

BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023

Present: Mr Jeff Burrell, Mr Brendan Sparks, Mr James Dye, Dr Jo Dalton, Mr Keith Drewrey, Ms Pam Spicer

9 Members of the Public also in attendance

<u>Item</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Actions</u>
1.	<u>Welcome:</u> The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public and advised on the opportunity to speak at the public session.	
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> There were no apologies for absence.	
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Declarations from the Chairman & Mr Drewrey due to cheque payments owed.	

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

Parishioner 1 querying as to the progress with regards to the developments of 'Lucy's Sweetshop'. It was advised that the last update given in respect of planning was giving consideration to the possible presence of bats and that Stephen Askew was heavily involved in the project and hoping to get a planning decision sooner rather than later.

Parishioner 2 querying if there were any developments in respect of the Footpath on Winfarthing Road. The Clerk advised that there has been some recent discussions with regards to placing a handrail on the footpath and that hopefully there would be some further news by the next meeting.

Parishioner 3 attending as the spokesperson for the Allotments and advising that all seems satisfactory and that the trees on the neighbouring property have been cut back allowing further light.

Parishioner 4 providing an update with regards to the development on Grove Road and preservation of the trees situated here. It was advised that a TPO has been granted.

MEETING RECONVENED

<u>Item</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Action</u>
4.	<u>Previous Minutes:</u> Minutes available and signed by the Chairman	The Chairman
5.	<u>Village Green:</u> The Clerk advised that the chains on the Green had been repaired and confirmed that illuminous tags have been added. Abandoned Car: Clerk advised that she has written to the owner of vehicle at the last known address to request that contact is made in order that they may discuss the situation with the car. The Clerk acknowledged a notice has also been placed on the car by Breckland Council but acknowledged that the vehicle is road legal.	The Clerk

6.	<p><u>Coronation Celebrations:</u></p> <p>Dr Dalton advised that everything is coming along nicely. Mr Drewrey is going to measure the existing flagpole on the Green and the Clerk will then make enquiries as to the cost of a new replacement item.</p>	Mr Drewrey
7.	<p><u>Website/Facebook Page:</u></p> <p>Dr Dalton advised that the Facebook Page, 'Banham Community Network', is running nicely and is available for the Council to add items as required. Insofar as the Website, the Clerk advised that payment has been sent for this and is awaiting confirmation of receipt to enable the website to be set up.</p>	The Clerk Mr Dye
8.	<p><u>Allotments:</u></p> <p>Mr Drewrey advised that his recent inspection of the allotments was found to be satisfactory for this time of the year and there was nothing further to add from the Allotment Spokesperson.</p>	Mr Drewrey
9.	<p><u>Community Orchard:</u></p> <p>Discussions taking place in respect of a Community Orchard being placed in Banham. It is acknowledged that the Breckland Bridge proposal for Greyhound Lane is still in progress and that the Community Orchard could be put in place as part of this development but, enquiries are going to be made insofar as a committee being put in place for this potential project and alternative land which could be made available. An approach will be made to 'The Lands Trust' with enquiries to be made.</p>	All
10.	<p><u>Dog Waste Bins:</u> Location of the placement of bins as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outside the Community Centre 2. On Church Hill at the 'Kissing Gate' entrance 3. End of Footpath on the Winfarthing Road 	The Chairman
11.	<p><u>Speed/Road Signs:</u></p> <p>The Chairman is awaiting a quote in respect of the warning sign for Hunts Corner.</p> <p>Discussions on the possible placement of a road sign outside of the Community Centre on the Kenninghall Road with the junction of the Winfarthing Road. Mr Sparks to speak with the Banham Speed Awareness Team to see if they would be prepared to do a survey on the potential need for this. Once we know the outcome of this then the need for a road sign here will be considered further.</p> <p>New proposed positions for Speed Signs outside Holme Barn, Grove Road, Acres End, Kenninghall Road. Discussions re: a further speed sign being placed in the garden of 35 Crown Street. The Clerk will contact Mr Richardson to see if this is possible.</p> <p>The Chairman has the posts for the Speed Signs and the Clerk is going to deal with the purchase of the post brackets. (Costs approved at March meeting).</p>	The Chairman Mr Sparks
12.	<p><u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths/Ditches/Hedges:</u></p> <p>The ditch running alongside the Back Lane/Wash Lane is regularly backed up due to falling debris and plans need to be put into place for this to be cleared. Meeting to be arranged with Steve Hall and Stephen Askew to review the situation and plans going forwards to ensure the ditch is cleared prior to next Autumn. The Clerk to look into who is responsible for the ditch.</p>	The Clerk The Chairman

	<p>The Chairman has agreed to speak with the landowner re: access.</p> <p>Pothole on Winfarthing Road, left side of central grass triangle. Drain has collapsed into it. Clerk to report.</p> <p>Pothole on Heath Road leaving village just before Cross Road on the left hand side. Clerk to report.</p> <p>Missing Street Light - Grove Road – Clerk still chasing Breckland re: reinstatement of the original street light.</p> <p>Removal of Hedge – Appleyard, Grove Road – Clerk advising that enquiries made and permission was sought to remove the original hedge and there are plans in place to replace the hedge down the line.</p> <p>Electric Fence on Footpath 20 – Clerk advising that the landowner is acting lawfully and so there is little that can be done in respect of removal of the fence.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>30B/2023/0005/OB – Green Tyles, Grove Road Discussed by Council Members. No objection to the application made.</p> <p>3PL/2023/0238/LB – Farm View, Cherry Tree Road Discussed by Council Members. No objection to the application made.</p> <p>3PL/2023/0232/HOU – Farm View, Cherry Tree Road Discussed by Council Members. Concluded that this isn't the jurisdiction of Banham Parish Council. The Clerk will revert to Planning in respect of this.</p>	The Clerk
14.	<p><u>Accounts:</u> Amounts agreed and approved for payment:</p> <p>£ 84.48 – Metal Posts for Speed Signs £ 21.98 – Stationary/Stamps/Council Phone Top Up £ 311.32 – NALC Annual Subscription/Membership £ 64.40 – TP Jones Payroll Services £ 37.90 – Retirement Gift Rose £ 5.50 – Printing Costs £ 50.00 – Cutting of Overhanging Branch – Churchyard £ 185.00 – Luckhams Landscapes – Cutting of Village Green & Church £1700.00 – Events Committee / Coronation Celebrations Costs</p> <p>£ 420.00 – Not Agreed – Clerk to return to query Invoice as incorrectly billed.</p>	The Clerk
15.	<p><u>Elections:</u></p> <p>Acknowledgment of uncontested election. The Clerk advising that acceptance and declaration forms will need to be filed in the near future and these will be passed on shortly as required.</p>	The Clerk
16.	<p><u>Chairman's Other Business:</u></p> <p>Wednesday 3rd May agreed for Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting. Extend Invite to Stephen Askew for annual report and attendance.</p>	The Clerk