



Paper 1 submitted by the Clerk to the Council at the Parish Council meeting on 04 February 2026

Parish Clerk's Report – February 2026

a) To review actions from the previous meeting

MINUTE NO.	ACTION	Ongoing/ Dismissed
PC 01.26.09	Arrange second loan of Thermal Imaging Equipment <i>Completed – equipment booked for 11 – 24 March 2026</i>	Dismissed
PC 01.26.09	Submit the precept request form to Babergh District Council - <i>completed</i>	Dismissed
PC 01.26.11	Find out when CIL bid will be reviewed by Babergh District Council <i>Completed – bid will be submitted to cabinet 10 March 2026</i>	Dismissed
PC 01.26.11	Liaise with EBPC and Suffolk Constabulary ref. shared PCSO <i>Completed – teams meeting scheduled 28 Jan 2026</i>	Dismissed
PC 01.26.15	Ask Grounds Maintenance Contractor to move bin from Church Lane Footpath to Rectory Lane. <i>Works request made. Hoped to be completed by end Jan 2026</i>	Dismissed
PC 01.26.15	Find out whether Council's insurance of BLC is invalidated by lack of proper Safety measures and assessments <i>Query sent. Confirmation awaited</i>	Ongoing

b) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers and correspondence of note

- Site meeting with SCC representative to review proposals for additional bus shelters in Brantham – further feedback awaited.
- Purchased litter bin for installation opposite Brantham Heights
- Submitted funding request for Skate Park to Murton Poole Trust and discussed submission to Sport England with funding representative
- Weekly attendance at "Meet the Clerk" sessions at Brantham VH
- Meeting with BDC representatives ref. community safety and measures to improve perception of safety in Brantham

Correspondence to note:

Date rec'd	Who	Subject	Action taken
30.12.25	PC KJarrett	Requested PC representative to attend meeting to discuss issues on Church Lane	Responded agreed to attend on behalf of PC – no further information ref. meeting received
03.01.26	Resident	Concerns about dog fouling in Brantham particularly on Lower Playing Field	Response sent Issue highlighted on FB Included in update for The Bugle
08.01.26	BDC	Circulation of survey ref. Brantham Open Space and Decoy pond requesting views from local people	Shared on social media pages encouraging residents to respond

09.01.26	Resident	Concerns raised about verges on School Lane/Valley Close following work undertaken by C&L Construction Ltd, who were responsible for laying the internet trunking	Shared with Babergh District Councillor. Response sent to resident highlighting next steps and contact details for Babergh DC and SCC Highways
11.01.26	Resident	Concerns raised about ASB in relation to e-bikes in Brantham	Response sent and reporting tools highlighted
13.01.26	M'Tree 1 st Responders	Invitation received to event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Manningtree Community First Responder volunteers	Shared with Cllrs and confirmed attendance by Cllrs Cherry, Heywood and Osben
14.01.26	Resident	Response to email sent confirming previous correspondence by the resident had been identified by BPC as Persistent and Vexatious. Noted objections to the Council's decision and raised queries about means to raise comments and concerns with the Council.	Response sent.
14.01.26	BDC	Email following meeting ref. safety issues noting the online ASB reporting tool	Shared online reporting tool on social media
16.01.26	Resident	Email indicating that the resident would like to improve means of contributing to Council business and requested that Neighbourhood Planning meetings were opened to the public and scheduled to take place after Parish Council meetings	Queried options with NP consultant, NPSG Chair and Chair of PC. All agreed that re-scheduling of meetings to this time would be impractical. Response sent to resident. Further meeting to take place between resident and Chair of NPSG on ways to get involved.
20.01.26	Resident	Request for link to Persistent and Vexatious Correspondence Policy	Link sent
23.01.26	Resident	<p>Comment via FB</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p>Albeit reported since to Suffolk Highways, the 'dressing' of the A137 through the village has created excessive flooding where in some places from opposite Pattles Fenn to The Brantham Bull, potentially dangerous for drivers and even worse for pedestrians constantly dodging the splashes from speeding traffic.</p> <p>At this stage, it should also be mentioned the noise from this 'dressing' has increased road surface noise by several decibels above the advisory level for residential areas. Suffolk CC Highways was advised soon after the 'dressing' last year. They responded stating they are aware of the 'not fit for purpose' works and will monitor it. Also stating the contractor have given a 10 years guarantee of the completed works.</p> <p>Whilst the normal heavy loads of traffic increase and reduce the thin 'dressing' to reveal the weak spots of the road surface, this is exaggerated with the overnight closure of the A12 for 3 weeks in January.</p> <p>It is asked Brantham Parish Council continue to pursue the several A137 issues.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>2d Like Reply Send message Hide</p> <p> Author</p> </div> <p>ACTION – Council to consider further steps, if any, to address concerns raised by resident</p>	Responded agreeing to share concerns with the Council

