



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday 10 December 2025 commencing at 6pm held in Brantham Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllrs Mal Bridgeman (Chair), R Chamberlain, L Cherry, M Clark, C Donaldson, J Heywood, A McCraw and E Osben.

Also in attendance: S Keys (Clerk)

PC 12.25.16 - OPENING INCLUDING STATEMENT

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6pm and thanked all for attending. **The Chair noted apologies from Cllr Chatfield and Cllr Edevane, these apologies were approved by the Council, aif.**

A statement was then read out by the Chair indicating that, in accordance with legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is on the Council's [website](#).

The Chair reminded the public that a Council meeting is not a public meeting, it is a meeting conducted in public. Members of the public, the press, and District, Borough or County Councilors are invited to attend our meetings and contribute during the public forum. Comments from the public during the remainder of the meeting should be by invitation from the Chair only.

PC 12.25.17 – IN CAMERA ITEM

- a) To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed – **Cllr Cherry proposed that the meeting was closed to the public, this was seconded by Cllr Chamberlain, aif.**
- b) To provide an update on discussions with local landowner ref. affordable housing – The Chair provided an overview of a meeting between a local landowner, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, Cllr Clark, and the Clerk, at which potential local sites for affordable housing were discussed. The Chair reported that, following this meeting, a representative from Flagship (the Council's affordable housing partner) met with the landowner to explore possible options. As a result, the landowner offered to sell a parcel of land which had been previously discounted in discussions between BPC, BDC and CAS, to Flagship for the purpose of delivering affordable housing.
- c) To note correspondence received from Flagship – the Council noted the comments received from Flagship ref. this proposal and the possibility of including allotments in this proposal.
- d) To note comments received from Babergh DC Planning Department – the Council noted the comments from Babergh DC including the recommendation that Flagship proceed with a pre-application submission.
- e) To consider/agree next steps – following discussion **Cllr Bridgeman proposed that the Council asked Flagship to submit a pre-application submission so that the viability of the proposed location could be assessed, this was seconded by Cllr Cherry, aif. (ACTION – Clerk)**

PC 12.25.18 – DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – all taking place at Brantham Village Hall

- a) Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 07 January 2025, 7pm
- b) Finance Committee meeting – Wednesday 28 January 2025, 7pm