

**THE MINUTES OF THE BANHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BANHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2023 AT 7:30PM**

**Present: Mr Jeff Burrell, Mr Brendan Sparks, Dr Jo Dalton, Mr Keith Drewrey, Ms Pam Spicer, Mr Stephen Askew, Mr Simon Wood**

**Numerous Members of the Public also in attendance**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Actions</u>
1.	<b><u>Election of chairman and vice-chairman:</u></b>  Cllr Dalton proposed Cllr Burrell as chairman of Banham PC; seconded by Cllr Drewrey. Unanimous decision in favour.  Cllr Burrell proposed Cllr Drewrey as vice-chairman; seconded by Cllr Spicer. Unanimous decision in favour.	All
2.	<b><u>Welcome:</u></b> The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public alike.	Chairman
3.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b> There were no apologies for absence	All
4.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b> There were no declarations of interested	All

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Meeting adjourned to receive comments from the Public**

Mr Stephen Askew introducing the Director of Planning at Breckland Council, Mr Simon Wood

The Chairman advised that he was bringing forward item 10 on the agenda in respect of the planning application for the Greyhound Lane development to allow the members of the public to take part.

\* The very lively discussion was opened with questions for Breckland Council to respond to.

Mr Simon Wood who was attending on behalf of Breckland Planning Dept advised that the application had been passed to the Planning Committee made up of 13 cross party members chaired by a member of the ruling group who would determine the application decided on a majority vote. Representations would be made to members, and the planning committee would allow County Councillors, Parish Councillors, Third Parties and the Applicant to make representations. The matter would then be debated and put to a vote. Members have to determine the application on the basis of the local plan and other materials and would take a view as to whether or not the application is supported. Insofar as attendance is concerned, this should be limited to representatives of the Parish Council, County Council and one to two residents speaking on behalf of the village. Each representative is allowed 3 minutes to speak.

The date for the Planning Committee Meeting is still to be confirmed, but notice will be given on this.

Investigations and considerations are still ongoing in respect of infrastructure. The County Council is consulted in respect of education and highways. In respect of Health infrastructure, there is an

ongoing review of recent case law from the High Court and The Education Authority has been consulted.

There is an ongoing regulatory process and consideration of the application in respect of Education, Healthcare, Drainage, Highways, Affordable Housing amongst other issues.

Mr Wood advised that there is still time to make representations, up to the point that the matter goes to the Planning Committee (date tbc). All issues raised will be considered, and will have to satisfy the planning committee that all concerns have been addressed. It was advised that a petition would be welcomed to add some strength, but representations should focus on the merits and dis-merits of the scheme and specifically identify the relevant considerations such as affordable housing, highway safety, drainage, education facilities.

Villagers can go to the Breckland Website on the Planning to see the application and representations made to date.

There is a new consultation for the Breckland Plan at this time. Consultation for the updated Local Plan is due to end on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. This is in very early stages and plenty of opportunities to make representations on the local plan. Villagers can go to the Breckland Website on the Planning Page. There is also a web platform called 'Common Place' where Villagers can register for notifications of new consultations, changes or news to report.

Chairman proposing that an Action Group is founded. The villagers were to leave their contact details when leaving for contact by The Clerk to advise on how to proceed, and to arrange a meeting to take place sooner rather than later.

\* The Chairman nominated Mr Rob Plom for co-option onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Mr Drewrey. Mr Plom was welcomed to the Council by The Chairman.

\* One of the villagers congratulated the Council for the party on the green in respect of the Kings Coronation advising that the Celebration had been a great success.

### **MEETING RECONVENED**

4.	<p><b><u>Previous Minutes:</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> April were available &amp; agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	Chairman
5.	<p><b><u>Allotments:</u></b></p> <p>Mr Drewrey advised that there was nothing to report in respect of the allotments. Allotment representative advised that nothing to report other than the hedge is starting to get a little overgrown. PC advising that unable to cut due to the time of year, but some trimming could take place to protruding branches. Allotment representative also advising someone wants to go on the waiting list for available plots. The Clerk confirmed comment had been made on the Face Book Page with a request for contact to be made. A Whatsap Group was proposed and the Clerk confirmed she would deal with this.</p>	Mr Drewrey The Clerk
6.	<p><b><u>Dog Bins:</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that he has been injured, but that the dog waste bins should be installed by the next meeting in June.</p>	Chairman

