

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Bradenham Parish Council at 7.15pm on Monday 20th May 2024 at St. Botolph's Church Bradenham, due to flooding at the cricket club.

Present:

Cllr Peggy Ewart	
Cllr Teif Jones	Chair
Cllr Richard Langridge	
Cllr Paul Oborn	Vice-Chair
Cllr Andrew Stubbings	

And also present

Deirdre Hansen	Clerk
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1. The Chair welcomed all members.
2. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Trevor Hunt, Andrew Stubbings and Paul Wooster. and. BC Cllrs Shade Adoh, Robert Carrington and Carl Etholen.
3. The Chair gave his annual report:
Our thanks to our Clerk for another year of sterling service.

The flooding problem in Rectory Lane is solved but due to heavy rain the track to the Cricket Pavilion and beyond is again seriously damaged. There does not seem to be a solution to this except to fill the channels carved by the water each year.

Last year a new potential tenant for the Manor had been identified – PGL, a company specialising in providing activities for children of school age. The Council was asked to provide confirmation that the Manor had been previously used for educational/training purposes but beyond this no visible progress has been made though we understand that discussions with the National Trust are ongoing.

Bradenham is an area where many people come to walk, frequently with dogs, and benefit from all the countryside has to offer. The Council is happy to welcome such visitors and is providing facilities for the accompanying dog mess to be hygienically disposed of. With so many visitors comes the problem of car parking to which a satisfactory solution has yet to be found.

The Council again hosted a picnic, but inclement weather kept many people away. A litter pick was organised in April.

For most of this year extensive road works associated with the installation of high voltage cables have hampered progress through the parish. Thankfully these seem to be coming to an end.

The has found it necessary to use some contingency savings to ensure that in a cost-of-living crisis increase was kept to a minimum. For FY2024 Council precept has had to be increased to cover a shortfall in Bucks County's contribution to devolved services and to restore contingency savings.

4. The RFO presented the Finance Report 2023-24: attached.
5. Public Questions: no public present.

The Chair..... Date.....