

## **BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL**

## Approved Minutes (1<sup>st</sup> Dec 25) of the Brattleby Parish Council (BPC) meeting held at the BSA Village Hall on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

2.	Declarati	ions of interest and dispensations:	
		- Declaration of interest made by Councillor Pam Watson ( <b>PW</b> ) regarding her role as Manager for the Village Venture.	
	No furthe	r declarations of interests were made, or dispensations announced.	
3.		of previous meeting – the minutes of the last meeting (June 25) were approved and loaded to BPC website (PW).	NW & All
4.	Matters a	ee relevant section within the Minutes	
5.		ession:  nbers of the public attended all of whom live within the Parish of Brattleby and are on oral register.	
	Items rais	water pump – Slated Cottages, School Lane. This is in a poor state regarding vegetation and paint work. To be looked at with a view to maintenance (Action).	ALL
	ii.	Paddock Stone walls – the status of the walls was discussed. In many areas, there is considerable growth of vegetation which has the potential to threaten the integrity of the wall. PW to ask George to assess the section which is badly overgrown (School Lane) in terms of removal of vegetation and possible rebuilding of the wall following the removal of vegetation. Costings approved SM and LD.	PW
	iii.	Weed killing next to the fence between Back Lane and School Lane. This is Parish land and therefore <b>SM</b> will write to the residents who own the new fence to establish what type of weed killer was used ( <b>Action</b> ). <b>PW</b> will ask the village grass contractor to clear up some of the dead vegetation with the above residents being asked to remove the rest.	SM PW
6.	Clerk's ro	eport:	

	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		
	ii.	Financial Position – Healthy - see BPC council website for latest reports.	
	iii.	<b>NW</b> 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.	Correspo	ondence/ Council Matters:	
		Nothing to report that is not an item on the agenda.	
9.	Trees & 0	Conservation:	
	> Tr	ree warden's report (LD):	
	i.	As per previous Minutes <b>PW</b> - concerns had been raised about the pink chestnut on	
		the paddock. <b>LD</b> 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 4 <sup>th</sup> December.	
	ii.	Trees on main road through village have now all been tided by the landowners. All	
		agreed this looks much better.	
	:::	Cross sutting pour underway on a regular basis. 2 outs as part CC requirement	
	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.	Planning:		
	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 <b>SM</b> to follow up.	SM
11.	Highways	s, Footpaths, Signage, Speed Awareness and Law Enforcement (see sections	
	below for	each element):	
	i.	<b>Highways</b> – Back Lane problems remain. <b>LCC/PW</b> 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.	Emergen	cy planning & drainage:	
	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 (data of this survey unknown	
		House which was found to have tree roots penetrating (date of this survey unknown	

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		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.	
		LCC/PW to chase up (Post meeting note: this work would be commenced by	
		Highways on 15 <sup>th</sup> December with works expected to last approx. 3 days).	
		ii. Drainage in the village to be monitored regularly.	
13.	Villag	e assets:	
		<ol> <li>The inventory of assets and location to be reworked to match other BPC policies and upload to the website</li> </ol>	NW &
14.	St Cu	thbert's Church:	
		i. Trees in the church yard had been tided.	
15.	Revie	w Action Log reviewed and to be updated (copy to be sent to NW)	All
16.	AOB		
	i.	SM suggested a bench on the triangle near the village sign this was agreed and	
		costed at Approx £265 + VAT confirmed by <b>LD</b> and <b>PW</b> . Bench to be ordered by <b>NW</b>	NW
	ii.	Village Bonfire arranged for 8 <sup>th</sup> November <b>PW</b> to confirm arrangements for bonfire building and lighting via WhatsApp.	PW
	iii.	Pot grown Christmas Tree agreed for the village <b>SM</b> to source. <i>Post meeting note</i> :	
		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.	
		New BPC emails to be put in place due to changes in security issues in 2026.	
	iv.	New bir o citialis to be put in place due to changes in security issues in 2020.	
	iv.	LP was welcomed to the meeting as a representative of the main landowners. It was	

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