

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.00pm
in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom**

Present: Keith Bardon (Chair)
Stephen Atkinson
Sandra Coates
Katherine Lakes
Chris Richardson
John Stones
Sam Waddell
Elizabeth Whitfield
Sharon Wright
Victoria Chapman (Clerk)
Cllr Jonathan Bibb (Ward Councillor)

Apologies: Adrian Olsen (Vice Chair) and Aidan Clarke

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the last annual meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 were approved on Monday 12th May 2025.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024/25

As ever it would seem, the Parish Council has had a busy year. Our agendas have been full dealing with local matters and engaging with the outside world on behalf of the Brandesburton community.

I extend my thanks and gratitude to my fellow councillors for their hard work and dedication. During the year we were pleased to welcome Sharon Wright to the Council and we bid a fond farewell to Maggie Mossford who sadly resigned on health grounds after many years of service. Our Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Victoria Chapman, has continued to provide an essential support service and to modernise our systems and procedures. Improvements such as online accounts and banking have been much appreciated as we seek to improve our efficiency and keep costs down.

Reluctantly, the Council has had to raise the level of our precept to cope with rising operational costs and the imposition of national insurance. Nevertheless, we remain one of the least costly Parish Councils in the county, adding just 1.3% to the overall council tax bill for parish residents. We are pleased to have been able to attract external grants to supplement the precept. These grants have enabled us to support local groups and organisations and to improve services and facilities. With a significant grant from the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, we have invested in a CCTV system designed to combat anti-social behaviour and damage to equipment in the village play park. We hope that, despite the considerable ongoing cost to the Parish Council, the improved safety and security will prove beneficial and worthwhile. A monitoring contract with East

Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) will be reviewed at the end of the year to assess cost-effectiveness.

The Parish Council continues to be grateful to Les Watts for his efforts in keeping litter under control in the play park and around the village. Litter, as in other parts of the country, is a constant problem and as ever, we ask residents and visitors to respect our environment and use bins where provided or take their litter home with them.

Our work throughout the year has, among other things, included:

- Maintaining the grass cutting contract for work around the village
- Allotments administration and maintenance
- The provision of new all-weather picnic benches and repairs in the play park
- Cleaning of the War Memorial
- Further minor repairs to the Market Cross
- Provision of a new defibrillator

Importantly, the Parish Council has accepted the role of Custodian Trustee for the Parish Hall and a number of councillors have joined the management committee. We hope to see the facility grow and become a more important hub promoting community involvement and development. As such we were pleased to support events such as the VE Day celebrations. We recognise that traffic management remains an issue of concern in the village. We will continue to lobby and liaise with ERYC to make improvements wherever possible. A new 'Community Speed Watch' initiative organised by the Parish Council will begin later in the year and consultations regarding Main Street, Boardman Lane and the A165 traffic issues are ongoing.

Finally, as stated in previous reports, the Parish Council is always pleased to receive feedback and suggestions from residents. Its mission remains to serve the community and improve the environment of Brandesburton.

Keith Bardon