



BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Unapproved Notes of the Brattleby Parish Council (BPC) meeting

held at the BSA Village Hall on
Monday, 23rd June 2025 Commencing at 19:30

Councillors present:

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

Vice Chair - Councillor - Lynne Doyle (LD) chaired the meeting

Councillor - Mark Blackburn (**MB**)

Councillor - Pam Watson (**PW**)

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

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

Agenda item		Action and by whom
1.	Apologies: None received	
2.	Declarations of interest and dispensations: Standing - 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.	Minutes of previous meeting – the minutes of the last meeting (March 25) approved and will be uploaded to BPC website (PW).	NW & All

4.	Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See relevant section within the Minutes 	
5.	Public Session: Six members of the public attended all of whom live within the parish of Brattleby and are on the electoral register. Items raised in order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Church Sign – SM has placed a request with WLDC for a sign at the end of Thorpe Lane. It was suggested that the Friends of St Cuthbert's also contact WLDC and/or LCC. ii. Paddock Stone walls – the status of the walls were discussed. In many areas there is considerable growth of vegetation which has the potential to threaten the integrity of the wall. It was agreed that members of the parish would look at removing some of the less embedded vegetation (MB) and (PW) to ask George to assess a section which is badly overgrown in terms of removal of vegetation and possible rebuilding of the wall. This will then determine if other parts of the wall need rebuilding. iii. Concern was expressed about dog fouling in public areas in the village. This was noted, all dog owners to be encouraged to pick up any faeces in a timely way and dispose in the bins provided. Note to go on to the Village WhatsApp group (SM). 	LD
6.	Clerk's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Correspondence to Clerk; no written correspondence received since the meeting on 10th March. - All correspondence of note received via email had been shared with the BPC members and any relevant items picked up on the agenda. 	
7.	RFO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Financial Position – Healthy - see BPC council website for latest reports. 	

	<p>iii. NW requested payment be authorised for the latest invoice from BSA village hall, printer ink for BPC purposes and software update for the BPC laptop. Agreed by Council</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>➤ Tree warden's report (LD):</p> <p>i. As per previous Minutes PW- raised concerns about the pink chestnut on the paddock. It was agreed this should be reviewed by an arborist. LD to source quotes.</p> <p>ii. A significant number of mature poplar trees have been felled by the local landowners. The Forestry Commission have confirmed that the appropriate licence was issued for this work with a condition to replant (see below), this only covers Horse Covert. Further information on felling licences can be found at Felling Licence Applications England Forestry Commission Open Data website.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Nick Goddard Woodland Officer Tree Health</p> <p>Forestry Commission The felling of woodland at Horse Covert and adjacent to the B1398 was granted a felling licence, under ref 017/654/2024, and as such is authorised. There is a requirement in said licence for the landowner to restock the two woodland compartments with new planting of native broadleaved trees.</p> </div> <p>iii. Grass cutting now underway on a regular basis. 3 cuts as per LCC requirement along main road agreed. Paddock grass and between East and Back Lane as required which is approx. every 2-3 weeks. Paddock grass to be cut before village BBQ on 12th July.</p> <p>iv. Daffodils – Planting of spring bulbs in the village had been previously discussed. It was agreed this would be on the Action</p>	

	Plan for 25-26 and included in the budget. LD to review possible suppliers including local suppliers such as Scothern Nurseries. To be brought to the September Meeting for resolution.	
10.	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Works continue to the rear of Corner Cottage. Comment made about the possible inclusion of a games room and some Shepherds' huts which could be rented out on AirBnB. This would have implications to the users of the Lane and constitute a change of purpose. WLDC Planning portal to be monitored. ii. Shepherd's Farm had submitted two planning applications: approved with conditions. iii. Planning received for St Cuthbert's Church. Concern expressed by the Friend of St Cuthberts at the repositioning (advised by Diocese of Lincoln) of the composting toilet and therefore BPC to file objections due to the nearness of consecrated ground. See West-Lindsey Public Portal 	
11.	<p>Highways, Footpaths, Signage, Speed Awareness and Law Enforcement (see sections below for each element):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Highways – Back Lane problems remain. ii. Footpaths – nothing to report. iii. Signage – Sign to St Cuthbert's still to be sourced. iv. Speed Awareness – the 30-mph limit was confirmed after a period of consultation. SM asked when the new signs would be in place. LCC stated this might take 2-3 months. SM had suggested the old signs could be moved with immediate effect, but LCC considered this unacceptable. SM was thanked by all for his perseverance with the speed limit. v. Village Gates now in place and MB and LD's husband were thanked for their hard work. 	

12.	<p>Emergency planning & drainage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Concern remains as to the functionality of the drain at the corner of Back Lane near to Garden House. It was noted that a previous survey conducted by the Parish Council had revealed that this flowed into a chamber under the garden of Garden House which was found to have tree roots penetrating (date of this survey unknown but followed the floods in 2007). This drain has been reported again to LCC who's responsibility it is to maintain, and report adopted roads such as Back Lane. ii. Drainage in the village to be monitored regularly. 	
13.	<p>Village assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The inventory of assets and location to be reworked to match other BPC policies and upload to the website 	NW & PW
14.	<p>St Cuthbert's Church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A complaint had been received about the state of hedges near the church this was not supported as there are no roadside hedges which belong to the church. ii. It was asked if the church could be left open or at least have a key in a pin coded safe. This would be considered with insurers consulted due to risks of break in etc. 	
15.	Review Action Log reviewed and to be updated (copy to be sent to NW)	All
16.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. New County Councillor to be invited to one of the next meetings – Paul Wimhurst. ii. SM suggest a flower trough be placed near the new white fences on the access road to the village it was agreed this would be a nice idea and offer a further indication to drivers that they were entering a village. Permissions would need to be sought from LCC Highways (SM to review). 	<p>NW</p> <p>SM</p>

	<p>iii. SM suggested a bench on the triangle near the village sign (further consideration and ideas welcome)</p> <p>iv. Village picnic arranged for 12th July (WhatsApp pole used to establish numbers). Bread being sourced from HOME Vine's Bakery Lincolnshire's Artisan Bakery.</p> <p>v. SM to look at the disposal and/or reuse of the reflective markers removed from the north end of the village.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:30</p>										
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