7.	<p><b><u>Community Orchard:</u></b></p> <p>It was advised that a Kenninghall Lands Trust meeting had been attended, and lots of information obtained. It was proposed that a Group is set up for the Community Orchard Group and a meeting attended, maybe late summer. The Kenninghall Lands Trust is a charity group under the Kenninghall Parish Council, and their annual Insurance Cost is £216.08 which they raised with a fundraiser. It was advised that the original purchase of land came from a fundraiser and then further land was purchased with a lottery grant. Clerk also advising that she has been in touch with the 'Tree Project' in respect of a grant for the orchard, and once we have a plan and revert to them, they will consider matters further.</p>	Chairman Dr Dalton
8.	<p><b><u>Banham Abattoir:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that a letter has been written to the Abattoir owners asking for their confirmation as to their intentions for the abattoir. No response from them at this time. Stephen Askew proposed to contact the Health &amp; Safety/Environmental Health Department at Breckland as they have a duty to ensure the area is safe. The Clerk will contact Breckland to see if they will contact the owners in respect of this.</p>	The Clerk
9.	<p><b><u>Highways/Street Lights/Footpaths/Ditches/Hedges:</u></b></p> <p>Stephen Askew advised that a meeting was held to discuss the ditches and flood prevention on Wash Lane. Highways have carried out investigations and there is a positive outlook to getting ditches cleared and discussions are taking place to form a plan on how to tackle flooding issues going forwards.</p> <p>Villager advising on the widening of Grove Road outside the Clayland Homes Development and asking if this will be corrected. At the moment the widening has just been filled with gravel. The Clerk agreeing to contact Clayland Homes to check that the area of road is 'finished off' as required and when this will take place.</p> <p>Missing Street Light on Grove Road: Clerk confirming that she has advised on where the replacement street light needs to be located and is awaiting confirmation that this has been agreed, and when the work will take place. Winfarthing Road Footpath is being made safe with a handrail being funded by Mr Stephen Askew. Awaiting a date as to when this will be taking place.</p> <p>Overgrown Hedges where Grove Road meets the C142. Greyhound Lane towards 'the Spong', Footpath 13. Back Lane is also becoming overgrown. The Clerk will contact Highways. Stephen Askew advising that Highways are due to start verge cutting in the very near future.</p>	The Clerk
10.	<p><b><u>Planning:</u></b></p> <p><b>3PL/2023/0232/HOU</b> – Farm View, Cherry Tree Road Discussed following previous confusions as to whether this was in Banham. Acknowledged that Application approved.</p> <p><b>3PL/2022/0972/F</b> - Land south of Kenninghall Road</p>	The Clerk Mr Drewrey

	<p>Discussed. Not really sure what the further application is for. What exactly is being changed? Need to review what the previous applications were for and what our comments were. The Clerk agreed to make an objection based around insufficient infrastructure and flooding.</p> <p><b>3PL/2022/0247/F</b> - Land to the north-east and south-west of Greyhound Lane Banham</p> <p>See 'Public Session'. The Clerk will confirm objection.</p> <p><b>3PL/2023/0350/F</b> - Land south of Kenninghall Road</p> <p>Retain stockpiles of soil on site following the completion of an archaeological investigation while the decision in respect of planning application 3PL/2022/0972/F is awaited. Mr Drewrey to review and the Clerk will proceed to make comment.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>Accounts:</u></b> Amounts agreed and approved for payment:</p> <p>To Pay:</p> <p>£ 10.00 - Clerks Expenses (Phone Top Up)  £370.00 - Grass Cutting CA Luckham  £145.00 – Small Hall Hire, Banham Community Centre</p> <p>(Automatic Direct Debit Payments)</p> <p>£ 44.00 - Street Light Maintenance – K&amp;M Lighting  £ 50.00 – Storage of Parish Council Property</p> <p>The Chairman proposed approving the items for payment; seconded by Mr Drewrey. Unanimous decision in favour.</p>	The Clerk
12.	<p><b><u>Chairman's any other business:</u></b> No other business.</p>	Chairman
13.	<p><b>Next Meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b></p>	