

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 19th March 2026

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Rose

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr A. Tempest

Cllr B. Davies

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr Jim Hakewill

Cllr Brian Benneyworth

211/25. Apologies.

Cllr C. Taylor

212/25. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

213/25. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19th March 2026 were circulated, approved by members after a spelling error in 205/25 and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED. 202/25 Repay instead of pay**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

NCALC - Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils

CiLCA – Certificate in Local Council Administration

214/25. Public right to speak.

Public was present but observed

215/25. Reports from NNC ward councillors

Cllr Jim Hakewill

The Council is currently scrutinising the existing housing stock to ensure efficiency and safety. A specific review of council-owned garages is underway to determine if they are being utilised effectively for their intended purpose or if they require repurposing.

Concerns were raised regarding the volume of warehouses at Junction 3 on the A14. The resulting traffic volume will be significant; members argued that the Highways Authority must take a more rigorous stance on these applications, particularly as they fall outside the existing Local Plan.

Morrison's could be formally called in to address ongoing issues. Every concern previously raised by the Council has materialized, and there is a noted lack of public support for their current operations. The current planning consents for certain commercial sites lack specific conditions regarding restricted opening hours, which requires further review.

Parish Councils should be given greater weight and formal standing during these specific proceedings to better represent local interests.

Cllr Hakewill will accompany other representatives from Broughton, Pytchley and Orlingbury at the speed review panel meeting. See 221/25 below.

Cllr Brian Benneyworth

Offered apologies for absence from the last few meetings.

Cllr Benneyworth has now assumed the role of Housing Portfolio Holder, reporting the following progress. Decent home standard compliance has risen from 44% up to 88.2%. Non decent stock has been reduced to 9.5%, with a strategic plan to eliminate non-decent stock entirely within the next two years. A £14.3 million investment plan is underway to increase housing stock, countering the loss of approximately 200 properties through the "Right to Buy" scheme. Following a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, it was identified that 101 council properties in Broughton could be affected by damp and mould. Residents are encouraged to contact Cllr Benneyworth via email for support.

The Executive has approved a new Highways Strategy with significant investment and a shift in operational delivery. Budget allocation for highways has increased by 34%, supporting 17 teams deployed daily. Maintenance is moving toward "long-stretch" coverage rather than localised patching to ensure better road longevity. In the last year 68,000 sqm were covered. Next year aiming for 430,000 sqm with a target of 1 Million sqm in the third year.

Pytchley Crossroads. Cllr Benneyworth put in a Members enquiry regarding the amount of accidents which have been recorded. A discrepancy was noted regarding road safety data. Officers reported no recorded accidents via police records; however, it was clarified that police often only record incidents involving serious injury. It was highlighted that the frequency of fence replacements at specific locations serves as unofficial evidence of traffic incidents that are not captured in formal statistics.

[216/25. Report from clerk & correspondence](#)

Clerk Report

128/25 – 28 Wellingborough Road – Clerk to ask ward councillor to chase Enforcement and Highways. Ongoing

A large Yew tree recently fell within the Pocket Park, partially obstructing a pedestrian path. NNC was notified and has since cleared the main obstruction. A portion of the debris was intentionally left on-site to support local biodiversity and create a natural wildlife habitat. The following was reported:

- Ref: 8803071 - Failed previous repair on the junction of High St and Wellingborough road - **Investigating**

April correspondence

- Local link newsletter from Leader, 20/03/2026, 02/04/2026
- Strategic Town and Parish Forums - March slides 2026
- Kettering East LAP meeting notes
- Active Travel briefing sessions for NNC Cllrs and town/parish councils
- New action plan to tackle anti-social behaviour via Northants Police
- North Northamptonshire Council's new Local Transport Plan - External Stakeholder Workshop invite - Friday 17th April 2026 & Wednesday 22nd April 2026
- Town and Parish Councils - Planning Training - Archaeology and Planning and Minerals and Waste Planning
- Proposed Cycle and Footway, A509 Kettering (Ref: N-389) Statutory Consultee Engagement)
- Have your say on the local transport plan ISA and two healthy lifestyles surveys

The clerk received an email from a resident of Baker Avenue who reported a street light not working outside no 22 which has now been passed onto NNC Street Lighting Department. **NNC confirmed contractor has been contacted.**

The clerk received email correspondence from a resident in Kettering Road in regards to the consultation for the traffic calming measures proposal urging BPC to reconsider the proposal. The resident would like to be updated by post.

217/25. Report from external meetings

Cllr Shrive attended the PLR meeting

Cllr's Shrive and Rose attended the Rural Forum which originally was a physical meeting converted into a Teams meeting. For comparison, the last physical meeting which was held in the Corby Chamber was attended by around 60 people. 7 people attended this Teams one.

All agreed the Rural Forum has lost its way and NNC need to take their stakeholders seriously. This was once a constituted meeting under KBC.

