

**Paper 1** – Co-option to the Council

From: Catherine Donaldson  
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 4:53 PM  
To: clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk  
Subject: Joining the Parish Council?

Hi Sarah,

I understand you currently have spaces on the parish council and wondered if I might be considered to join?

I lived in the village for most of my childhood and still own a property on Rowley Close that I will be moving back into in September.

I am interested in local issues / politics and would be interested in getting more involved with the local community.

I hope that my background in Commercial Leadership and Organisational development might have provided me with some transferable skills ( decision making / team working / business acumen etc) that would be useful in becoming a member of the parish council.

Please do let me know what the process is from here.

Hope to hear from you soon

Cathie Donaldson

**Paper 2 – Expenditure to be approved****Agenda Item PC 09.23.09**

The integrity of the Council's finances is to be protected by two of the three signatories checking and reviewing the invoices for payment for which they will have seen an original copy.

Within the Council's Financial Regulations (4.1) – expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget or where prior approval has been given for such expenditure to be incurred (i.e. under contractual agreements)

Such authority is to be evidenced by a Minute or by an authorisation slip duly signed by the Clerk and where necessary also by the appropriate Chair. Invoices will only be processed for payment by the Parish Clerk once she is satisfied that the payment sums match the invoices produced.

Accounts submitted for payment – Current Account

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
BMCIC	LPF Maintenance Contribution	CHQ – 003488	259.00		259.00
D. Hyatt	BOS costs	CHQ – 003489	185.58		185.58
Brantham Cricket Club	Donation as per FC 08.23.05	CHQ – 003490	150.00		150.00
SALC	Training – Understanding Precepts	CHQ – 003491	17.00	3.40	20.40
D. Childs	July Grounds Maintenance – invoice 1685	CHQ – 003492	285.00		285.00
D. Childs	August Grounds Maintenance – invoice TBC	CHQ – 003492	TBC		TBC
KOMPAN	Play equipment – GPL & Merriam Close (Inv. No.s 247627 & 24768	CHQ - 003493	23,000.00	4599.99	27,599.99
PKF LittleJohn	2022-23 External Audit	CHQ 003494	420.00	84.00	504.00

Presented by:..... Sarah Keys, Responsible Finance Officer

Countersigned by:..... Chair to the Parish Council

All payments authorised under The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

**Note:** Council resolved at the 2023 Annual Meeting that it met the eligibility conditions, and this continues right through until the next relevant annual meeting which will be May 2027. This is regardless of whether the Council continues to meet those conditions for the duration, (para 7.12 of the Explanatory Memorandum to The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 refers.

The integrity of the Council's finances is to be protected by two of the four signatories checking and reviewing the invoices for payment for which they will have seen a copy.

The authority is to be determined by; \* the council for all items over £800; \* the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below £800. Such authority is to be evidenced by a minute or by an authorisation slip duly signed by the Clerk, and where necessary also by the appropriate Chairman.

**Accounts Paid since 05 July 2023**

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
S. Keys	August 2023 Salary & Office costs	BACS	1594.61		1594.61
T. Bird	August 2023 Litter picker salary	BACS	297.92		297.92
P. Wainwright	August 2023 Litter picker salary	BACS	247.83		247.83
S. Keys	July 2023 Salary & Office costs	BACS	1594.61		15694.61
T. Bird	July 2023 Litter picker salary	BACS	297.92		297.92
P. Wainwright	July 2023 Litter picker salary	BACS	247.83		247.83
Microsoft	Monthly Subscription Charges – August 2023	DD	8.60	1.72	10.32
Microsoft	Monthly Subscription Charges – July 2023	DD	8.60	1.72	10.32
Brantham Village Hall	Support for running costs – August 2023	BACS	250.00		250.00
Brantham Village Hall	Support for running costs – July 2023	BACS	250.00		250.00
NEST	Parish Clerk Pension contribution (month 5)	Debit Card	95.01		95.01
NEST	Parish Clerk Pension contribution (month 4)	Debit Card	95.01		95.01
NEST	Parish Clerk Pension contribution (month 3)	Debit Card	115.54		
Babergh District Council	Parish Election charges	Debit Card	204.23		204.23
Fone Tech	50% contribution towards cost of Clerk's broken phone screen	Debit Card	30.00		30.00
Online Playgrounds (Fenland Leisure)	Trapeze handle replacement	Debit Card	46.33	9.27	55.60
John R Keeble	GPL Annual Rent	Standing Order	10.00		10.00

