

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7:30PM**

Present: Mr Keith Drewrey, 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 was an apology of absence from Mr Brendan Sparks
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were 2 villagers in attendance.

There were no comments to make during the public session.

MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 9 th January 2025 meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> The Clerk advised on new a new plot holder to the allotment. Mr Drewrey advised that he had inspected the allotments recently and could see that work had already started in readiness for Spring by many. There are still a few plots which seem to have been un-worked for some time, and so a close eye will be kept on these in respect of future activity and a further review done in the future.	Parish Clerk

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6.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> Mrs Spicer advised there continues to be a good turn out at the Wednesday cafe, and also the numbers for the wellbeing class are increasing. It was advised that due to increasing friendships there is a lot of support building within the Hub. The Bunny Hunt is already being planned for Easter, and the RSPCA will be visiting in the near future to give a talk.	Mrs Spicer
7.	<u>PC Banking:</u> There has been a lot of talk over the last 18 months with regards to the failure of Barclays to provide a satisfactory service to the Parish Council. With this in mind, the Parish Council are looking for a new bank supplier, and the Clerk will look into this further for review and discussion in the near future.	Parish Clerk
8.	<u>Banham Newsletter:</u> The Parish Council advised that they are happy for their names to be provided within the newsletter, and further that the PC will endeavour to provide something to the newsletter each month. During the monthly meeting, items of particular interest will be decided upon in respect of content, and the Clerk will then deal with the submission.	Parish Clerk
9.	<u>War Memorial:</u> The Parish Council are looking to have the War Memorial cleaned prior to the May Memorial Day. The Parish Clerk advised that she has contacted 5 separate, 'approved' companies for a quote and is waiting for a couple of quotes to come in at this time. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.	Parish Clerk
10.	<u>Transport Grant:</u> The Clerk advised that we had received a call recently from a Banham Resident requiring assistance with travel needs to a medical appointment. The Clerk confirmed this has been organised with Harling Taxis who had been very helpful indeed. The Clerk will look to deal with further advertising of the 'scheme' shortly.	Parish Clerk
11.	<u>Update on Damaged Flagpole:</u> Upon receiving the new flagpole for the green it had been noticed on 'erection', that there was some damage. Unfortunately, the Clerk was unable to obtain a replacement or a refund and as such, it was decided that the flagpole could and would be repaired. This will be dealt with shortly.	Chairman

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12.	<u>Highways, Street Lights, Footpaths & Hedges:</u> The Parish Council were curious of the damage caused to the green and when this would be 'dealt with'. It was acknowledged that the Lord of the Manor had been contacted and this is being dealt with accordingly in line with the insurance requirements. The Clerk will nonetheless get an update and report on this in the future. The Chairman advised the 'drop kerb' on the entrance to Banham Vehicle Services is crumbling, and Mr Plom reported a longstanding pothole on Kenninghall Road. Finally, there were reports of numerous pothole at the side of Winfarthing Road. The Clerk will get the issues reported to Highways.	Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Planning:</u> Ref: PL/2024/1178/FMAJ – Poultry Houses, Park Common, Kenninghall The PC reviewed the application in place and confirmed no objection to this. Ref: PL/2024/1172/HOU – Pear House, Scrumpy Way, Banham The PC reviewed the application in place and confirmed no objection to this.	Parish Clerk
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 £ 72.00 – Defibrillator Cabinet Maintenance – Harling Electrical £ 52.50 – Meeting Hall Rental Charge (quarterly) – BCCA £ 32.00 – Direct Debit Balance – K&M Lighting	Parish Clerk
16.	<u>Chairman's Other Business:</u> There was no other business to raise.	Chairman
17.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> Thursday 6th March 2025 at 7:30pm The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre	Parish Clerk

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