

THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, THURSDAY 13th July 2023 AT 7:30PM

**Present: Mr Jeff Burrell, Dr Jo Dalton, Mr Keith Drewrey, Mrs Pam Spicer, Mr Stephen Askew
6 Members of the Public also in attendance**

Item	Details
1.	<u>Welcome:</u> The Chairman welcomed Councillors, members of the public, and Mr Stephen Askew.
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Apologies for absence from Mr Brendan Sparks and Mr Rob Plom.
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC SESSION

Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public

Villager 1 voiced their concerns of vehicles speeding on Crown Street and causing unnecessary noise. The Chairman advised there are speed signs on the approach to Crown Street, and confirmed that hopefully a further speed sign would be added on Crown Street itself shortly. A 5mph limit was suggested and Mr Askew advised that 20mph is the lowest limit which could be applied and this is already in place outside the school. It was also asked if any signage could be applied to the entrance of Church Lane advising on the properties situated there to stop vehicles travelling unnecessarily up and down the lane. The Chairman advised the residents could display signs if they felt this would help the situation.

Also raised was the growth of the hedge surrounding the school playfield. It is growing outwards and making it difficult for vehicles travelling on the already narrow Church Lane to get past. The Chairman explained that cutting cannot take place until the 15th August onwards but agreed that a letter would be sent to the school asking if the hedge can be trimmed back.

Finally, villager 1 asked if a sign could be placed in the post office window asking if vehicles could park more sensibly around the green and outside the shop as often, vehicles are being forced onto the opposite side of the road and into the path of oncoming vehicles. Also driving alongside the post office is becoming more difficult due to parked vehicles. The Chairman advised this would be down to the shop owners.

2nd villager advising on a hazard being caused outside of the Acorn Park School due to the parking of taxi's at pick up times. It was discussed that the taxi's aren't able to enter the school grounds until certain times and so they are waiting on the main road. This is a problem, as vehicles coming out of the corner on Mill Road are encountering parked vehicles, and this could cause an accident. It was agreed that a letter would be written to the school asking if they can do anything to assist with this issue.

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MEETING RECONVENED

Item	Details	Action
4.	<p><u>Previous Minutes:</u></p> <p>Minutes of the 13th July meeting approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	The Chairman
5.	<p><u>Allotments:</u></p> <p>Mr Drewrey advised that the allotments were in a satisfactory condition for this time of year. The hedge at the entrance to the allotments was discussed, and it was agreed a quote would be sought for cutting after 15/08. The Clerk advised of the available plot, and as this is still vacant, it was agreed that a notice would be published on the Face Book Page and also on the village notice board.</p>	Mr Drewrey The Clerk
6.	<p><u>Children's Play Area:</u></p> <p>There was a brief review of the list of jobs to do following the ROSPA review. Mr Drewrey will get the parts required and arrangements will be made for the required work to be carried out.</p>	Mr Drewrey
7.	<p><u>Dog Waste Bins:</u></p> <p>Waste bin needs to be installed near the 'kissing gate' on Church Hill. The Chairman will look to get the parts and dealing with this.</p>	The Chairman
8	<p><u>Village Green:</u></p> <p>The broken chains surrounding the green were discussed. There is concern these may again become a health and safety issue. It was acknowledged there has been extensive basal growth around the trees making parking difficult. It was agreed that the Clerk would make contact with the owner to see if arrangements could be made for discussions to take place.</p> <p>The graffiti on the bench has now started to fade and so nothing further to do at this time and the strimming around the edges of the green should be dealt with as part of the next cut.</p>	The Clerk
9.	<p><u>Churchyard:</u></p> <p>Mr Drewrey advised he had sought quotes for cutting of the basal growth and hedge inside the churchyard. Quoted £150.00. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council. Arrangements will be made for the work to be carried out. In respect of the verge surrounding the church, quote sought and proposed at £250.00. It was thought that the cutting of the surrounding verges may be the responsibility of Highways, and so the Clerk will make contact to double check this and proceed from there. If the verges are the responsibility of Highways then a request will be made for cutting asap, otherwise the Parish Council will make the necessary arrangements.</p>	Mr Drewrey The Clerk