**Items paid following authorisation at meeting of 05 July 2023**

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Suffolk County Council	Street lighting costs 22-23	CHQ – 003481	1459.99		1459.99
HMRC	P30 Q1	CHQ – 003482	1479.21		1479.21
Birketts Solicitors	Replacement for uncashed cheque 003477	CHQ – 003483	1638.00		1638.00
D Childs	Grounds Maintenance (inv. 1654)	CHQ – 003484	435.00		435.00
BMCIC	LPF Grounds Maintenance	CHQ – 003485	295.50		295.50
BMCIC	Donation to Youth Club	CHQ – 003485	923.90		923.90

**Presented by:..... Sarah Keys, Responsible Finance Officer**

**Countersigned by:..... Chair to the Parish Council**

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Who	Detail	Method	Amount
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	DEP	110.63
BMCIC	Insurance repayment	DEP	243.72
Braiswick Photographic	Private Road contribution	DEP	150.00

Presented by:..... Sarah Keys, Responsible Finance Officer

Countersigned by:..... Chair to the Parish Council



## Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure Report

Town or Parish Council: **Brantham**  
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

<b>A</b>	<b>Total CIL income balance carried over from previous year</b>	<b>£ 11,859.78</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Total CIL income received in reporting year (receipts received in April and October)</b>	<b>£17,482.23</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Total CIL spent within reporting year (expenditure, net amount if VAT recoverable)</b>	<b>£10,123.64</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Total CIL retained at year end (A+B-C)</b>	<b>£19,218.37</b>

### Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure – Details of Spent Funds

<b>Items to which CIL funds have been spent:</b>	<b>(Net amount if VAT recoverable)</b>
<b>Football Goals at Lower Playing Field</b>	<b>£10,123.64</b>
<b>Total spent</b>	<b>£10,123.64</b>

### Neighbourhood CIL – Details of Allocated Funds (not yet spent)

<b>Items to which CIL funds have been allocated but not yet spent:</b>	<b>(Net amount if VAT recoverable)</b>
<b>VH Repairs</b>	<b>£5000.00</b>
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>£5000.00</b>

Has the expenditure report been uploaded onto the Parish's website: (Y/N)

**This form needs to be signed by two representatives of the Parish/Town Council  
(electronic signatures are not acceptable)**

**Signed: ..... Position: .....**

**Verified: ..... Position: .....**

**Please scan and email this form to the following email address**

**[infrastructure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:infrastructure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)**



## **CIL SPENDING REVIEW – April 2023 for the year ending 31 March 2024**

Neighbourhood CIL is governed by the CIL Regulations and the rate at which it is paid is set out in national legislation. For those Parish Councils with a made Neighbourhood Plan it is 25% (with no CAP0 and for Parishes where there is no made Neighbourhood Plan it is 15% subject to a cap which is set out nationally (in legislation). *The cap is worked out at £100 index linked per occupied property within the parish. The cap rate is set for the year and changes on the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.*

### **1. CIL Resources available**

CIL funding currently stands at:

Financial Year	Income	Expenditure	CIL running Total	Timescales
2018-19	£2556.87		£2556.87	16.10.23
2019-20	£104.01 £3258.75		£5919.63	03.04.24 19.10.24
2020-21	£3,258.67 £2,681.48		£11,859.78	03.04.25 09.10.25
2021-22			£11,859.78	
2022-23	£9,734.69 £7,747.54	£10,123.64	£19,218.37	07.04.27 12.10.27
2023-24	£53,848.41		£73,066.78	14.04.28
Committed		£25,563.09	£47,503.69	Balance after committed funds
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£83,190.42</b>	<b>£35,686.73</b>		

### **2. Projects completed as bids against the Neighbourhood CIL Pot**

*The following projects having been previously approved as valid projects for the Neighbourhood CIL pot are now completed with monies being fully paid out*

Project	Budget	Predicted Cost	Sources of External Funding	Neighbourhood CIL (Parish) Funding	Start date	Current Position
Lower Playing Field Goal Posts	None	Approx. £10,000	None	£10,123.64	June 2023	Completed

### **3. Projects identified as potential bids against the Neighbourhood CIL Pot**

*The following projects have been identified as valid bids against the Neighbourhood CIL Pot, have approval and are awaiting completion with monies being fully allocated and therefore committed:*

