



BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Brattleby Parish Council (BPC) Annual Village Meeting (AVM) held at the BSA Village Hall on Thursday, 30th May 2024 Commencing at 18:00

Councillors present:

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

Councillor - Lynne Doyle (**LD**)

Councillor - David Wright (**DW**)

Clerk: Nicki Walsh (**NW**)

In attendance: 4 members of the public – all residents of the parish of Brattleby

Agenda item	Action and by whom
1) Apologies: Councillor - Mark Blackburn (MB) Councillor - Pam Watson (PW)	
2) Declarations of interest and dispensations No declarations of interests were made, or dispensations announced.	All
3) Minutes of previous Village meeting held on 22 nd May 2023 were available and agreed as a being a true record. These are available on the Parish Council website.	NW & All
4) Matters arising: 1) Paddock – (NB this is owned by BPC- deeds show restrictive usage) i. Overgrown due to former contractor disappearing. A new contractor sourced in April this year, but it was felt that the debris left needed attention, although it was noted that some areas had been requested to be left to help plants naturalise. PW to be asked to contact to	ALL

ascertain his interpretation of what the job schedule was. In the interim discussion took place and Luke from 1 Slated Cottages was to be asked to undertake the work on the paddock. BPC's public liability would apply to support this. **Post meeting note:** this has been undertaken and an invoice for works received.

- ii. It was suggested that neighbourly cutting of verges outside properties should be encouraged.
- iii. A further suggestion was made for villagers, who are able to volunteer to support the maintenance of the paddock.
- iv. Power supply to paddock was considered to be likely to be too expensive.

2) Dog Bin – Both bin and metal post have now been removed.

3) RAF Scampton –

- i. It was felt that the news around the reduction of possible asylum seekers to be based at the former RAF site was positive and reassuring for residents.
- ii. The encampment near the gates at the top of Brattleby Hill was discussed **SM** reported that contact had been made with both Lincs Police and WLDC who confirmed there were issues with regards to its removal. **SM** stated that now the site is officially abandoned a clearance could take place.
- iii. It was recorded that the waste dumped at the top of Brattleby Hill has been reported on several occasions. **SM** to enquire what was happening.

4) Traffic and Traffic Calming – **SM** and **MB** teamed up to install the SIBs which seem to be having a positive effect on traffic entering the village.

5) Village Gates – no progress

6) Village News – Quiz night has been promoted.

7) Water pump – No action taken.

8) Cut out police-people– PC Bob vanished, and the WPC vandalised, it was noted that they did appear to impact on speeding motorists, but formal evaluation never took place due to the above.

9) Black and White Bollards – Historically these were erected to prevent vehicles parking on the verge which appeared as a layby. Still need action as untidy. **SM** to contact highways.

10) Back Lane Traffic - Back Lane was included in the walk round review of the village (LCC executive councillor and Councillor Richard Butroid) SM has tried to contact them again but to no avail.

11) 7000 Acres – BCP wrote to the external examiner on this project, but no response has been received at the time of the meeting.

12) Telephone Box – Looks much better following its coat of paint. See below re usage (**Defibrillator**)

13) Defibrillator - Battery not functioning effectively. **SM** suggested that the defib be moved to the telephone box where there is a supply of electricity (unmetered supply by British Gas and does appear in the BPC accounts) which will maintain the integrity of the battery as well as keep it out of extremely cold temperatures which again affects battery function **SM** to explore replacement battery cost and warranty.

14) Bus Shelter – cementing completed by Rob Doyle (looks considerably better)

15) Hedgerows - some hedges were overgrowing pavements and footpaths. Landowners/ residents needed to be encouraged to properly maintain these.

- i. It was noted that a hedge on Back Lane had been recently trimmed with an agricultural trimmer which had caused large splinters and debris to fly into surrounding gardens and onto Back Lane.

16) St Cuthberts – Work to commence looking at moving pews to enable the space to be come a more public space for community use. The current progress of this is unknown. Bins are now being collected both black and green.

17) Light Pollution - this remains an issue as more residents installed outside lighting that are left on “permanently” at night. The question of how to address the problem was discussed including more information on the impact for nature and residents. Ultimately there could be an issue of nuisance, but education/information was seen as the first step.

18) Election Embargo – Councillors are to always remain politically impartial during council business.

19) Drainage – a subgroup has formed lead by **DW**. A comprehensive report has been drawn up and will be shared. Permissions were sought by DW to authorise Timmins to undertake works identified in a previous walk round.

20) Village Assets – a register has now been completed and is held by **NW** as clerk. This not only details what the BPC own but also location and costings for insurance purposes.

Meeting closed at 8pm (PTO)

5)	<p>Date of next meeting of the AGM and Annual Village Meeting to be advised.</p> <p>See Website for Regular Council meeting dates– next agreed for 8th July 2024, changed from 3rd June due to the nearness of the AGM and AVM</p>	
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