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10.	<p><u>Abattoir Update:</u></p> <p>The site has been inspected by Environmental Health and they are satisfied the site is secure and no further illegal activity should take place.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Banham PC Website:</u></p> <p>A meeting will take place between the members of the Parish Council only on the 22nd July to decide on the final content of the website.</p>	All
12.	<p><u>Banham Wheels Project:</u></p> <p>The Parish Council are keen to revive the service for villagers. Mr Askew advised he would try and make arrangements for someone to come to the next meeting and discuss whether this is viable, and how we need to proceed. Mrs Spicer advised she would be happy to co-ordinate the project, and the PC would look into whether we can get volunteers to provide the required services.</p>	The Clerk
13.	<p><u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths, Hedges</u></p> <p>The Clerk advised still awaiting a date for the Grove Road street light to be replaced. Numerous overgrown footpaths and obscured road signs have been reported to Highways but are still awaiting cutting. The Clerk to report obscured road sign on Greyhound Lane, and Chairman agreed to look at this. The Chairman asked Mr Askew about recent 'road dressings' around Banham, pointing out that a top layer is being applied with no evidence of potholes and damage being repaired first. Mr Askew agreed to look into this.</p>	The Clerk
14.	<p><u>Speed Signs:</u></p> <p>The proposed road sign for Hunts Corner was discussed, and Mr Askew advised that he would make enquiries regarding possible funding assistance from the Parish Partnership Scheme. The Chairman will gather quotes received. In respect of the mobile speed sign to be added on Crown Street, a response has been formed for the land owner.</p>	The Chairman The Clerk
15.	<p><u>Greyhound Lane Development outcome:</u></p> <p>It was acknowledged that the application was approved 6-4. The Chairman voiced his absolute disappointment at the apparent lack of attention paid to the villagers and action group fighting against the development.</p>	
16.	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>3PL/2023/0579/VAR – Haugh Farm Annexe, Haugh Road, Banham The Parish Council advised there was no objection to this application.</p>	The Clerk

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	<p>3PL/2023/0589/F – 27-29 Crown Street, Banham It was acknowledged that the proposed garage to the rear had been on the original plan, but new plans had no detail of this and showed only a grassed area. Overall no objection, but highlight the fact that there is a disparity between the drawing and the wording of the application.</p> <p>3PL/2023/0606/EU – Springfield, Grove Road, Banham Parish Council unable to make an objection due to lack of knowledge of application made for certificate of lawfulness. Not affecting landscape in any way. No comment to make.</p> <p>3PL/2023/0643/HOU – Pegasus, Doe Lane, Banham's The Parish Council advised there was no objection to this application.</p> <p>3PL/2023/0673/F – Land South of Kenninghall Road, Banham The Parish Council object to the application and want the stockpiles to be returned.</p> <p>3PL/2023/0667/LU – Winches, 41 Crown Street, Banham The Clerk explained the application was sent to us in error and had been approved so no consideration to be given.</p>	
17.	<p><u>Accounts:</u></p> <p>The Chairman proposed the approval of items for payment. Unanimous decision in favour. It was agreed that £12,000.00 would be transferred from Current to Savings Account. The Chairman will deal with this.</p> <p>To Pay:</p> <p>£111.00 – ROSPA Play Inspection Report Fee £ 18.29 – Clerks Expenses, postage, paper £ 64.40 – TP Jones & Co payroll services £ 44.00 – Street Light Maintenance £ 50.00 – Storage of Parish Council Property £ 30.00 – NALC Training for Mr Rob Plom approved</p>	The Clerk
18.	<p><u>Assistance in Banham:</u></p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the Wednesday Morning cafe which takes place at the Community Centre, and it was agreed that the PC would fund the hall costs going forwards. Mrs Spicer to obtain invoices for payment.</p>	Mrs Spicer The Clerk
19	<p><u>Chairman's Other Business</u> – No other business.</p>	

Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd August at 7:30pm. The small Hall, Banham Community Centre

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