27.01.26	Sharley	Email confirming that he would be highlighting the issues of potholes in Brantham, particularly Brooklands Road, with SCC Highways	Shared information on FB and encouraged residents to keep reporting issues.
28.01.26	Resident	Email from Brantham Athletic supporters requesting a managed reintroduction of the use of the drum at Brantham Athletic Football matches.	Response sent informing the resident that this decision lies with BMCIC as tenants of the Leisure Centre.
31.01.26	Resident	Email from resident reporting ASB and damage at Pattles Fen. Resident had already shared with Woodland Trust.	Reporting on the BDC ASB reporting tool
01.02.26	Garage Sale rep	Email noting concerns that the Garage Sale and Village Fete will take place on the same weekend. Meeting requested with organisers to discuss concerns re parking etc.	Forwarded to Lauren White (BLC) and Cllr Osben to discuss

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 (5.15) – 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)

The authority is to be determined by; * the council for all items over £5000; * a duly delegated committee for all items over £1000 * the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below £1000. 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.

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 *(SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS)*

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Brantham Village Hall	Hall Hire costs (inv. TBC)	BACS	TBC		TBC

Accounts Paid since 01 December 2025

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Parish Council staff costs	Salaries, Office Allowance, Pension payments	BACS	3910.25		3910.25
BMCIC	Grounds Maintenance Payment	BACS	40.00		40.00
Microsoft	Monthly Subscription Charges	DD	20.16	4.03	24.19
Virtual Landline	Phone number for Parish Council	Direct Debit	7.29	1.46	8.75
Smarty.co.uk	CCTV SIM Cards	Direct Debit	27.00		27.00
HMRC	P30 Q3	BACS	3175.60		3175.60
Places4People	Neighbourhood Plan Support (inv. 549)	BACS	1390.00	278.00	1668.00
VCS Websites	Website Hosting and maintenance (inv. 1490)	BACS	185.00		185.00
First Rescue Trg & Supplies Ltd	Defibrillator Pads and battery	BACS	357.00	71.40	428.40
Amazon	Stationary	DC	37.73	7.56	45.29
Village Hall	CIL contribution to VH Toilets project	BACS	3296.00		3296.00
Wybone	Dog Litter bin for Rectory Lane	DC	194.48		194.48
Cash Withdrawal	New Desk for PC office at VH from FB Marketplace	CASH	60.00		60.00
Parish Online	Neighbourhood Plan Online Mapping service	DC	45.00	9.00	54.00
Maison & Garden	Memorial Bench for Ipswich Road	DC	303.32	60.67	363.99
Dave Childs	Grounds Maintenance (inv. 2436)	BACS	80.00		80.00

Items paid following authorisation at meeting of 07 January 2026

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Brantham Village Hall	Hall Hire costs (inv. 2010)	BACS	42.00		42.00

Receipts allocated since 01 January 2026

Who	Detail	Method	Amount
Local resident	Payment for Memorial bench on Ipswich Road	BACS	341.99
Lloyds	Bank Interest	BACS	119.93

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.

