



BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED Minutes of the Brattleby Parish Council (BPC) meeting

held at the BSA Village Hall on
Monday, 3rd February 2025 Commencing at 19:30

Councillors present:

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

Vice Chair - Councillor - Lynne Doyle (**LD**)

Councillor - Mark Blackbourn (**MB**)

Councillor - Pam Watson (**PW**)

Clerk and RFO: Nicki Walsh (**NW**)

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

In attendance: Five members of the public – all residents of the Parish of Brattleby

Agenda item	Action and by whom
1. Apologies. David Wright	
2. Declarations of interest and dispensations: Declaration of interest made by Councillor Pam Watson (PW) regarding her role as Business Manager for the Village Venture. No further declarations of interests were made, or dispensations announced.	

3.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting – the minutes of the last meeting (Dec 24) approved and will be uploaded to BPC website (PW).</p>	NW & All
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See relevant section within the Minutes 	
5.	<p>Public Session:</p> <p>Five members of the public attended all of whom live within the parish of Brattleby</p> <p>Items raised in order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Daffodils – Planting of spring bulbs in the village had been previously discussed quote received from Boston Bulbs Summer Varieties Shop Online Boston Bulbs Wholesale It was agreed this would be on the Action Plan for 25-26 and included in the budget. ii. Church Sign – SM has placed a request with WLDC for a sign at the end of Thorpe Lane iii. Bus Stop Sign – it was suggested that a sign be put in place for the Bus stop. SM to contact Stagecoach. iv. East Lane Sign – See previous minutes. One sign to remain. v. Brattleby Decorative Sign – South facing panel replaced. PW to enquire where image has been stored for the future should a replacement be needed. vi. Fly Tipping – it was agreed that this was a problem, and discussion took place as to preventative measures. See WLDC Fly-tipping West Lindsey 	

	<p>District Council for resources and ideas especially around the suggestion of BPC placing cameras at various sites. The cost of Approx £200 for both was discussed but postponed until April.</p> <p>vii. All other items covered by appropriate Section within the Minutes e.g. water management</p>	
6.	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p>i. Correspondence to Clerk - All correspondence of note had been shared with the BPC members and any relevant items picked up on the agenda.</p>	
7.	<p>RFO</p> <p>ii. Financial Position – Stable - see BPC council website for latest reports.</p> <p>iii. Budget for 25- 26 to be set by Chair and Clerk and presented for resolution at the next meeting.</p> <p>iv. Precept for 2025 has been set and forwarded.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence/ Council Matters:</p> <p>Nothing to report that is not an item on the agenda.</p>	
9.	<p>Trees & Conservation:</p> <p>i. Tree warden report (LD):</p> <p>ii. As per previous Minutes PW- raised concerns about the pink chestnut on the paddock. There are no records of any inspection. LD had spoken to WLDC's tree warden who confirmed this. LD emailed Councillor David Butroid (DB) and as yet has not had a reply.</p> <p>iii. The grass cutting agreement from LCC has been received for 25 26 this has increased (NW). The 24 25 payments will be with BPC by 1st April 2025.</p> <p>iv. PW – to contact contractors for estimates for the works which are covered by the LCC agreement and the additional cutting such as the Paddock and the footpath between Back Lane and East Lane.</p>	

	<p>. NW had received an email from Mary Storr who runs the Lincs Co-op Green Spaces Project. SM to contact to explore further.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Works continue to the rear of Corner Cottage. ii. Shepherd’s Farm had submitted two planning applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Windows on the front elevation to be replaced like for like – work has now been completed. b. Proposed extension of the main dwelling with a link corridor to a downstairs bedroom and ensuite which is currently a store and an extensive rebuild of pig styes which form the boundary with Ashwell and conversion into a car port and potting shed. Repurposing of the old barn again which forms a boundary with Ashwell which is in a very poor state of repair. This has been commented on by BPC and objected to by the Conservation Officer at WLDC, at the time of writing the overall decision was still pending. c. 7000 acres solar farm to ahead. Some concerns expressed about construction traffic. 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Highways. footpaths & signage speed Awareness law Enforcement (see sections below for each element):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Highways – Back Lane continues to have issues with potholes in various locations, Cllr DB during the village walk round undertaken in 2024 with SM had previously agreed this needed reviewing by LCC with a view to a possible resurface. ii. Footpaths – nothing to report. iii. Signage – See Public session. iv. Speed awareness – Following the speed assessment it was agreed that a 30 mph should be in place for the village. This is going to the relevant 	

	committee at WLDC on 10 th February. Post meeting note that this had been agreed and was now in the required 28-day public consultation period.	
12.	<p>Emergency planning & drainage:</p> <p>i. Concerns still remain following further recent heavy rain about the effectiveness of the ditch behind Back Lane and specifically the properties Robindale and Field End House. Discussion took place about the levels and a weir that was supposed to have been put in. DW (not at the meeting but advised via WhatsApp) that Timmins could still put in the originally suggested weir to help with levels. It was unclear as to whether this was part of the original Scheme of work and therefore no further cost implications for BPC (DW to further advice). It was suggested that the Working Party should be reformed to support this.</p>	DW
13.	<p>Village assets:</p> <p>i. The inventory of assets and location is now available on the BPC website. SM to check BPC laptop included.</p> <p>ii. It was noted that the Paddock gates are heavy and very stiff, and MB agreed to look.</p> <p>iii. Defibrillator. Notification of position change to telephone on East Lane to be promoted in the Village Venture; this will advise of the cabinet code band emphasise that 999 must be called in the first instance so emergency medical help can be on the way.</p> <p>a) Training for use was discussed. NW to explore options: Post Meeting note Free training available at Learn CPR in 15 minutes RevivR BHF - BHF</p>	MB PW
14.	<p>St Cuthbert's Church:</p> <p>i. Still awaiting architect's report with a view to proposed work.</p> <p>ii. Church Stonework needs attention Diocese of Lincoln advised.</p>	

15.	Review Action Log reviewed and to be updated	All																		
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17.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SM advised of the reduction to funding for policing across Lincolnshire. A general discussion took place about both the local and wider implications of this. ii. General Accounts Policy (new) This was shared at the December meeting and was agreed by MB and LD. To be posted on BPC website. iii. LD asked about the annual walk round risk assessment. SM to review policy and advise. 	PW																		