Project	Budget	Predicted Cost	Sources of External Funding	Neighbourhood CIL (Parish) Funding	Start date	Current Position
Play area updates	None allocated	£27,599.99	Neighbourhood CIL (BDC)	£22,488.99	July 2023	Funding request to



			£5111			BDC CIL amended and under review
Play area signage	None	£3074.10	£0	£3074.10	May 2023	Underway

**4. The following projects may be identified or submitted as potential discussion bids and will provide the basis for infrastructure spending as developments come online**

*Items highlighted in GRAY will be identified on an “as and when demand” as the parish continues to grow*

Project	Budget	Predicted Cost	Sources of External Funding	Neighbourhood CIL (Parish) Funding	Additional consultation required	Further information
CCTV at LPL and GPL	None allocated	£7000.00	BDC CIL for Merriam Close	£3500	Approval from BPC required	Quotes being sought
Village Hall	None allocated	Unknown	Neighbourhood CIL (BDC), bDC CIL Infrastructure pot and external funding	Unknown	Consultation with Brantham residents and PC needed	
Signage for cycleway to Manningtree	None Allocated	Unknown	SCC Locality Budget	£Unknown	PC Approval needed	
Crossing on A137	None allocated	£100,000	S106? / Locality funding	£unknown	Community Consultation needed	
Other major projects	None allocated	Unknown	To be determined		Subject to consultation	
New Grit Bins	On as an when basis			Neighbourhood CIL (Parish)		
New Waste Bins	On as and when basis			Neighbourhood CIL (Parish)		

## Paper 8 – BDC Email re: CIL

**From:** Tom Barker <Tom.Barker@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2023 2:56 PM

**To:** Brantham Parish Council <clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk>; mal.bridgeman@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk

**Cc:** Alastair McCraw (Cllr) <Alastair.Mccraw@babergh.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Brantham Parish Council CIL application

Dear Mr Bridgeman and Ms Keys,

I understand that you met with my officers, Richard Kendrew and Christine Thurlow, of the Infrastructure team on the 19th July concerning Brantham Parish Council's current CIL Bid application.

I am aware that your proposal seeks approval for £15,000 of District CIL money for the upgrading and purchase of new play equipment in Brantham on two parcels of land with a total project cost of around £27K. One of the pieces of land already contains play equipment and is owned by the Parish. The other piece of land involved is owned by a third party but the Parish Council has used the land for the last 30 years (albeit there is no formal lease in place).

I am aware that Richard has been in communication with you about progress on your CIL Bid as the improvements to play equipment on the Parish owned land could be supported subject to having at least two quotes (rather than estimates) for the additional piece of play equipment. However the remaining element of your CIL bid relating to the upgrade and improvement of play equipment on private land does not fit with the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the proposal must involve public owned land or be land the subject of a lease no shorter than 25 years. I understand that you have a different view than my officers regarding the wording of the framework.

I am informed that Christine explained both the origins and yearly review of the Framework document by a panel of Members with yourselves and advised that the Framework is then taken through to full Council for each Council to adopt (the last iteration being March 2023). She also advised why it is important from the Councils perspective that investment only occurs on publicly owned land or land that is the subject of a lease and explained that these two principles are consistently applied in each case of community led development and how important it is that officers are fair and consistent when assessing different cases.

I understand this has not altered your view that you meet the terms of the Framework because you feel that you do publicly control the private land whereas my officers consider that you do not because you do not own the land in question; it is owned by a third party and there is no lease in place. The matter has been escalated to me as Director for Planning and Building Control and as Interim Director for Communities.

I have looked at the precise wording of the Framework and understand and endorse the Councils policy and approach to the matter. To me the Councils position is clear: You do not have a lease (of at least 25 years ) in place for the land that you do not own and this part of your application does not therefore meet the criteria.

I understand Christine did offer to hold your Bid in its entirety in abeyance and to ask Members to consider whether it would be appropriate to spend CIL monies on private land at the next review of the Framework in Winter 23/Spring 24. We could do this, provide you with feedback about the Councils position on the matter and consider how best to proceed with your CIL Bid in these circumstances. In terms of timescales however this will not be quick. Members will not review the Framework until this winter and it is usual to take these changes through to both Councils for consideration In the following March (In this case March 2024). I also think it unlikely that Councillors will depart from what has been a clear and consistently held position over several years.

Alternatively and whilst we wait, we could discuss any other infrastructure proposals you may be thinking of doing as a Parish so you can obtain funding from District CIL monies providing you meet the requirements of the Framework. Please let me know how you would like to proceed so that my officers can support you going forward.

