

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2025 AT 7:30PM**

Present: Mr Jeff Burrell, Mr Keith Drewrey, Mrs Pam Spicer, and 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 Brendan Sparks, and Dr Jo Dalton
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

There were no members of the public in attendance

MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Actions:</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Previous Minutes of the 3 rd July 2025 meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman Parish Clerk
5.	<u>Allotments:</u> It was noted after inspection that allotment plots 1, 2, 3 & 4, 10 & 11 are overgrown and remain untouched. The Clerk advised that emails had been sent to the plot holders, and assurances had been made for the plots to be bought back up to standard, though it would appear little has been done to date. The Parish Council wish for there to be a review of the tenancy agreement, in particular notice periods, and fees at the September meeting, with rent being payable in October. The Clerk will look into the notice period stated on the tenancy agreements going forwards, and in readiness for the September meeting.	Parish Clerk

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6.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> The Community Hub cafe continues to see good attendance including children who enjoyed breakfast and craft activities. The Hub is now taking steps to become a charitable organisation, which will open up new funding opportunities. The cost of registration was discussed by the Parish Council and the Chairman proposed this cost to be funded by the Parish Council. This was seconded and unanimously approved by the Parish Council members. In preparation for VJ Day, the Dove of Peace has been placed in the church and is being decorated by Community members. The Hub has encountered some challenges with acoustics in the hall, making conversations difficult during gatherings. To improve this, rag rugs are being introduced to help absorb sound and create a more welcoming environment. There is funding in place for six more 'Movement for Wellbeing' classes, and efforts are underway to secure support for an additional twelve sessions. A crowdfunding page has been launched to help fund these future classes.	Mrs Spicer
7.	<u>Playground Maintenance Update:</u> The necessary steps are being considered with maintenance of the play area to be carried out shortly.	Parish Clerk
8.	<u>Grove Road Speed Review:</u> Mr Stephen Askew acknowledged the plan for speed restrictions on Grove Road, and has become an active member in making arrangements for this. As well as helping with the plans for the new road signs, Mr Askew has also kindly agreed to fund the cost of this.	Parish Clerk
9.	<u>War Memorial Cleaning:</u> The Parish Council discussed the requirements for the cleaning of the war memorial and a date will shortly be agreed for the works to be undertaken.	Parish Clerk
10.	<u>Pride of Banham:</u> The Chairman proposed, a new initiative to recognise individuals who selflessly contribute their time to improving life in the village. Honourees will be commemorated with a plaque on the bench on the green, creating a lasting tribute to their dedication. The Clerk will look into this scheme further, and the Parish Council will consider and discuss this at the September meeting.	Parish Clerk
11.	<u>Appleyard ACV:</u> The Parish Council discussed the recent request for the Appleyard Field to become an ACV (Asset of Community Value), following the recent submission for the field to be considered within the Council's 'call for land'. It was agreed that a discussion needs to be carried out with the land owner before the matter can be considered further.	Chairman Parish Clerk

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12.	<u>Planning: To review and consider the following applications:</u> Ref: PL/2025/0971/FMIN - Land At Hunts Corner, Banham, NR16 2HL The Parish Council objects to the application, and full details of their response can be found online under the Breckland Planning Portal Ref: PL/2025/0915/HOU - Rhosymedre Heath Road, Banham The Parish Council considered the application in place, and confirmed no objection to the proposal in place. Ref: PL/2025/1062/VARMAJ – Land South of Kenninghall Road, Banham The Parish Council considered the application in place, and confirmed no objection to the proposal in place.	Parish Clerk
13/14	<u>Accounts:</u> The Chairman proposed the approval of items for payment. There was unanimous agreement from the Parish Council for the following: £ 48.00 – Street Lighting – K&M Lighting £ 50.00 – Storage of PC items – Mr R Bensley £100.00 – Hall Rental – Banham Community Hub £150.00 – Donation - New Buckenham Junior Football Club £ 41.49 – Print Cartridge – Michelle Jones £ 57.50 – PC meeting Hall Hire – BCCA	Parish Clerk
15.	<u>Banham Newsletter:</u> The Parish Council agreed to include the following to the August Newsletter: Pride of Banham, Community Hub, Grove Road & War Memorial clean-up.	Parish Clerk
16.	<u>Chairman's Other Business:</u> There was no other business	
17.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> Thursday 4th September 2025 at 7:30pm The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre	

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