



BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

Unapproved Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held at the BSA Village Hall on 12th May 2025 Commencing at 19:30

Officers present:

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

Clerk: Nicki Walsh (**NW**)

In attendance: 8 members of the public – all residents of the parish of Brattleby including the Councillors below.

Agenda item	Action and by whom
1) In attendance as Parishioners of Brattleby Councillor - Lynne Doyle (LD) Councillor - Mark Blackbourn (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 30 th May 2024 were available and agreed as a being a true record. These are available on the Parish Council website.	NW & All
4) Chair's report: During the last year your Parish Council has. ✓ Fitted a new defibrillator in a heated and illuminated box, the old telephone box, East Lane.	SM ALL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Employed a contractor to dig out dyke at rear of village, design and remodelling flow at southern end to aid drainage from fields to the south and east. ✓ Successfully petitioned Lincolnshire County Council and obtained a reduction in speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph for the B1398 through the village. ✓ Helped with summer picnic and bonfire party. ✓ Organised grass cutting within the village, paddock and side roads. ✓ Maintained a watch on the condition of roads, trees, verges and drainage and petitioning West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council Highways to provide maintenance and repairs. ✓ Held discussions with CEO of Lincolnshire Showground to improve traffic management during events ✓ Conducted road safety awareness <p>Suggestions for 2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ White picket fencing to be installed on main road adjacent to and around the north and south main speed signs of village. (note, materials purchased and working party to shortly complete this) ➤ Condition of surface of Back Lane is poor, resurface? ➤ Surface water drainage in Back Lane, School Lane and East Lane require action. ➤ Signage for The Church. ➤ Improve spring and summer flower beds within village. (Native Daffodils) ➤ Village suggestion box. ➤ Organise a village skip. ➤ Ivy removal working party. 	
5)	<p>Chair's Thanks:</p> <p>Names not included due to GDPR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The litter picking volunteers who have done amazing job of keeping village clean and tidy. ❖ For the acquisition of the new village sign to replace the sun faded one. For supplying the buns and cakes at the village picnic. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ For organising the new village gates and making and painting them saving the Parish what could have been a significant cost. ❖ For helping with village picnic and village quiz and unlike Canute standing with his trusty brush refusing to give in to the torrents of water from Back Lane. ❖ For taking charge and organising the contractor, obtaining permission to change the layout of the dyke to help clear surface water from the south and east of the village. ❖ Numerous residents who have gone above and beyond in showing good neighbourly spirit in the village. cleaning out drains, helping investigate problems, 	
6)	<p>Public Session</p> <p>Items in the order presented (please see approved Minutes on the BPC website for further information of progress) Homepage – Brattleby Parish Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Quiz (21st June commencing at 17:30) – Flyers have been circulated via the Village What’s App Group and the notice board in the Bus shelter 2) Water pump restoration – no progress 3) 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. White fencing to be added to enhance the feel for motorists of entering a village. 4) 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. 5) Black and White Bollards – Historically these were erected to prevent vehicles parking on the verge which appeared as a layby. To be removed. 6) Back Lane Traffic - Back Lane was included in the walk round review of the village (LCC executive and Former County Councillor Richard Butroid) SM has tried to contact them again but to no avail. Proposal to contact new County Councillor Paul Wimhurst (post meeting note Paul has agreed to attend the BPC meeting on 22nd September) 7) 7000 Acres –site to the East of Village has planning but is now up for sale. 	

- 8) **Defibrillator** – new defib installed in old telephone box on East Lane – thanks to **SM** for getting this sorted. Old defib' removed from Bus Shelter and to be donated to The Andrew Kemp Memorial Community Defibrillator Fund **SM** to arrange.
- 9) **Bus Shelter** – BPC notice board in situ.
- 10) **Hedgerows** - some hedges were overgrowing pavements and footpaths through the village. Landowners and residents needed to be encouraged to properly maintain these. LCC aware and have issued notices for those overhanging the B1398. Hedge or Tree issues can be reported via [Report a hedge or tree problem – Lincolnshire County Council](#)
- 11) **The Paddock** –
- i. The personnel gate is hard to open **MB** to look at this.
 - ii. The wooden fencing is beginning to rot and again **MB** offered to look at this.
 - iii. Grass cutting arranged for 2025 to be reviewed annually, and tenders sourced due to increasing costs.
 - iv. Stone walls starting to become overgrown and in a state of disrepair. Goerge to be asked to review with regard to the essential maintenance needed as these are a key feature of Brattleby's Neighbourhood plan [Brattleby Neighbourhood Plan | West Lindsey District Council](#)
 - v. Suggestions on other ways to use the Paddock, other than the Annual Quiz, Picnic and Bonfire:
 - i. Bring and Buy
 - ii. Produce Show / Brattleby Show
- 12) **St Cuthberts** – Planning permissions have been applied for see WLDC's Planning portal.
- 13) **Signage** – village sign and church. The new fascia of the village sign is looking good. **SM** to chase up the sign to the Church.
- 14) **Drainage** –works have been carried out funded by the BPC. This is an ongoing issue for the village and a Sub Committee has been suggested to monitor the situation.

	<p>15) Village Assets – a register has now been completed and is held by NW as Clerk and published on the Website. This not only details what BPC own but also location and costings for insurance purposes see Homepage – Brattleby Parish Council</p> <p>16) Website – how many use the site? PW and NW to ascertain this and to seek out further training around website utility and maintenance</p> <p>17) Suggestions are welcome from all Parishioners on how we can continue to make Brattleby a lovely village to live in. Further suggestions can be made at any of the Parish Council Meetings or to the Clerk: Brattleby Clerk brattlebyclerk@gmail.com</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:30 hrs</p>	
7)	<p>Date of next meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting to be advised.</p> <p>See Website and notice board in the Bus Shelter for Regular Council meeting dates</p>	