



BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Brattleby Parish Council (BPC) meeting held at the BSA Village Hall on Monday, 4th December 2023 at 19:15

Councillors present:

Chair - Councillor Stephen Morris (**SM**)

Councillor Mark Blackburn (**MB**)

Councillor Lynne Doyle (**LD**)

Councillor Pam Watson (**PM**)

Clerk: Nicki Walsh (**NW**)

Apologies: Councillor David Wright (**DW**)

In attendance: 5 members of the public – all residents of the parish of Brattleby

Agenda item	Action and by whom
1)	Apologies. See above.
2)	Declarations of interest and dispensations No declarations of interests were made, or dispensations announced.
3)	Minutes of previous meeting – the minutes of the last meeting (Sept 23) were approved as a true record.
4)	Matters arising: I. Action log – checked for progress. II. Cut out Cops – Bob vanished and WPC vandalised, it was noted that they did appear to impact on speeding motorists, but formal evaluation never took place due to the above. III. Sign under northern most camera also noted to be smashed.

	<p>IV. Councillors Boothroyd and Davies have been contacted about the speed issues with the village, proposing evaluation and reductions see Section 11</p>	
5)	<p>Public Session: Five members of the public attended all of whom live within the parish of Brattleby.</p> <p>Items raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Weight limit of vehicles coming through the village, agricultural vehicles cited in the main as an issue. ii. Speed limits within the village (see Section 11 of Minutes) focus on Back Lane iii. Drainage – see Section 12 – note made of issues on Back Lane with possible location of “Springs” also noted the lack of curbing and tarmac debonding (Post meeting note: Fix my street informed of potholes – repaired 8th February 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A suggestion made considering possible restrictions to Back Lane: weight, speed and delivery access. 	
6)	<p>Clerk’s report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Correspondence to clerk <p>No report was forth coming due to the former clerk leaving the village and the changeover period only commencing in September 23. (Post meeting note: confirming no emails received)</p>	
7)	<p>RFO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Financial Position – Strong _see BPC council website for latest reports. iii. Precept (power to raise money through the local Council Tax and have a duty to provide accounts. iv. BPC: 2023 was 3270 upped to 3500 for 2024 documents completed and signed. 	
8)	<p>Correspondence/ Council Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No correspondence had been received. Post meeting note – emails double checked – no correspondence 	
9)	<p>Trees & Conservation:</p> <p>Tree warden report (LD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. LD was thanks for her work sourcing and getting works completed on The Paddock, all agreed this looks much better. iii. Nothing to report (see Sept minutes for completed works) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Footpath near “old forge” (The Orchard) between East Lane and Back Lane, requires specialist services to maintain trees. v. Noted that whole area needs maintenance and pruning, PM is looking into costs and outsourcing this. 	
10)	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Nothing of note with regard to planning applications.</p> <p>Discussion took place again with regard to the rear of Corner Cottage. Work has currently ceased as the application has been withdrawn see link to documents Search the Planning Application Database West Lindsey District Council (west-lindsey.gov.uk). No change in the situation since September.</p> <p>There was some discussion about a possible building project off Back Lane – proposed by Field End House but it was considered that access issues would preclude this.</p>	
11)	<p>Highways. footpaths & signage speed Awareness law Enforcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Highways – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. The potholes outside Ashwell reported onto Fix my Street the bus shelter was reported to have been filled https://www.fixmystreet.com/ b) Footpaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. LD mentioned the growth of vegetation on the path next to the “Old Forge” i.e. the link path between East Lane and Back Lane – it was suggested by PW to ask a local contact if they might be able to support this. Post meeting note: this contact is not able to support due to workload commitments. c) Signage – East Lane needs a sign from both directions off the main road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Church sign needed. d) Speed awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. SM has been in contact with Highways to ask them to consider a speed reduction scheme throughout the village Due on 14th December 23 based in LCC Speed Limit Policy’s Tariff (see link to policy doc Adobe PDF - Speed Limit Policy (lincolnshire.gov.uk) Specifically page 8) which demonstrated that the Brattleby score demonstrates a need to reduce the overall limit. Report to next meeting II. Discussion took place around the speed signs into and out of the village. It was agreed these were dated and no longer fit for purchase. It was decided BPC should consider purchasing signs (Speed Indicator Device – SID) like those in Scampton and Cammeringham. Like for like funding has been acquired through WLDC, signs to be purchased (Post meeting note: these have now been purchased and erected 11/2/24) 	ALL

