

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

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

Item:	Details:
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 Mr Jeff Burrell & Dr Jo Dalton
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There was a declaration of interest from Rob Plom and Mr Keith Drewrey in respect of a cheque payment, and from Mrs Pam Spicer with regards to the Bags of Joy donation request.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were 5 Village residents present. 1st villager advised he is new to village and wants to re-introduce the village newsletter, and asked whether or not the Parish Council would be prepared to make an initial donation, and also contribute to the newsletter. The intention is to fund the newsletter long term with advertising costs. A donation of £500.00 has been requested for the initial print costs. I have asked the villager to email me and the Parish Council agreed to discuss this at the December meeting.

The 2nd villager was there to discuss application 3PL/2024/0670/F and his concerns over the proposal for "change of use of an existing residential dwelling classified under Use Class C3 to a residential children's home, classified under Use Class 2". The Villager voiced his concerns over the suitability of Banham to the application, particularly when considering the infrastructure of Banham along with the lack of services. Villager 2 asked if someone from the PC would be prepared to speak at the Committee Meeting on the 19th November 24. Mr Rob Plom confirmed he would be happy to speak on behalf of the PC, and discussions will take place prior to the meeting to ensure all areas covered in the 3 minute discussion.

Villager 3 asked whether it would be possible to arrange a village litter pick prior to Christmas. The PC acknowledged one which took place previously in the year, and advised that, we wouldn't be able to arrange this before Christmas, but that we would discuss this in the New Year.

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MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 3 rd October 2024 meeting were approved, and signed by the Vice Chairman.	Vice Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> The Clerk advised that allotment rent had been received from most plot holders, but advised there are still 2 lots of rent owing. The Clerk confirmed both plot holders had been in touch to confirm keeping the plots but nothing further had been heard. It was agreed the Clerk would send a final notice email.	Parish Clerk
6.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> Mrs Spicer advised that the Hub has completed 6 wks of movement for wellbeing, and some have found this very useful. The next course is due to start w/c 11/11/24. There have been 50 plus attendees for soup and a roll. The bake sale on the green went very well raising funds for the Hub. A bingo night has been arranged for the 06/12/24. The Social Prescriber will be back shortly to assist with form filling and questions. The Christmas meal has been arranged and will take place on the 10/12/24, and there will be delivery of this to those housebound and unable to attend for the meal.	Mrs Spicer
7.	<u>Bags of Joy donation request:</u> On behalf of The Community Hub, Mrs Spicer requested donations from the PC to do 'bags of joy' which will be presented to various members of the community of Banham. The Hub are seeking a donation of £400.00. This was proposed by Mr Rob Plom, seconded by Mr Sparks, and approved by all attending members of the PC.	Parish Clerk
8.	<u>Hunts Corner Safety Sign:</u> The Clerk advised she has been in touch with Mr Askew and also Highways at Breckland in respect of the installation of a safety sign at Hunts Corner following various accidents at the junction. The Clerk confirmed that this is being reviewed by Highways and an update will be provided once further information is known.	Parish Clerk

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9.	<u>Baby/Toddler donation request:</u> The Parish Council acknowledged the donation request received from the Baby/Toddler Group in the sum of £266.20. Having reviewed the calculation received, the PC approved the donation request.	Parish Clerk
10.	<u>Mill Road Speeding update:</u> The Clerk advised that the Attleborough speed team may be providing their services to carry out speed monitoring on Mill Road following various complaints received from Mill Road residents on speeding and road safety. The Clerk confirmed once there is further news on this then she will update further. Insofar as Highways is concerned, they are to place a school sign prior to the 30mph sign on Mill Road in the hope this will assist with the speeding, but they are unlikely to do much in respect of the speed limit due to the requirements and difficulties surrounding this.	Parish Clerk
11.	<u>CAN proposed Housing Development:</u> It was acknowledged by the PC that the surveys surrounding the need for assisted housing with Banham. The PC will wait to see the outcome of the survey, and will discuss this further once the situation is known.	Parish Clerk
12.	<u>Highways:</u> The Clerk confirmed she has reported issues with street lights in Mill Road and at the end of the village green. The light on Mill Road has been fixed temporarily but needs a new light fitting. The Clerk confirmed she is waiting to hear back from K&M Lighting in respect of the type of fitment and cost for review by the PC. Once received hopefully the light will be fully repaired as required. It was acknowledged that the Clerk has requested that the timer for the light on Grove Road be updated so it is on longer into the evening. There is a fallen tree on Back Lane, and the Clerk is to report this to Highways. In respect of the cemetery hedge, the Vice Chairman will provide details of the 'contractor' that previously dealt with the hedge cutting, and the Clerk will pass this information to the church as required.	Vice Chairman Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Village Heating Scheme:</u> The PC discussed the possibility of setting up a scheme which would support those who are losing their fuel supplement payment this year. Given we are now at the beginning of November and there are many things to be considered in respect of what can be accepted, where items can be stored and also advertising etc, it was agreed that the Clerk would look into this and hopefully a scheme can be put into place for winter 2025.	Parish Clerk

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14.	<u>Planning:</u> There were no planning application but the PC discussed the activity at the Hunts Corner site as it had been noticed by a few that there was clearance being undertaken on the site which was exposing asbestos sheets and other hazardous waste. The Clerk confirmed she had received emails from a couple of residents, and further that the Vice Chairman had raised this to the attention of the PC that morning. It was agreed the Clerk would revert to Highways to ask that all activity ceased with immediate effect.	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: Balance of Current Account as of 16th October 2024: £24,729.85 Balance of Savings Accounts as of 16th October 2024 £ 8,246.09 To approve payment of following items: £ 48.00 – Street Lighting – K&M Lighting £ 50.00 – Storage of PC items – Mr R Bensley £ 90.00 - Hall rental - Banham Community Hub £ 143.88 – New Defibrillator Pads – Michelle Jones £ 9.52 – Village Green Christmas Tree (difference paid 03/10. Postage) £ 180.00 – Donation to Royal British Legion (Remembrance 10/11/24) £2190.00 – Ditch Clearance to assist with flooding defences £ 39.22 – NALC Seminar cost – Rob Plom £ 266.20 – Baby/Toddler Group Donation £ 58.47 – Parcellforce Custom Charge (Tree) – Michelle Jones £ 24.49 – Remembrance Wreath – Keith Drewrey £ 276.00 – New Lantern for Mill Rd Street Light – K&M Lighting £ 52.04 – Fuel for Flood Pumps – Mr Jeff Burrell	Parish Clerk
17.	<u>Vice Chairman's Other Business:</u> The Vice Chairman explained that the winding mechanism of the village green flagpole appeared to have been stolen but that he had managed to raise the flag by other means. It was acknowledged that there had been a request for the memorial to be cleaned and the Clerk explained she had looked into the cleaning but that there was little response, and further that the cleaning couldn't be done prior to memorial day. Further investigations will be made in respect of professional cleaning, and in the meantime, members of the PC would look to do a 'spring clean' in readiness for remembrance day.	Parish Clerk
18.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> <u>Thursday 5th December 2024 at 7:30pm</u> <u>The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre</u>	

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