

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM**

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

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>
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 Keith Drewrey.
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were 4 villagers in attendance.

Villager 1 advised he was attending on behalf of the Banham Newsletter, and to provide an update of its progress at this time. The Parish Council were asked if they would be prepared to contribute to the newsletter, and it was advised the Parish Council would give consideration to this, and that a formal decision would be made at the next meeting.

Villager 2 confirmed that they were very impressed with the village green 'tree' and thanked the Parish Council for this. The Parish Council confirmed that there are further considerations being given to the improvement of the 'tree' next year, and the Chairman advised that the idea of a flagpole had been considered for a long time by the Parish Council to cut down the costs for the villages of Banham and also the 'labour time' for putting the tree and lights up. The Parish Council have received lots of positive comments on the 'tree' this Christmas, and are pleased that villagers were happy with this.

MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 5 th December 2024 meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> In the absence of Mr Drewrey, this section was deferred to the February meeting.	Parish Clerk

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6.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> Mrs Spicer advised that the Christmas meal went very well with all age groups attending. As well as good attendance at the meal, the Hub also delivered meals to those who couldn't get out. 'Bags of Joy' were provided to various Banham villagers. The Community Hub are at this time are providing 'warm bags' to those who need them, and these include a hat, heat socks, gloves and a hot water bottle. A suggestions box has recently been placed at the Hub and various ideas have been provided with consideration being given to a summer outing.	Mrs Spicer
7.	<u>Defibrillator Cabinet:</u> Following regular checks on the unit, it has been noticed that there has been some condensation on the unit, and also an issue with the strip light. Given the cold weather a 'heated cabinet' was considered. It was acknowledged that the cabinet and unit has been working fine for many years and the defibrillator is always in a working and 'ready' mode. Given this, the Parish Council will continue to monitor the device monthly and will consider the need for a new cabinet further down the line if any issues should arise.	Mr Plom Parish Clerk
8.	<u>Parish Council Transport Grant:</u> The Clerk advised that the grant had been advertised previously but no contact had been made in respect of the 'scheme'. It was also advised that the grant could be 'given' to individuals to assist with hospital travel in respect of treatment needs, and Mrs Spicer advised that they would assist in identifying people who may be in need of assistance by way of the grant. Further consideration will be given down the line.	Mrs Spicer Parish Clerk
9.	<u>Highways/Street Lights/ Footpaths and Hedges:</u> The Clerk confirmed she had received reports of non working street lights and potholes from villages and these had been reported as required. No further issues were raised at the meeting.	Parish Clerk
10.	<u>Planning:</u> Ref: PL/2024/1032/HOU – Double Drift, Haugh Road, Banham, NR16 2DE The Parish Council considered the application, but could not find the property on Maps to consider where this is situated. The Clerk agreed to review this, and trace the property so the application could be considered further. Ref: PL/2024/0867/FMIN – Rosary Farm, Kenninghall Road, Banham, NR16 The Parish Council considered the application and comments in place, and confirmed no objection to the proposal. Ref: PL/2024/1112/VAR & PL/2024/1139/VAR– Devel plots, Haugh Rd, Banham The Parish Council considered the applications and comments in place, and confirmed no objection to the proposal.	Parish Clerk

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	PL/2024/1148/FMIN – Heath House, Heath Road, Banham, NR16 2HS After initial consideration, no objection was confirmed, however this application is now being considered further, and a final decision will be advised upon online. PL/2024/1168/HOU – Wash Cottage, Kenninghall Road, Banham, NR16 2HB After consideration, the application is objected to due to the proposed positioning of the cart house, and the negative visual aspects to surrounding properties. PL/2024/1187/HOU – 55 Crown Street, Banham, NR16 2HW The Parish Council considered the applications and comments in place, and confirmed no objection to the proposal.	Parish Clerk
11/12.	<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 £ 54.00 – Hall Rental – Banham Community Hub £ 70.00 – PC Meeting Hall Rental – BCCA £276.00 – New Replacement Lantern (Mill Rd) – K&m Lighting £276.00 – New Replacement Lantern (Mill Rd/Heath Rd) – K&M Lighting £ 64.40 – Payroll Services – TP Jones LLP	Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Chairman's Other Business:</u> There was no other business to raise.	Chairman
14:	<u>Next Meeting:</u> <u>Thursday 6th February 2025 at 7:30pm</u> <u>The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre</u>	Parish Clerk

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