I am happy to discuss these matters with you through a teams or telephone call if you feel that I might not have the full picture. Please let me know if you would welcome that and I can get something organised. This is likely to be towards the latter part of August though as I have some leave coming up.

Regards,

Tom

**Tom Barker**

**Director Planning & Building Control**

**Interim Director Communities & Wellbeing**

# Communities and Public Access



Please ask for:	Jade Grand-Scrutton
Email to:	Jade.grand-scrutton@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Dear Parish Clerk

## ***ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION FOR 2023***

I am writing to ask if you would like us to organise an Annual Play Inspection for you this year. As in previous years we will be using "The Play Inspection Company" for both Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Council.

The Play Inspection Company offer an all-in package which includes your play inspection a risk assessment and disability discrimination assessment all for the price of **£53.15 + vat** per play area. There will be an additional charge of 10% (£5.31 per play area) to cover our admin costs. They will inspect the perimeter fencing, gates, ancillary equipment (such as benches and litter bins), equipment and surfacing and site photographs will be provided.

They can also carry out the following Optional Extras:

- To carry out Full DDA Assessment @ £15 per site
- To carry out Play Value assessment @ £15 per site
- To carry out estimated life expectancy assessment @ £7.50 per site

The reports produced are predominantly concerned with the overall safety of the equipment and area, with them reporting if the item complies with the current standard. Details of any failures will be provided along with recommended courses of action. A risk assessment will be provided for each item of equipment and the overall site. If an item is found to require immediate attention, they will call from site detailing the problem.

If you would like your village play area(s) to be included with our order to The Play Inspection Company, **please reply via email by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – please confirm the full address of the play area you wish to be inspected and clearly state any optional extras.**

You may of course decide to arrange your own inspection. If we have **not heard from you by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 we shall assume this is what you are doing.**

If you should have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Jade Grand-Scrutton  
Administration and Technical Support Officer – Public Realm

**PAPER 10 - Correspondence to Note**  
**July & August 2023**

**Item One:** (for information)

*NOTE: permission granted by BPC Finance Committee at a meeting on [14 July 2023](#)*

From: Darren Smith <darren@kemptonsmith.co.uk>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 4:18 PM  
To: Sarah Keys <clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk>  
Cc: mal.bridgeman@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk; Louise Madley <loumadley@gmail.com>;  
eric.osben@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk; Tony Hall <tonyhall972@btinternet.com>  
Subject: RE: Annual 5-a-side Tournament - Car Parking Lower Playing Field - Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July 2023

Sarah

Further to our discussion we request the hire of the lower playing field for parking of vehicles for our 5-a-side tournament on the dates above - we are charging £1.00 per vehicle as a means of getting some well needed funds back in to the football club, we would be willing to share those funds at a 50/50 basis with you for the benefit of hiring the field.

Kind regards

Darren

From: Darren Smith <darren@kemptonsmith.co.uk>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 3:53 PM  
To: Sarah Keys <clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk>  
Cc: mal.bridgeman@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk; Louise Madley <loumadley@gmail.com>;  
eric.osben@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk; Tony Hall <tonyhall972@btinternet.com>  
Subject: Annual 5-a-side Tournament - Car Parking Lower Playing Field - Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July 2023

Dear Sarah

Further to our discussion this afternoon can we please seek approval use the lower playing field for car parking as we have carried out in the past on numerous occasions - it will be fully manned to ensure safety and correct parking to minimise the disruption to the LPF Play area and Basket Ball Court

I apologise for what appears to be an oversight on our part for leaving it so late.

Parking would be from approximately 9am to about 3pm each day.

Kind regards

Darren

**Item Two:** (for information)

*NOTE – Response made to Scout and Guide group that financial support cannot be offered in this way as this would be considered de-frauding HMRC of VAT. Advised that a request for funding support to the Parish Council could be made if necessary.*

From: Julie Price <julie.price@wolveyscouts.org.uk>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 6:44 PM  
To: clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk

Cc: Charlie Garrad <charles.garrad@wolveyscouts.org.uk>; Janet Hall <janet.hall@wolveyscouts.org.uk>  
Subject: Brantham Scout & Guide Group - Discovery of Asbestos at HQ Building Factory Lane

Good afternoon Sarah,

I am contacting you to enquire whether the Parish Council would be prepared to assist the Group with a sudden unexpected problem.