Brantham Parish Council

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/01/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025			170,338.90
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/01/2026			121,023.30
				291,362.20
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/01/2026			95,131.26
A	Cash in Hand 31/01/2026 (per Cash Book)			196,230.94
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/01/2026	0.00	
	Current Account	31/01/2026	5,000.00	
	Deposit Account	31/01/2026	191,166.43	
	Salaries Account	31/01/2026	64.51	
				196,230.94
	Less unrepresented payments			
				196,230.94
	Plus unrepresented receipts			
B	Adjusted Bank Balance			196,230.94
	A = B Checks out OK			



Biodiversity Policy

STATUTORY DUTY

Under the 2021 Environment Act¹, public authorities (including town and parish councils) who operate in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in England.

Government guidance published on 17th May 2023² clarifies that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must:

- Consider what it can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- Agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration
- Act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives

Town and parish councils, unlike other authorities, are not obliged to publish a report on their actions, but the Government guidance requires all public authorities to complete their first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1 January 2024.

They must agree their policies and objectives as soon as possible after this and may reconsider the selected actions within 5 years of completing their previous consideration, or more frequently if they choose.

To comply with the guidance, the parish council has as a minimum:

- Had biodiversity as an agenda item for a meeting before the end of 2023.
- Is in the process of noting what action in respect of biodiversity is already taking place locally.
- Will agree what further steps to take at this stage.

Such steps will include:

- Reviewing what biodiversity or nature recovery plans are already in place from other local authorities.
- Making contact with local voluntary groups working on nature conservation.
- Carrying out a biodiversity audit of council landholdings and/or the whole council area
- Gathering expert advice on possible actions in support of biodiversity.
- Drafting an action plan that covers action that the council will take itself as well as support for the actions of other local bodies.

PREAMBLE

In accordance with the duty imposed on town and parish councils by Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006³, updated by Section 102 of the Environment Act 2021, Brantham Parish Council will, in exercising all its functions, have regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.

This duty also means that town and parish councils can spend funds in conserving biodiversity.

DEFINITION

According to Defra (Biodiversity 2020), biodiversity is the variety of all life on Earth. It includes all species of animals and plants – everything that is alive on our planet. Biodiversity is important for its own sake and

¹ [Environment Act 2021](#)

² [Complying with the biodiversity duty - GOV.UK](#)

³ [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006](#)

has its own intrinsic value. A number of studies have shown this value also goes further. It is the building block of our 'ecosystems'. These provide us with a wide range of goods and services that support our economic and social wellbeing. These include essentials such as food, fresh water and clean air, but also less obvious services such as protection from natural disasters, regulation of our climate, and purification of our water or pollination of our crops. Biodiversity also provides important cultural services, enriching our lives.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of this policy is to work towards enhancing and protecting the biodiversity of Brantham. The Parish Council and its Committees will consider sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when making decisions and will develop and update its policies and strategies as required.

In particular, Brantham Parish Council will aim to improve the biodiversity of the area in the following ways:

- Note what action in respect of biodiversity that is already taking place locally.
- Agree what further steps can be taken and review these at least annually for biodiversity
- Establish links with local voluntary groups working on nature conservation. E.g. The Dedham Vale National Landscape (formerly known as AONB – Area of Outstanding National Beauty). Manningtree Mermaids Against Sewerage, and PACE (Practical Actions for Climate and Environment) Manningtree Area.
- Ensure, as statutory consultee to the LPA (Local Planning Authority) that it addresses biodiversity concerns (as appropriate), when commenting on planning applications.
- Consider the potential impact on biodiversity represented by planning applications.
- Manage its land and property using environmentally friendly practices that will promote biodiversity.
- Support residents and local organisation activities to enhance and promote biodiversity.

ACTIONS

Planning Applications

When commenting on planning applications the Council will:

- support site and building design that benefits biodiversity through the conservation and integration of existing habitats or provision of new habitats.
- support protection of sensitive habitats from development and will consider whether the development would mean the loss of important habitats for wildlife in respect of all application
- will consider what each proposed development might make in terms of biodiversity net gain.
- Will include policies in support of biodiversity within the neighbourhood development planning process.

