

MINUTES BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
TUESDAY 22ND MARCH 2016

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr Chris Allhusen, Mr Paul Jarvis, Mr Julian Reading, Ms Martine Brigstock, Mr Steve Welton, Mr David Bonn and Denis West, together with the Clerk Mrs Dee Ruppert.

The parish has received several letters from Norfolk ALC regarding the Audit.

'Quoting from the NALC letter :-'

"When the previous government abolished the Audit Commission, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) expressed concerns about the impact this would have on the workload of local authorities. We successfully persuaded the government to let us procure authority audit services, simplifying arrangements and reducing the burden on you.

We also successfully persuaded the government to fund the start-up costs of £540,000 which the sector otherwise would have had to raise itself. This has been a real triumph for the sector resulting from good joint working between NALC, ADA and the SLCC.

The NALC website, www.nalc.gov.uk, will give further information, but at this stage you need do nothing unless you wish to opt out, set up your own independent audit panel and procure relevant services. If you do not wish to participate and will be making your own arrangements you need to tell us by 31 March 2016. If you do not opt out you will automatically be included in the arrangement for the next five years.

If you wish to opt out of the Sector Led Body audit procurement you must let us know by 31 March 2016 by emailing: slboptout@nalc.gov.uk or writing to: Audit Opt Out Sector Led Body
National Association of Local Councils 109 Great Russell Street London WC1B 3LD

How do the Regulations affect different types of authority? The effect of the Regulations is to divide smaller authorities into five groups, depending on their financial turnover and on whether or not they decide to opt out of the SAAA scheme.

Group 1 Opted-in authorities (those that have not formally decided to opt out) with income or expenditure exceeding £25k;

Group 2 Opted-out authorities with income or expenditure exceeding £25k;

Group 3 Opted-in authorities with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25k;

Group 4 Opted-out authorities with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25k; and

Group 5 Financially inactive authorities."

The Parish Councillors decided that Group 3 Opting in would best suit Bradenham.

The Chairman ask for all Councillors to vote. All 7 Councillors voted to opt in.
This was carry forward.

Meeting ended 8.00pm