

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Bradenham Parish Council held on  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Bradenham Cricket Club commencing at 7.00 pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Teif Jones	Chair
Cllr Paul Oborn	Vice-Chair
Cllr Paul Wooster	

**And also present:**

Sqdr Ldr Paul; Armstrong	Representing RAF High Wycombe
BC Cllr Shade Adoh	Ridgeway West
Deirdre Hansen- Clerk	

And two members of the public present: Richard Langridge and Andrew Stubbings.

1. All members had signed their declaration of acceptance of office before the start of the meeting. The Chair welcomed all members. BC Cllr Shade Adoh was welcomed back and congratulated on her re-election.
2. No apologies were received.
3. It was noted that the minutes of the meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 had been signed as a true record 15 July 2024

4. The Chair gave his annual report:

Our thanks to our Clerk for another year of sterling service.

A number of the cottages in Bradenham Village have remained empty for long periods, resulting in less activity in the village and deterioration of the buildings. Further we are told that there is a national housing shortage and these cottages could be made habitable. The PC brought this to the attention of the NT (the landlord) several times and culminated in our MP raising the subject in Parliament. Recently we have seen to NT take action to bring some cottages up to standard and become more proactively involved.

There has been little progress in resolving the future of Bradenham Manor. PGL (as noted last year) are still interested and negotiation of detail points (such as access) 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.

A litter pick was organised in April.

FY2025 Council precept has had to be again increased to cover rising costs and a shortfall in Bucks County's contribution to devolved services.

5. Finance report:

**Receipts and payments 2024-25**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Yr.end 31/03/24</b>	<b>Yr end 31/03/25</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Yr.end 31/03/24</b>	<b>Yr end 31/03/25</b>
Precept	7,887.00	9,059.00	Staff costs	4,758.20	4,943.76
Nat Savings interest	0	34.37	WFH allowance	500.00	500.00
Vat reclaimed	524.81	422.02	Admin	402.23	465.35

BC devolved services	645.88	772.26	Training costs	80.00	10.00
(ex) WDC devolved services	217.82	119.80	Subscriptions	125.72	128.79
			Donations	380.00	360.00
			Insurance	345.42	357.87
			Maintenance	287.00	91.00
			Grass cutting	1,290.60	1,409.44
			Dog bin emptying	519.60	806.24
			Additional dog bin	0	311.95
			Fete/Celebrations	296.82	0
			Bank charges	96.00	96.00
			Sundry	54.98	72.41
			Vat	406.61	552.80
			Audit	50.00	55.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,275.51</b>	<b>10,407.45</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,593.18</b>	<b>10,160.61</b>

6. There were no public questions.

The meeting closed 7.07pm

The Chairman..... Date.....