Land and property management

In respect of the management of its land and property the Council will:

- carry out a biodiversity audit of its landholdings
- consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity with regard to the management of its open spaces. This will include adopting beneficial practices with regarding to cutting and removal of vegetation, application of chemicals and timing of maintenance work.
- Take special care in the specification of grounds maintenance contracts to ensure that the work, (whilst reaching acceptable standards), does not harm the natural environment.
- consider biodiversity issues and the implementation of changes when managing its buildings.

Local Community

The Council will:

- raise public awareness of biodiversity issues, including through its website, Facebook page, and via The Bugle.
- involve the community (where feasible) in biodiversity projects on its land including, for example; tree planting, wildflower meadows, and community orchards
- will engage with local businesses and residents regarding biodiversity in the community and how members of the community can assist and make a difference.

Partners

Brantham Parish Council will:

- work in partnership with other organisations to protect, promote and enhance biodiversity within areas of Brantham. These include East Bergholt Parish Council, Manningtree Town Council, Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council (this is not an exhaustive list)
- review any local nature recovery strategies, species conservation strategies, or protected site strategies in respect of local sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs) and consider how it may become more involved in implementing the strategies' recommendations.

This policy will be reviewed annually, together with a summary of how the policy has been implemented in the previous twelve months.



Biodiversity Action Plan

SITE/ OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (Years)	REPORTING/ PUBLICITY
Council land area	Carry out audit of existing land	Gain a wider knowledge and understanding of existing biodiversity habitats and species present in the area.		Website, Facebook, Bugle & Meeting Minutes
Protect and Support biodiversity	Raise local awareness of biodiversity.	Gain local support for action.	Ongoing	Website, Facebook, Bugle & Meeting Minutes
	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.	Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species.	Ongoing	Website, Facebook, Bugle & Meeting Minutes
Cemetery/ churchyard	Work with the PCC to adopt a plan and work closely with our grounds maintenance contractor to support wildlife & diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance. (The Cemetery is a highly sensitive area).	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources.	Ongoing	Meeting Minutes
		Encouraging insects, particularly butterflies & bees.	Ongoing	Meeting Minutes
Lower Playing field	Where appropriate sympathetically maintain trees and consider new planting.	Food sources & shade/cover.	Ongoing	Meeting Minutes
	Leave some areas unmown.	Encourage insects.	Ongoing	Meeting Minutes
	Only use environment friendly pesticides/chemicals where absolutely necessary, and only in ideal weather conditions.	Sustain & enhance natural habitats.	Ongoing	Meeting Minutes
Common/ Other open Spaces/Play areas inc.?	Tree management plan.	Sustain & enhance natural habitats.	Ongoing	Website, Facebook, Bugle, F2F
	Encourage residents to remove litter and pick-up after their dogs.	Protect/enhancing habitats.	Ongoing	interactions with residents and users Meeting Minutes
SITE/ OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (Years)	REPORTING/ PUBLICITY
The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the Local Development Plan and National Planning Policy.	Protection/enhancement of habitats.	Ongoing	Website. Meeting Minutes

Adopted:

Review due:

	Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries.	Extending existing habitats.	TBC	Website, Facebook, Bugle. Meeting Minutes
Increase Community Awareness of biodiversity	Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish. E.g. tree planting and Community Orchards etc.	Engagement/ownership of biodiversity. Promote biodiversity.	TBC	Website, Facebook, Bugle. F2F interactions with residents/users & Meeting Minutes
Support Community	Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas. E.g. - to be identified.	Extension of habitats.	TBC	Website, Facebook, Bugle. F2F interactions with residents/users & Meeting Minutes
Projects	Allotments – identify potential sites and engage with Landowners. Orchards – identify potential sites and formulate next steps. Work in partnership with the school/scouts/guides to develop young people’s awareness of their environment. Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations. E.g. Tree planting and Community Orchard planting.	Establish valuable community assets, boosting health & wellbeing, providing sustainable growing spaces and creating biodiverse green corridors. Promote biodiversity. Promote biodiversity.	TBC	Interactions with residents/users & Meeting Minutes

