

**BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023**

**In Banham Community Centre Small Hall at 7:30pm**

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

**5 Members of the public also in attendance**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Welcome:</u></b>  In the absence of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that Mr Drewrey be The Chairman for this meeting only. Mr Drewrey welcomed Councillors and 5 members of the public in attendance.	
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b>  Received from The Chairman.	
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b>  There were no declarations of interest.	

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the public:**

A member of the public asked about the possibility of a dog waste bin being located at the end of Wash Lane. As it stands, many dog walkers are using Wash Lane and using residents' private bins to rid themselves of their dog waste. It was advised by Councillors that 3 dog bins are due to be allocated around the village and that the location and number of these would be discussed at the next meeting.

A member of the public asked about fitting a Trail Camera on their shed at the allotments following some petty theft and vandalism. It was agreed that this could be actioned with some advice to also place a 'warning sign' advising of the presence of the camera. It is hoped that this will help to deter trespassers in the future.

A member of the public asked about the hazardous slope on the footpath leading onto the Winfarthing Road noting that temporary measures had been put in place but them removed. The Clerk advised that she is in communication with the Highways Agency and a contact of Mr Stephen Askew and confirmed that she is keeping on top of this as required.

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<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Previous Minutes:</u></b> Minutes available and signed by Mr Drewrey.	Mr Drewrey
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Coronation Celebrations:</u></b>	

	Dr Dalton advising that plans are continuing to run smoothly. Music, stalls and various activities are booked. Volunteers need to be sought for assistance with the event.	Dr Dalton
6.	<b><u>Village Green:</u></b>  Clerk advising that she is in communication with the owner of the village green and he is looking into the situation in respect of removing the fencing chains around the edge of the green. Mr Drewrey advising the Council are happy to deal with the removal of the chains and the Clerk confirmed she will continue with open communication in this regard.	Clerk
7.	<b><u>BPC Website/Social Media</u></b>  The purchase of the website template is in place and simply awaiting payment. This will be paid once the Internet Banking is in place. The 'Banham Community Network' Facebook page is expanding and whilst this is not purely dedicated to the Council it will allow the Parish Council to post announcements.	Chairman Mr Dye
8.	<b><u>Allotments:</u></b>  Mr Drewrey acknowledging updated Allotment Tenants list. The Clerk also advised of a new 'tenant' on Plot 15.. Update tenants list.	Clerk
9.	<b><u>Speed/Road Signs:</u></b> Deferred to next meeting, 6 <sup>th</sup> April for update from the Chairman	Chairman
10.	<b><u>Planning:</u></b>  Rosina House Planning Application – Discussed by Council members. No objection to the application made.  Apple House – Discussed by Council members. No objection to the application made.  27-31 Crown Street – Application Refused. Discussed by Council members and acknowledging that this has been taken up by Mr Stephen Askew.  41 Crown Street – Application Approved. Acknowledged by Council members.  Fen Farm –Prior Approval Refused. Acknowledged by Council.	Clerk
11.	<b><u>Accounts:</u></b>  £132.30 - Brackets for Speed Signs (incl. P&P) Agreed by all – To Pay £ 70.00 - Payment of Website - Agreed by all – To Pay £ 33.50 - Clerks Expenses - Agreed by all –To Pay £ 98.82 - Clerks Printer - To Pay £ 35.00 - Previous Clerk leaving cake – To Pay	Chairman

	£ 25.00 - Xmas Tree Electricity Contribution – To Pay	
12.	<p><b><u>Highways/Street Lights &amp; Footpaths:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk advising that she is touch with the contractors with regards to the missing street light on Grove Road and will keep on top of this. Once there are any developments then the Clerk will update further. Severe pothole damage right side of road after No. 12 Winfarthing Road. Overgrown hedge near Fen Farm.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p><b><u>Cemetery Hedge:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk advised she has been unable to trace the minutes whereby the cutting and upkeep of the cemetery hedge was discussed. Mr Drewrey advising that the hedge will now have to be cut by hand and the cost of this is £400.00. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the Chairman on his return and a final decision made. but in the meantime, the costs were agreed by all council members in attendance.</p>	Clerk Mr Drewrey Chairman
14.	<p><b><u>Environmental Initiative Grant:</u></b></p> <p>Breckland Bridge Developers previously offering funds for community projects. Member of Public advising on idea of having a Community Orchard. The Clerk will look into where this could be located and also what funding would be available.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p><b><u>Chairmans other business:</u></b></p> <p>Mr Dye querying when the Community Centre dog waste bin will be going in. Advised this should hopefully be done shortly and the Clerk will discuss this with the Chairman on his return.</p> <p>Flagpole Grant: Clerk advising this has been applied for and that we are awaiting news in respect of the same at this time.</p> <p>Internet Banking: Mr Drewrey, Dr Dalton and Mr Sparks have received the forms for completion and return. Mr Dye and Ms Spicer advising these have not been received and so the Clerk will chase the Chairman in order that the set-up of the internet banking may be concluded.</p>	Clerk Chairman

Signed: ..... Dated: .....