

**BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Brandeston Parish Council held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm** at Brandeston Village Hall.

**Present:** R Summers (Chair), PCllrs P Baker, P Locke, M Randell, DCllr V Langdon-Harris, M Ketley (Chair - VH Committee), 6 members of the public.

4/24-1 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

4/24-2 The Minutes of the APM held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chair.

4/24-3 Report from the Chair (attached).

4/24-4 Report from RFO, P Baker; summarising the financial report, confirming end of year balances, key expenditure and reserves. Accounts available on the website [www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net)

4/24-5 Report from the Village Hall Committee, Chair Mary Ketley; summarising the running of the hall, highlighting those 12 volunteers, each with their own role who facilitate the smooth running of this valuable community asset. Noting the key regular community events held and, that the hall is available to hire for functions. The Chair mentioned four 'big' things for 2023/2024:

1. Solar Panels funded with monies raised by the village hall and grants, showing an approx. £300 saving in electricity over the first 6 weeks since installation.
2. Defibrillator – funded by grants and the parish council.
3. BBQ – funded by the 100+ Club.
4. Daffodils – donated by ESC, planted by a team of volunteers around the village (including in the playing field and at the entrance to the village).

Although there have been some significant expenses this year the village hall is solvent, more fundraising is required in 2024/2025. The Chair thanked H Fletcher, D & P Morgan and volunteers for running of the Churchill Arms.

The Village Fete will be held at the Village Hall, the Village Hall AGM is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

4/24-6 Report from the Mary Revett Trust, Alan Chapman; waiting on Land Registry to provide answers, LR have acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

4/24-7 Suffolk County Council – n/a

4/24-8 District Councillor, Cllr Vince Langdon-Harris; brief summary regarding the Flood Resilience / Emergency Group, Framlingham, all Clerks and Chairs will be contacted in the event of any future emergency. The next Flood Assessment public meeting will be held at the Porters Theatre, Framlingham College, at 6.30pm for 7pm. Please email [DTC@fram.com](mailto:DTC@fram.com) to RSVP a place.

The next NHS 'Be Well' Bus will visit Framlingham on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> May. VLM will send the itinerary / what's on offer to all Parish Clerks beforehand (it will include a machine that does a blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol test).

4/24-9 General Discussion on any Matters Raised by Parishioners, topics covered included;

1. Speeding on the approach to the village from Earl Soham
2. Collection of garden waste bins, DC to contact the service provider

**Annual General Meeting Monday 13th May at 7.30pm, Brandeston Village Hall.**