Other thoughts/ideas/possible actions:

- Could include something about working with BOS – making sure their activities align with our policy?
- Native bulb planting projects?
- Increase wood piles and standing dead wood
- Encourage areas of rough grassland, to be allowed to overwinter uncut, adjacent to bramble scrub and along hedgerows and trees.
- Bird boxes/bee houses installation

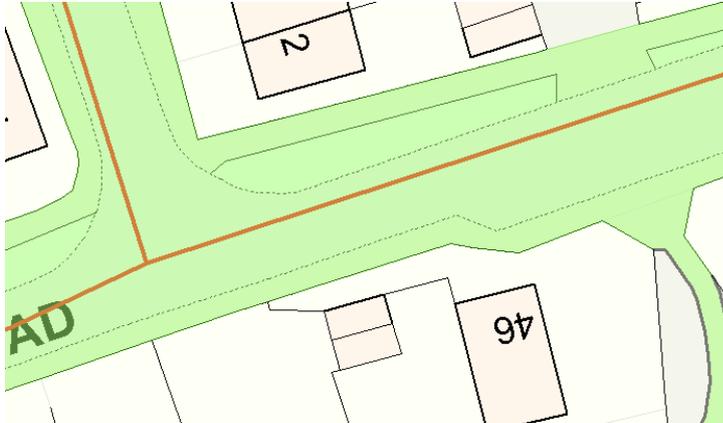
Date adopted:

Next review due:

Brantham Parish Council – Bus stop improvement works

Opp Pattern Bush Close, Brooklands Road

According to our Highways records, the grass area between the path and garage wall is not highway land so must be part of the resident’s property. We’re therefore unable to construct any hardstanding area for a shelter.



Due to the path width being only 1.7m, and a minimum width required for a shelter being 1.8m, the only option would be for a shelter with no sides and a shorter depth roof (1.2m as opposed to 1.3m). This will provide less cover than a normal shelter.

DDA raised kerbs would provide better accessibility on/off buses. The only concern here is whether the bus will actually ever be able to pull up alongside the kerb due to the parked cars.



Adj Birch Drive, Ipswich Road



There is plenty of path width here and if the shelter is set back to the rear it should not reduce visibility for the resident when leaving their driveway.



