



BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes (1st Dec 25) of the Brattleby Parish Council (BPC) meeting
held at the BSA Village Hall on
Monday, 22nd September 2025 Commencing at 19:30

Councillors present:

Chair - Stephen Morris (**SM**)

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

Pam Watson (**PW**)

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

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

Lincolnshire County Councillor - Paul Wimhurst (**LCC/PW**) joined the meeting at 20:00 – contact details to be shared:

[Councillor details - Councillor Paul Charles Wimhurst](#)

Agenda item		Action by whom
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Councillor - Mark Blackbourn (MB)</p> <p>Councillor David Wright has formally resigned via email to the members and Clerk. This has been accepted and due process regarding election commenced. NW to inform Electoral Services at WLDC</p>	NW

	<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.	<p>RFO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Financial Position – Healthy - see BPC council website for latest reports. iii. NW requested payment be authorised for the latest invoice from Nigel Heather for Grass Cutting and Software update for BPC laptop. Approved by Councillors PW and LD 	
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. As per previous Minutes PW- concerns had been raised about the pink chestnut on the paddock. LD sourced two quotes, presented at the meeting and agreed to go with an arborist who will remove the dead from the tree and survey the remaining trees on the Paddock including the Ash at the South end. Costings agreed (SM and PW) work to commence on 4th December. ii. Trees on main road through village have now all been tidied by the landowners. All agreed this looks much better. 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 between April and November. iv. Daffodils – Planting of spring bulbs in the village had been previously discussed. LD reviewed suppliers. Purchase agreed from Boston Bulbs and volunteers to help plant will be asked for before the end of November 2025. Sites will be allocated at the November meeting (Action) 	All

10.	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Oak House Planning application received and with BPC putting an objection citing over development of the plot. Other objections were noted by residents; however, permission was granted. ii. Planning received for St Cuthbert's Church. Concern expressed by the Friends of St Cuthberts at the repositioning (advised by Diocese of Lincoln) of the composting toilet and therefore BPC filed an objection due to the nearness of consecrated ground. A new site has been allocated but it is unclear if this will go ahead due to funding. iii. The second building on the site near Corner Cottage has not received planning permission. Work has ceased on this but SM to follow up. 	SM
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. LCC/PW agreed to investigate this situation to see if anything more long-term could be done to keep the road maintained. 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/PW to chase this up and get back to the PC. 	
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 	

	<p>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.</p> <p>LCC/PW to chase up (<i>Post meeting note: this work would be commenced by Highways on 15th December with works expected to last approx. 3 days</i>).</p> <p>ii. Drainage in the village to be monitored regularly.</p>	
13.	<p>Village assets:</p> <p>i. The inventory of assets and location to be reworked to match other BPC policies and upload to the website</p>	NW & PW
14.	<p>St Cuthbert's Church:</p> <p>i. Trees in the church yard had been tidied.</p>	
15.	Review Action Log reviewed and to be updated (copy to be sent to NW)	All
16.	<p>AOB</p> <p>i. SM suggested a bench on the triangle near the village sign this was agreed and costed at Approx £265 + VAT confirmed by LD and PW. Bench to be ordered by NW</p> <p>ii. Village Bonfire arranged for 8th November PW to confirm arrangements for bonfire building and lighting via WhatsApp.</p> <p>iii. Pot grown Christmas Tree agreed for the village SM to source. <i>Post meeting note: there would be a cut tree this year donated by one of the parishioners and a rooted tree would be planted via the same donor.</i></p> <p>iv. New BPC emails to be put in place due to changes in security issues in 2026.</p> <p>v. LP was welcomed to the meeting as a representative of the main landowners. It was agreed by all that open dialogue was key moving forward.</p>	<p>NW</p> <p>PW</p>

	<p>a) Discussion took place around the issues of safety around the reservoirs which have now been temporarily closed due to these concerns and risks.</p> <p>b) The theft of wood nearby had been reported to the police.</p> <p>c) The owners are looking to improve access to the land both for walkers and in terms of bridleways.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:00</p>	
17.	Date and times of future meetings TBC	