Last weekend a scout weekend working party started to demolish a redundant store shed to the left side of our front grounds. A substance suspected to be asbestos was observed in the boarding, all work stopped and the area was secured.

We are currently getting quotes from several professional companies. It seems there are several stages starting with testing the substance to assess exactly what it is, followed by the removal process if it is confirmed to be asbestos.

The attached quote (commercial pricing information so please treat as confidential) is to give you some idea what sort of bill we may be facing.

Our Trustee Board has already agreed that we will need to commission the testing stage and that we will have the entire hut premises tested at the same time so we know what other problems we may have in the building. The minimum cost facing us in the immediate short term would be £650 - 700 plus VAT.

We are not VAT registered so we wondered if BPC would consider paying the invoice on our behalf and we reimburse you. We understand you would not need to pay the VAT. We do have contingency finance to cover this amount so reimbursement to BPC would be immediate.

As these costs were unexpected and sudden we would ask if BPC could consider assisting us with the overall costs we may be facing. Whilst we have some reserves this was an unbudgeted, significant and unexpected call upon our finances. At our AGM last night we reported a small deficit for the 2022/23 financial year. Any surplus funds we have been accumulating have been put towards Project 2017, our replacement building project.

Obviously if asbestos is confirmed we are then facing the much larger charge of over £5000 plus VAT to have it removed from the redundant store. This would be a serious financial problem for us.

Given the nature of this issues we are having to progress the testing without delay, and should it be necessary, the removal of the asbestos would also be commissioned very fast over the coming weeks. It is fortunate that our summer term is just coming to an end with very little use made of the building and grounds during the summer holidays, keeping disruption to a minimum.

Could I ask you to seek the councillor's views on this matter. We would obviously be immensely grateful for an assistance you can offer.

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Please could you ensure the person who maintains our grounds is aware of the potential asbestos in the redundant store and is instructed to stay well clear of the taped off building.

Kind regards,

Julie Price  
Chair 1st Brantham Scout & Guide Group  
01206 298341

**Item Three:** (for information)

NOTE – Response made

From:

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:46 AM

To: Mal Bridgeman <mal.bridgeman@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk>  
Cc: clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk  
Subject: Re: Notice of interest in parish council seat

Good morning to you both,

I hope you are well. a very brief email to thank you again for the time spent, I look forward to our next steps in the process. I have an action item that I would really like your perspective on, if permitted. Following on from the conversation around the land at the end of my road, there seems to be significant confusion over its intended use with our builder.

Can I ask, is there a "David" on the council? This name cropped up as someone who was most insistent that the land be available to the public, as you were both surprised to learn about the land I wonder if this person might be at the county level, rather than parish. Please advise if I need to raise this in a public forum, the residence of Bailey Gardens are concerned over the amount of disturbance to the local ecology needed in order to make good the plans to create a public "picnic" area (public open space). Given the development by decoy pond and its proximity to us (not being far) and the works in that field to create an open space there, it seems unnecessary to destroy natural woodland to accommodate a park bench which leads nowhere.

Not wanting to take advantage of our newly formed connection, I wonder if you might help point me in a direction to raise the topic of withholding the land as private to the residence of Bailey Gardens and its management company for upkeep and care.

Appreciate the time.  
Best

**Item Four:** (for information)

From: Alastair McCraw (Cllr) <Alastair.Mccraw@babergh.gov.uk>  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 12:41 PM  
To: Brantham Parish Council <clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk>  
Subject: FW: Bins at Decoy Pond

Hi Sarah,  
I hope this explains. I wish they had let us know. I made the point, but it was more important to get an answer. If you could get word out that this is only temporary.  
Thanks,  
Alastair

From: Nick Christo <Nick.Christo@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:46 AM  
To: Alastair McCraw (Cllr) <Alastair.Mccraw@babergh.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: Bins at Decoy Pond

Hi Alistair,

Yes I did and we did remove 1 bin due to the difficulty of the team going to collect it. The bin just up from Factory Lane was taken out due to damage and will be replaced, however the one at the top of the hill was removed without plans for replacement. We can review this if you think we should?

We will be removing the 3 slatted sided bins and replace them with our standard post mounted bins. The bin up on the hill next to the seat is going to be removed and not replaced, we will though place another post mounted bin near the lake.

I hope the above helps but happy to review if you feel necessary.