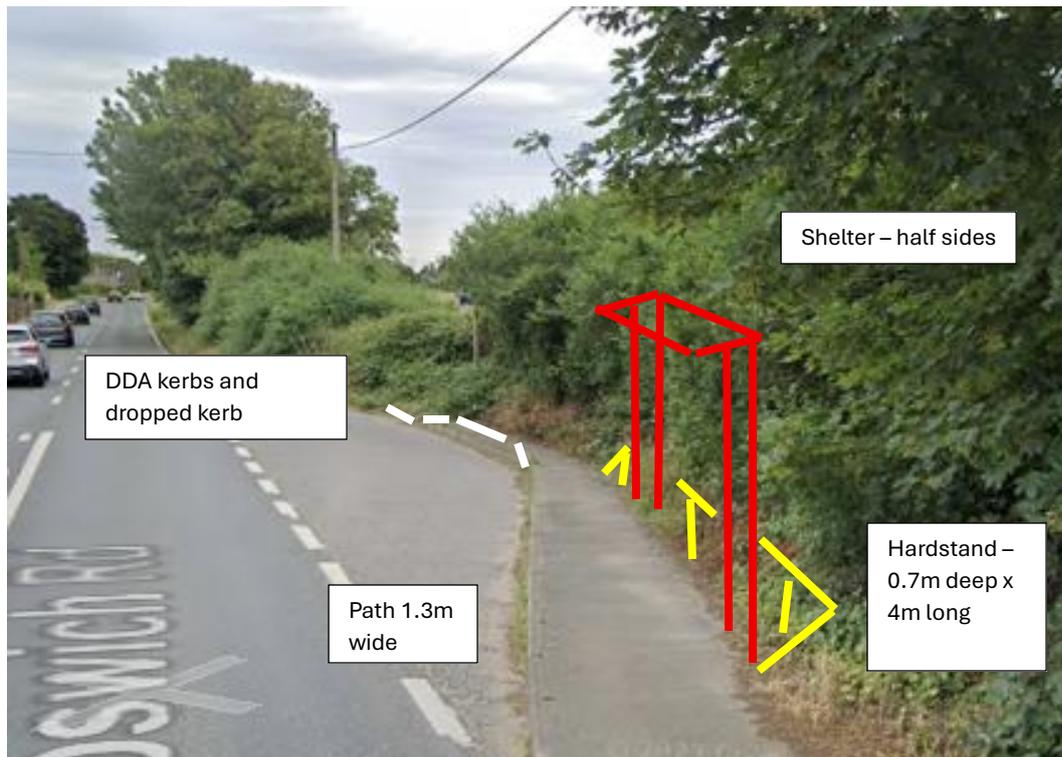
Adj Church Lane, Ipswich Road



Path was measured as 1.3m but could be wider if verge cleared. An additional 0.7m of hardstand could be created to give extra width.

DDA raised kerbs could be installed but will need to check with Ipswich Buses if these are practical, depending on where the bus is actually able to stop.

Dropped kerb at the far end of the layby would make the stop accessible for residents with any mobility issues or wheelchair users. There is a dropped kerb on the opposite side of the road.

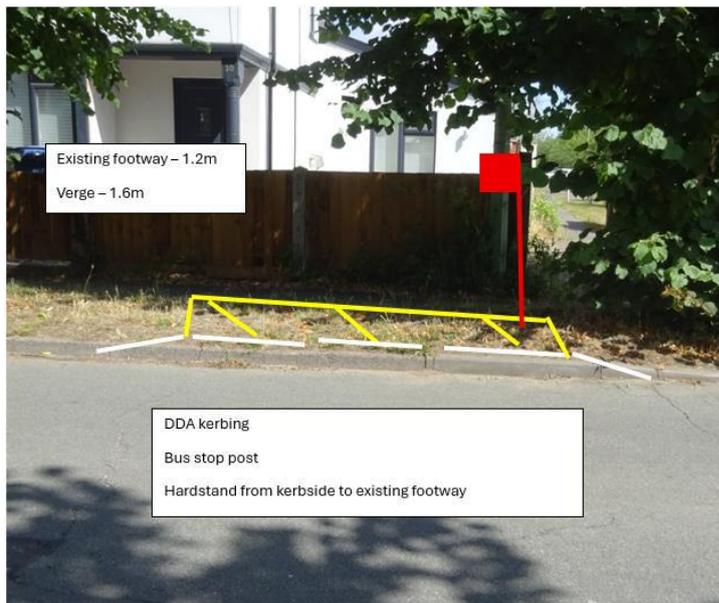


Other Brantham bus stop works

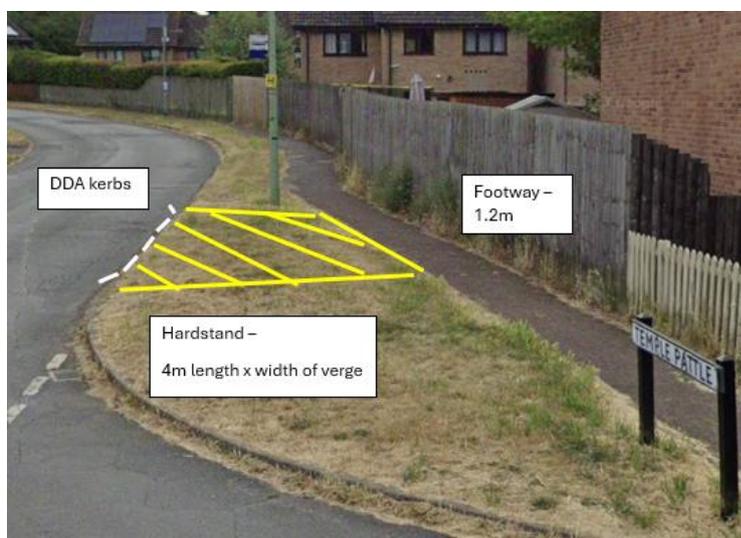
As discussed, I have already approved works at these stops that is funded by S106 money from the Stour View development. The legal agreement was very specific as to how the funds could be spent and stated they must be stops on Brooklands Road, plus the Cattawade slip road stops.

