcome:</u> The Vice Chairman welcomed members of the Parish Council and the public.
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> There were apologies of absence from Jeff Burrell and Brendan Sparks
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There was a declaration of interest from Rob Plom regarding the planning applications: 3PL/2024/0670/F & 3PL/2024/0669/F

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were no discussions or notifications from attending villagers.

MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 1 st August 2024 meeting were approved, and signed by the Vice Chairman.	Vice Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> Mr Drewrey confirmed that he carried out a recent inspection of the allotments and whilst there had been an improvement in a couple of the allotments detailed at the previous meeting, plots 1, 4 & 15 are still not being maintained. A further email will be sent to the plot holders in respect of maintenance. Notice has been given on Plot 10, and so the Clerk will contact the next person on the waiting list in respect of availability.	Mr Drewrey Parish Clerk

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6.	<u>Land Development in Banham:</u> The Parish Council were joined by Rik Martin of Community Action Norfolk. Lisa Davis of Flagship Homes and James Heaton, Housing Growth and Enabling Officer for Breckland Council. There was an informal discussion in respect of land being purchased by Flagship Homes on the Kenninghall Road for 'affordable housing' properties to be built for rent. The proposed site is a Rural Exception Site meaning there is a population of less than 3000 (in Banham), and they are not allocated within the local authorities development plan, and would not be considered for residential development, but are considered for 'affordable housing'. The proposal at this stage is to build 20 homes including 4 one bedroom bungalows, 8, two bedroom houses and 8 three bedroom houses to meet the local needs of Banham Residents or people with a strong connection to Banham, followed by adjacent rural parishes within Breckland. The intention is to carry out a 'housing needs survey' with the residents of Banham to see what types of housing is needed, and so the proposal of the type of house to be built could change depending on the needs outlined in the survey responses meaning, it could end up being 20 one bedroom properties that are built. The survey would either involve sending a survey to each household in Banham, or this could be done as an online survey. A public meeting could also be arranged. This would all be dealt with and funded by Community Action Norfolk. A report would then follow in respect of the findings, and the findings would determine the amount and type of housing built, or whether the housing development would go ahead. The PC asked numerous questions in respect of the development, and also again voiced their concerns in respect of the already struggling infrastructure of Banham. The PC were assured that schooling, GP surgeries and drainage needs would be strongly considered within the strategy consultations, and if the Environment Agency advises there isn't the capacity in respect of drainage then Flagship would have to improve the drainage capacity or the development would not go ahead. Mr Stephen Askew acknowledged a similar project which has already taken place in Old Buckenham, and advised this scheme has been most successful in this case. It was concluded that further contact would be made with the Parish Council to assist with the surveys and processes going forwards.	Parish Clerk
7.	<u>Community Orchard:</u> The Parish Council acknowledged the historic emails exchanged in respect of the proposed Greyhound Lane development with Breckland Bridge, and the fact that discussions were due to start taking place for the 'community area' in 'Summer 24'. The Clerk will make contact with Breckland Bridge to check the situation at the present time and going forwards.	Parish Clerk
8.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> Mrs Spicer advised that the Breckland Family Fun Day went very well with around 70 people attending.	Mrs Spicer

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	<u>Banham Community Hub cont...</u> All funds for the coffee morning on the 25th September will see all proceeds going to the Macmillan Charity. The Community Hub has received full funding from 'Sport England' to set up a movement workshop which starts on the 24th September and will run for 4 blocks of 6 weeks. Contact has been made with a 'Social Prescriber' working for the local GP surgeries and she will be visiting the Hub regularly to provide support to residents. There will be an attendance from the Energy Team at Citizens advice to advise and support residents with regards to bills etc. Soup and a roll is being provided again. Funds are still being sought in respect of the Christmas Lunch.	Mrs Spicer
9.	<u>Flagpole Christmas Tree:</u> The Parish Council reviewed quotes and agree quote No. 4 of £194.73. The Clerk will make the necessary enquiries to proceed with the purchase.	Parish Clerk
10.	<u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths & Hedges:</u> The Clerk advised she had been approached by a resident advising that the bank of the ditch at the end of the Back Lane footpath has started to 'cave in' and is full of all sorts of vegetation etc and needs clearing. The Clerk will speak with the Chairman in respect of this in order that he may refer the matter to the landowner. The Clerk is continuing to chase Clayland Homes in respect of the ownership documents for Grove Road. It was acknowledged that there have been a couple of recent accidents at Hunts Corner, and as such it was agreed that this should be added to the October agenda for discussions to take place in respect of safety measures. There is an overgrown hedge on Kenninghall Road causing an obstruction to the pathway, and so the Clerk will look into this and make contact with the hedge owner. With regards to the Cemetery Hedge, it is the responsibility of the Church to deal with the cutting back, and so the Parish Council will not be dealing with this at this time.	Parish Clerk

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11.	<u>Planning: To review and consider the following applications:</u> Ref: 3PL/2024/0585/F - Fen Farm Barn, Quidenham Road, Banham PROPOSAL: Proposed Installation of 24.No off ground mounted solar panels in a 12 x 2 array. Panels located on a frame with ground screws. The Parish Council discussed the application and concluded there was no objection to the proposal in place. Ref: 3PL/2024/0670/F & 3PL/2024/0669/F - Location: East View, Grove Road, Banham Proposal: Change of use of an existing residential dwelling classified under Use Class C3 to a residential children home, classified under Use Class C2. The Parish Council had some concerns in respect of the lack of information provided and will revert to advise on this and see if further information can be provided. Ref: 3PL/2024/0707/HOU/PC 3PL/2024/0708/LB - Grammar School Yard Church Lane, Banham Proposal: Single Storey Extension The Parish Council discussed the application and concluded there was no objection to the proposal in place.	Parish Clerk
12.	<u>Christmas Fair/Santa's Grotto:</u> The Parish Council discussed the request for a £500 donation to fund Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair again this year. The donation will enable the Grotto to give free admission and a free gift to the Children. The Vice Chairman proposed agreement to the donation. This was seconded by Dr Dalton, and unanimously agreed by the whole council.	Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Community Insurance Renewal Quote:</u> The Clerk advised of the change of premium from £633.14 to £459.76 following amendment of information provided with regards to the Banham Speed Cameras. The Parish Council are happy that the insurance covers all requirements and so unanimously approved the quote. The Clerk will deal with the renewal as required.	Parish Clerk

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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 £ 72.00 - Hall rental - Banham Community Hub £450.00 – Hedge Cutting – AJ Forder £633.14 – PC Insurance Renewal £ 39.22 – NALC Seminar Fee in respect of Neighbourhood Planning £ 64.40 – Accountant Fees (Payroll) TP Jones	Parish Clerk
16.	<u>Chairman's Other Business:</u> There was no other business	
17.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> <u>Thursday 3rd October 2024 – 7:30pm</u> <u>The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre</u>	Parish Clerk

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