

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025**

Present: Mr Jeff Burrell, Mr Keith Drewrey, Mr Rob Plom & Mrs Valerie Plummer

<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 Dr Jo Dalton, Mrs Pam Spicer, Mr Brendan Sparks and Michelle Jones
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 6 th November 2025 meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	Chairman
5.	<u>Budget Review for 2026/2027</u> Mrs Plummer (RFO) presented the budget and the precept for 2026/2027 was discussed and approved at £21,000.00. This is the same precept of 2024/2025.	Mrs Plummer Parish Clerk
6.	<u>Allotments:</u> The allotments are for this time of the year, in an average condition and the new plot holders are making good progress, though 2 plots will need to be reviewed next year due to a lack of maintenance/usage.	Parish Clerk
7.	<u>Banham Community Hub:</u> As part of the Mindful Village Initiative, The Banham Community Hub is now a distribution point for Breckland Council's warm packs. The Hub has also been invited to join a new steering group supporting Breckland Council's application to join the national UK Network of Age Friendly Communities. This network aims to ensure the voices of older residents are heard while promoting proactive solutions that support healthy and active ageing.	Mrs Spicer

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7.	<u>Banham Community Hub cont.....</u> The Christmas meal is fully booked, with 100 people attending and four home deliveries arranged. Transport has been organised for those who would otherwise be unable to make it to the event. The Christmas Tree has been constructed in the church with help from many villagers and Hub members. The Movement for Wellbeing Classes are going from strength to strength, and two funding applications have been submitted to help support their ongoing success. In the meantime, the Parish Council have agreed to fund 4 classes in the sum of £320.00 to ensure that the classes can continue whilst funding is being sought. Finally, the Hub's stall at the Christmas Fair did very well and raised £300.00.	
8.	<u>Banham Christmas Fair:</u> The Christmas Fair went exceptionally well – possibly the best one since the event first began. Santa's Grotto was a wonderful highlight, with many children delighted to meet Santa Claus and receive their Christmas gift.	Chairman
9.	<u>Pride of Banham:</u> The award was discussed and it was decided that the 'Star' trophy which was being considered was not a preferred choice, and so this needs to be discussed further at the next meeting.	Parish Clerk
10.	<u>Banham History:</u> The History of Banham document looks excellent and Mr Drewrey will now look to make arrangements for the display case to be made.	Mr Drewrey
11.	<u>Church Lane Dead End Signage:</u> The Parish Council have received confirmation from Highways that further signage has been considered, and the existing signs are to be replaced to assist and advise motorists of the 'no through road' nature of the lane. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask them to confirm exactly what is to be supplied.	Parish Clerk
12.	<u>Defibrillator Battery:</u> Mr Plom confirmed there was only 1 percent left on the defibrillator battery, and so it was decided that the Clerk would contact Harling Electrical and ask for a quote for a replacement battery asap.	Parish Clerk
13.	<u>Grove Road Passing Points:</u> There has been little news on this matter from Highways, and so the Chairman will contact Highways in regards to the need for official parking places on Grove Road.	Chairman
14.	<u>Banham Sign Restoration:</u> The Parish Council discussed the lovely restoration of the Banham Sign on the Green, and it was decided that a donation of £350.00 would be made to Mr Eggleton's preferred charity. The Chairman will contact Mr Eggleton to discuss this further.	Chairman

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15.	<u>Planning:</u> PL/2025/1774/PAQ - Haugh Farm, Haugh Road, Banham, NR16 2DE Proposal and portal comments considered. No objection. PL/2025/1772/FMIN - Haugh Farm, Haugh Road, Banham, NR16 2DE Proposal and portal comments considered. No objection. PL/2025/1803/FMIN - Barn 2, Haugh Farm Haugh Road, Banham Proposal and portal comments considered. No objection. PL/2024/1139/VAR – Haugh Farm, Haugh Road, Banham Proposal and portal comments considered. No objection. PL/2025/1810/PAPV – Banham Zoo Proposal and portal comments considered. No objection.	Parish Clerk
16.	<u>2025 Recycling Payment:</u> The Parish Council discussed the recycling payment received from Breckland in the sum of £140.67 and decided this should be donated to the Banham Community Centre	Parish Clerk
17/18.	<u>Accounts:</u> The Chairman proposed the approval of items for payment. There was unanimous agreement from the Parish Council for the following: £ 80.00 – Hall Hire – Banham Community Hub £ 48.00 – Street Lighting – K&M Lighting £ 50.00 – November Storage of PC items – Mrs J Bensley £168.00 – Printing of Banham History £540.00 – Grass Cutting (x3) £ 30.00 – Transport Grant – Harling Taxis £ 26.00 – Tree Topper (Star) – Michelle Jones £139.99 – New Printer/Scanner for Clerk – Michelle Jones	Parish Clerk Chairman
19..	<u>Banham Newsletter:</u> The Clerk will include the Community Hub, Christmas Fair, and Christmas Tree within the newsletter entry for this month.	Parish Clerk
20.	<u>Chairman's Other Business:</u> There was no other business	Chairman
16:	<u>Next Meeting:</u> Thursday 8th January 2026 – 7:30pm The Small Hall, Banham Community Centre	

A Christmas Message from Banham Parish Council

As Christmas approaches, Banham Parish Council would like to extend our warmest wishes to all the residents of our village.

This festive season is a time for reflection, kindness, and community, and Banham continues to be a place where neighbours look out for one another. We are grateful for the spirit of togetherness that makes our village such a special place to live.

We wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and a healthy and happy New Year. May the coming year bring hope, prosperity, and continued community spirit within Banham.

With all best wishes,

Banham Parish Council