

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.00pm
in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom**

Present: Adrian Olsen (Chair)
Aidan Clarke (Vice Chair)
Victoria Chapman (Clerk/RFO)
Stephen Atkinson
Bob Clarke
Sandra Coates
Katherine Lakes
Chris Richardson
John Stones
Sam Waddell
Sharon Wright

Apologies: Received from Elizabeth Whitfield and Cllr Jonathan Owen (Ward Councillor)

Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the last annual meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 were approved on Monday 11th May 2026.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025/26

The Parish Council has completed another busy year, as we continue to provide statutory consultee comments on planning matters. A total of 29 planning applications were received and commented on, including 17 full, and 2 outline planning applications. We continue to engage with ERYC on behalf of village residents, notably Highways and Streetscene, where various issues have been identified and reported. We will continue to lobby ERYC to improve our roads and pavements, which have not seen maintenance for some considerable time. Church Drive requires regular potholing, and the Parish Council has urged ERYC to seek a more long-term solution to this well used access road. Similarly, the pavement on New Road and Starcarr Lane are in desperate need of maintenance and ERYC have committed to undertake this work over the coming financial year.

In November, we said farewell to Professor Bardon, who served as Chairman from May 2021 to November 2025. In December, I was elected as Chair, with Aidan Clarke elected as Vice Chair. We also welcomed a new addition, as Bob Clarke was co-opted onto the Parish Council. I would like to thank everyone for their continued dedication to the village; it is a pleasure to work with you all.

In October, the Parish Council consulted residents living on Boardman Lane, Boardman Park, Cross Hill, Aldermans Way and a handful of Main Street residents with rear access onto Boardman Lane, to canvass their views on introducing a traffic regulation order to effectively stop Boardman Lane from being used as a cut-through. Following years of complaints about speeding down Cross Hill and Boardman Lane, an idea was brought to the Parish Council to make this route access only. Residents were broadly supportive, recognising the need to reduce speeding, and a number of residents provided feedback to the Parish Council, which was summarised and shared with ERYC Traffic

Managements. The Parish Council are still awaiting ERYCs response to the consultation, alongside other Traffic Management issues, including HGV movements and the A165 crossing point to the Parish Hall and recreational grounds.

With rising costs associated with the Parish Council, an increase in the Precept from £20,000 to £22,000 was decided in January, however Brandesburton remains one of the lowest parishes in the county. Assertion 10 requirements will increase our 2026 expenditure; however future year IT costs will be broadly in-line with our incumbent website provider; Vision ICT. Aubergine has been appointed as the new website provider for the Parish Council, ensuring our website and Parish Council email addresses are hosted on a gov.uk domain. Both are anticipated to Go Live in June.

The village playpark continues to provide enjoyment to our younger population, which is well used throughout the year. CCTV installed the previous year has reduced reports of antisocial behaviour and there has only been one report of damage in the last 12 months, with the metal spring supporting one of the reindeers finally giving way after years of use. The Parish Council are taking this as an opportunity to review the 2 legacy pieces of play equipment, which pre-dates the 2021 refurb by at least 20 years. We are in the early phase of replacing these items with something more modern, and hopefully, more robust.

Les Watts continues to provide an essential service in the village, keeping on top of litter, which is a never-ending task. The Parish Council are forever grateful to Mr Watts for his continued service and urge residents and visitors to respect our beautiful village, by disposing of litter responsibly.

A community speed watch group was established in June 2025, co-ordinated by our Vice Chair, Aidan. A number of 'problem' areas have been identified, and more than 20 letters have been issued by Humberside Police, after motorists were reported to be driving in excess of the legal speed limit. It is hoped that this initiative will reduce the prevalent problem of speeding on village roads.

A final thank you goes to Victoria Chapman, our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, who continues to keep the Parish Council operating efficiently and complying with the never-ending cycle of statutory changes and submissions.

The Parish Council is always happy to engage with residents and welcome feedback and suggestions about how we can improve our village and community, for everyone.

Adrian Olsen