Opp & Adj Temple Pattle, Brooklands Road

Opp Temple Pattle will be an area of hardstand to link the path to the kerbside, raised kerbs and a bus stop post/flag.



Adj Temple Pattle will be getting an area of hardstand plus raised kerbs. We should be able to get a shelter on this area too (funded through BSIP).

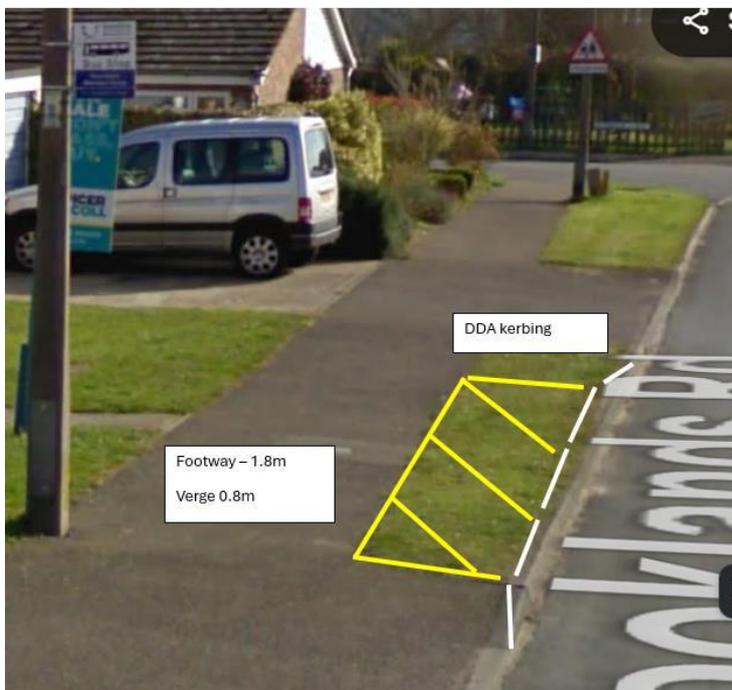


Opp & Adj Merriam Close, Brooklands Road

Opp Merriam Close – raised kerbs



Adj Merriam Close – area of hardstand to link path to kerbside. Raised kerbs.



Cattawade Slip Road – raised kerbs



BRANTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Councillor Reports

Wednesday 04 February 2026

Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Cherry

This is a report of the January meeting of the VHMC.

BATS had previously reported that various people were coming into the hall during private bookings to use the toilet. I suggested that they lock the door. As the front door of the hall is one of the fire exits, a spare key will be placed inside an emergency box by the side of the door in case the key is missing and to make sure that we do not break any fire safety rules. This was agreed by all members.

I suggested that as the front door code had been the same since I came on the committee it should be changed. A new number was agreed and is now in use.

The pictures BATS took down in the toilet corridor are still missing. Pippa (BATS rep) agreed to chase these pictures once again.

At a recent PC meeting some of the WI had walked in. Clarification was sought on their booking. The WI were accessing the hall usually 30 mins before the booking and also staying 30 after the booking. This was amended accordingly.

BATS requested that the contractor remove all his wood and tools from the middle room at the back of the hall. This was of course agreed. After checking with the contractor, it appears that at least the ladies toilets will be finished by the show.