Nick Christo

**Item Five:** (for information)

*NOTE – I have responded giving permission for these to be shared with children at St Michael's nursery*

**From:** admin@constablecountrychildcare.co.uk <admin@constablecountrychildcare.co.uk>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:31 AM

**To:** clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk

**Subject:** Platinum Jubilee mugs

Dear Sarah,

We have around 12-15 of the commemorative mugs which the council kindly gave us to give to the children who live in Brantham (and attend our settings). Would you like to collect? Or I can arrange for them to be returned?

Alternatively, I can send these to our St. Michael's nursery and they can be given to new children from Brantham?

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Finch

**PA to Group Manager & HR Co-ordinator  
Constable Country Childcare**

**Item Six:** (for information)

*NOTE – Response sent confirming willingness to join discussion. No date received as yet.*

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 6:23 PM

To: clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk

Cc: parish.clerk@eastbergholtpc.co.uk; Georgia Hall <georgia.hall@suffolk.gov.uk>; Sallie Davies <sallie.davies@babergh.gov.uk>

Subject: Traffic at A12/B1070 junction

Dear Sarah

Please could you make enquiries from your Parish Council Chairman and councillors if they would like to engage with Holton St Mary PC, Raydon PC and ourselves to see if there is anything that we can do together to improve safety at the Four Sisters junction, A12/B1070?

To give you some background, EB PC, as part of our neighbourhood plan revisions, have been consulting on measures to improve road safety in our village. Mark Anderson from Holton St Mary PC asked us if this initiative included safety at the A12/B1070 junction, to which we responded sadly it did not because our current focus for this consultation with EB residents is on the core parts of our village, especially around the High School and primary school.

However we (EBPC) agreed with Mark/Holton PC's proposal that it would be a worthwhile endeavour for our councils to meet and see if there was anything we could do together on the problems at this junction as a separate initiative. That led us to wonder if Brantham and Raydon PCs, whose residents also make frequent use of this junction, might wish to join us in thinking through ideas. Please could you ask the Chairman of Brantham PC if he or any other Parish Councillor would like to join us for an initial meeting to establish if we can see any way forward for us to achieve the kind of conversations that would improve matters at this acknowledged inadequate junction.



We feel the need is all the more urgent as our traffic management consultants have assessed that with all the extra houses being built to our west and east, traffic along the B1070 is estimated to increase by 57% over the next 5 years and that is likely to put further stress on this junction.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes  
Joan Miller  
Chairman East Bergholt Parish Council

**Item Seven:** (for information)

Note – Response sent giving details of who to contact

**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 8:26 PM

**To:** clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk

**Subject:** Parking Temple Pattle

Dear Mrs. Keys,

I live at Temple Pattle, Brantham. We are increasingly having problems with people parking in residential as well as the overflow parking spaces. With us, the residents being left with nowhere to park. Could you let me know whom I need to contact to discuss this issue? My neighbour has also complained about this issue.

Kind regards

**Item Eight:** (for consideration/approval)

Note – I have contacted BLC and can confirm that this request is for car parking

From: Brantham Leisure Centre <info@branthamlc.co.uk>

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 5:42 PM

To: New Sarah Keys <clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Armed Forces Day

Dear Sarah and Parish Council Council,

We are co hosting an Armed Forces Day on Saturday 29th June with North Essex Veterans Support Group. We would like permission to use the lower playing field too.

Can you let me know if this will be okay.

Kind Regards  
Lou MADLEY

14-8-23

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CATTAWADE STREET

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Dear Mrs Keys,

I am writing to enquire if double yellow lines can be layed down where the road narrows, passed the village hall, on the approach to Brantham Leisure Centre?

This because yet again my back entrance was blocked by an ignorant car driver even though there is a **KEEP CLEAR** sign - 50cm+ high letters!! 12-8-23

There are a set of gates across Brause-Wick Photographys back entrance, which are not used week-ends or holidays, 3m away. Why don't they park across them?

I have a photograph of a lorry just driven straight across my gates, the sign is clearly seen 10m away!!

I have to ask the Leisure Centre to

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to find the drivers; most of whom say  
"I never saw the sign". Really!!

It is an offence to drive with defective  
eyesight. I should report them to the  
police!

I shall be writing to Suffolk  
County Council about this, too. I am  
fed up with these stupid arrogant  
drivers. They want waking up with  
a parking fine.

Please note that this road is a class  
E-6m wide carriage way with an  
acute 90° bend, to and from the  
centre.

Cars have been known to park on  
both sides of it, occasionally staggered.

I do hope something can be done  
about this with the lines on my side.

Thank You