	<p>III. “Cut out Cops”- See Matters Arising. Discussion took place about purchasing another Bob.</p> <p>IV. Further discussion took place about the possibility of using a “gated village” approach to reducing speed through the village. These would need to be built and volunteers needed to maintain them.</p>	ALL						
12)	<p>Emergency planning & drainage:</p> <p>I. Following the unprecedented rain fall in October further extensive discussion took place about the state of the drainage network. Practical steps taken around clearing of drains and grills (especially of leaf debris)</p> <p>II. Sub-group to be formed to review the overall drainage within the village and adjacent areas which significant run off. (Action) up to 6 volunteers required to support this by considering current systems linked with local historical knowledge around flooding (Flood of 2007) with a view to a drainage plan been developed. Terms of reference of this group will include look at dykes, road drainage, affect of collapsed curbs etc. Report to be shared.</p>	ALL DW						
13)	<p>Village assets:</p> <p>I. These were listed and distributed with the previous minutes by the former clerk.</p> <p>II. On review this list was not found on PC lap top new list to be developed, including resources and storage. Will include the newly purchased picnic benches on the paddock. (Action)</p>	ALL						
14)	<p>St Cuthbert’s Church:</p> <p>I. Friends of St Cuthbert’s reported funding has been acquired to improve the fabric of the building, suggestions include- removing pews, addition of a kitchenette, toilet facilities and organ refurb, thus making the church the heart of the community once again. (Architect to be contacted)</p> <p>II. Windows to be cleaned and repaired.</p> <p>III. Pathways to be renewed.</p> <p>IV. Benches maintained.</p> <p>V. Energy bill issue discussed.</p> <p>VI. Forth coming events highlighted such as carol service.</p>							
15)	Review of Items for Action (see below for general council actions)							
16)	<p>Items for next meeting + date of next meeting (see end of Minutes for all meeting dates and times.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Future meetings</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Venue</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Monday, 4th March 2024</td> <td>19:15 for 19:30 start</td> <td>Brattleby, Aisthorpe and Scampton Village Hall (BAS VH)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Future meetings	Time	Venue	Monday, 4 th March 2024	19:15 for 19:30 start	Brattleby, Aisthorpe and Scampton Village Hall (BAS VH)	
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17)	<p>AOB</p> <p>i. Village Venture – it was agreed this was a helpful publication, signposting residents to services etc. Links to current edition to be put on WhatsApp group and BPC website. PW had been in contact with the Editor due to the lack of representation of Brattleby in the publication. A donation is to be made with advertising space as part of the arrangement which could be use as required by BPC. <i>Motion proposed by PW and Secoded by DW. (Action)</i></p> <p>ii. BPC Website - PW (current webmaster)</p> <p>iii. Water pump needs painting DW volunteered (Action)</p> <p>iv. 7000 Acres campaign was raised DW to chase up (Action)</p> <p>v. Defibrillator (and training) – a question was raised about who in the village had undergone training use an AED. A couple of those present had undergone this training how it was suggested this be looked at and perhaps either LIVES or St John be contacted do provide training for those who would like this. Also a register of those “certified” to use, might be worthwhile. (Action)</p> <p>vi. Battery not functioning, to explore replacement and warranty, NHS and BHF were all mentioned as to who might be the best resource to ensure this was fully functioning (Action)</p> <p>vii. Neighbourhood watch – questions arose as to if this was still relevant. Details of local contacts and scheme can be found here but is out of date: https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/153047/p-m-spencer-temp-21832 - JH at Shepherd’s Farm has expressed an interest in doing this. (Action)</p>	
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Future meetings	Time	Venue
Monday, 3 rd June 2024	19:15 for 19:30 start	Brattleby, Aisthorpe and Scampton Village Hall (BAS VH)
Monday, 2 nd September 2024	19:15 for 19:30 start	Brattleby, Aisthorpe and Scampton Village Hall (BAS VH)
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Meeting Action Log Dec 23

Agenda Item No	Action	Responsible individual (s)	Status	Comments/ solution

10 d (iii)	Purchase of new speed awareness signs	BPC	Complete	
12 ii	Drainage sub group	DW (councillor)	Awaiting report	
13 ii	Village assets record	BPC + clerk	Outstanding	
16 iii	Painting of village water pump	DW (councillor)	Outstanding	
16 vi	Status of 7000 acres	DW (councillor)	On-Going	
16 v	Defib training and register of individuals with competency	BPC	On-going	
16 vi	Defib battery	??	On-going	
16 vii	Neighbourhood watch	PW (councillor)		