I reported that work on the toilets had stopped, as the contractor was waiting for a stage payment in order to order the next lot of materials. But that this had worked out well as work on fitting the new staging was nearing completion. The sides have been boxed in, and the new storage area for the staging has been built. The stage has been adjusted to fit snugly to the new staging. A colour was agreed as blue but this would be done at a later date. The stage is clearly in desperate need of a repaint. This new work has added to the overall dilapidated look of the paint work.

In order to be mindful of safety concerns, when booking the rear of the building at the same time as the main hall it was agreed to move a fire door, and add a new one over the stairwell. Cutting off access between areas. As with the front door, there will be a key box with a breakable front to open these doors in the event of an emergency. This would leave that area without a toilet. So BATS were asked to move their paint from a cupboard. This will now be made into a wet room, with a shower and toilet. Grant funding will be sort to cover this work.

The manager of the hall reported that various people had approached her to book the hall before BATS rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday's. As BATS only book for approx. 6 months of the year those nights are held empty the rest of the year. BATS was asked to start a little later in order to allow these bookings which would be a full year of bookings. Pippa resisted this move very strongly. It was pointed out that this was a lot of money to the hall, and Pippa agreed to go back and ask about this possibility. We asked if they could start out the rear and then move into the hall. Pippa said this was not possible. The Manager suggested just 15 mins later would free up that slot. These 2 bookings would bring in over £900 for the hall. This will be revisited at the next meeting. The PC had approached the hall about putting in an EV charging point. It was suggested that the VHMC would apply for funding and that there should be no cost for installation. But the ongoing cost was approximately £50 per month. After a brief discussion about losing a parking space, but adding one at the front of the hall. In the summer there are plans to add 2 more spaces at the rear by moving the wall back to allow for parking alongside the existing parking. The committee were completely in favour of this initiative and therefore if the PC are prepared to underwrite any loss each month, we were happy to go ahead.

Fundraising was discussed and plans were made for Elvis! Boards will be going up around the village, but more are needed on the main road, Maxine (Toddler rep) managed to find several people for this advertising. Meeting was closed and several went to look at the work on the new toilets.

Over the weekend of 24th and 25th January BATS added a section over the steps, which was permanent. This was done without consultation. It meant that WI would not be able to get onto the stage to access the microphones, also it left the steps open which would be a hazard to toddlers. Unfortunately, a fixed board had also been attached to the walls without permission. This was holding this step section down. It was requested that this untidy piece of wood be removed by BATS ASAP. They were informed that the contractor was in the process of putting together a cover for the steps, which would allow for easy removal and access to the stage for other users. It would also be made of new materials not old repurposed wood with grills in, which did not appear on first inspection to be flush with the rest of the stage and therefore a trip hazard anyway. BATS attention was drawn to the hire agreement, and stressed that permission should always be sought to attach anything to the fabric of the building. The sections attached to the walls could stay on this occasion. Whilst sending this it was further pointed out to them that the storage for the new staging had been built specifically for that purpose and no other. The contractor had removed the items left in the wall storage unit to the bin. I expressed my disappointment at BATS show of disrespect for all the work the contractor was doing for the hall!

Footpaths and Services Report for PC meeting – Cllr Cherry

The bench has finally been installed on the wildflower meadow. Many people have commented on it, and seem pleased that there is one bench at the bottom of the slope.

Apart from ongoing concerns over the speed of cyclists down church path nothing further to report.

Skate Park Working Group- - Cllr Edevane

You've all heard the amazing news from Lawford Parish Council about the £10k 🎉 I never expected such a fantastic amount & I'm truly grateful! You never know, might make East Bergholt have a little rethink?

We've now also submitted a bid to The Murton Poole trust, so keep your fingers crossed!

I'm meeting Taz to finish the video this Wednesday, I couldn't do the first couple of weeks on Jan & he couldn't do the latter so this is our first opportunity. But most of the video is already filmed so this won't take long. Sarah & I will hopefully get together this week too so we (mainly Sarah, cos shes awesome) will complete the Crowdfunder page & we'll get confirmation from Sport England so we can launch it mid Feb 😊

We're so close!!