218/25. Police & Community matters within village

A meeting was held in the village hall with ward & parish councillors, residents and the owners of Morrison's Daily to discuss the ASB in connection with Morrison's Daily.

Cllr Shrive has requested an interest in Northamptonshire OPFCC's 'Crime Prevention in a Box' scheme.

219/25. – Communications

The clerk posted the following on social media this month:

- Call for councillors. 753 views, 9 likes, 1 save
- Beat Bus. 1 went
- Planning applications. 373 views, 3 interactions. 41 link clicks
- Advance warning for Northampton Road closure. 2253 views, 2 likes, 12 link clicks
- Yew tree fall. 622 views, 6 interactions

Cllr Rose to post photos of the works that have been carried out at the Pocket Park
Cllr Shrive suggested printing leaflets for projects. It was agreed that would be ok but not for general news

220/25. – Traffic calming – Works update

NNC Highways consultation letters have now been delivered to Kettering Road residents that could be affected by the proposed traffic calming measures. The consultation finishes tomorrow. Highways will collect and analyse and let BPC know the results.

Cllr Rose produced the speed data collected before and after the traffic calming measures were put in place in Northampton Road coming into and out of the village. All agreed there was a significant reduction in speed after the works took place.

221/25. – Pytchley Crossroads – Speed Review

Pytchley Parish Council has formally requested reconsideration for Pytchley Crossroads to be reviewed under exceptional circumstances. This request is based on the site's history of serious collisions and ongoing community safety risks.

A response was received on 9 January from the Police representative who has no objection to an early review of the site.

The NNC Panel is scheduled to discuss the proposed 40mph speed limit extension in the coming months.

The panel review meeting will take place on Tuesday, 2 June 2026, at 9:30 am, where ward councillor Hakewill will be supporting representatives from Pytchley, Broughton and Orlingbury parish councils.

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222/25. – High Street Play Equipment

Liam Faulkner (NNC) provided a list of approved contractors who have worked with NNC over the last few years and it was narrowed down to three.

- Proludic
- Sutcliffe Play
- Eibe – similar to Proludic

To avoid delays in the procurement of any new kit it would be most advantageous that the process is undertaken by BPC, with support from NNC. This will mean that the procurement will be undertaken utilising BPC's processes and thresholds to bring a more timely resolution to the installation.

In March 2025, Cllr Scouse contacted Sutcliffes and Proludic to look at their play equipment and quotes which was shared with members. Special focus was given to Proludic's Active Ninja range, embankment slides and IXO multiplay.

£3,536.00 is earmarked in the budget for the play equipment but under the overall Maintenance and Refurbishment budget title, there is an additional £21k in the Enhancement fund which could be used.

Action: The clerk to enquire with Corby Old Village what their Service Level Arrangement is for maintenance is with NNC.

223/25. Domestic EV charging points

The clerk was tasked to find out what NNC policy is on Domestic EV charging points.

224/25. Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Cllr's Bull and Scouse reported on ongoing collaboration with NNC regarding the review

of Broughton's Neighbourhood Plan. The objective is to ensure the plan aligns with the NNC National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the current Kettering Plan. It was noted that as the NPPF is an evolving piece of work, modifying the Broughton's NP now will ensure alignment with emerging policy. The consultation phase is complete, with results expected to be published this summer.

225/25. Village Map project

Cllr Rose now has all the photos for the village map and has drafted an email. All that is left to do is agree an order as photos need to be numbered.

226/25. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

26/00528/HFUL

Location: 2A Church Street, Broughton, NN14 1LU

Proposal: Householder Planning Permission: Demolition of outbuildings, to replace greenhouse with double garage, remove existing garage to allow large area of gravel to provide additional parking space, new decking with pergola and low level wall to the rear, alterations to roof of utility room, 2 new rooflights, cladding to existing extension and new electric access gate to the front.

No Comment

Planning Decisions

25/02168/HFUL

LOCATION: 22 Glebe Avenue

PROPOSAL: Proposed two storey rear extension, single story front extension and conversion of out building, including external insulated render and alterations.

No comment

In Progress

25/02061/LNT

LOCATION: Bypass Farm A43 Broughton Bypass Broughton NN14 1NT

PROPOSAL: Removal of 3 no. existing antennas, and installation of 6 no. new antennas, 2 no. transmission dishes, and ancillary development thereto

No comment

25/01424/LBC

LOCATION: The Gables 54 Church Street Broughton NN14 1LU

PROPOSAL: Installation of a home wall mounted 7kw EV charger to the garage within a private driveway

No comment

Awaiting Decision

25/00766/HFUL

LOCATION: 16 Carter Avenue, NN14 1LZ

PROPOSAL: Replace conservatory and outbuilding with two storey side and rear extensions.

In progress

NK/2025/0047

LOCATION: 37 Church Street

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1-T6 Sycamore - re-pollard to previous points; T7 Holly - crown reduction by approximately 3m

Target decision date: 13/03/2025

In progress

227/25. Finance Report - to note expenditure for April

April 2026 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5194.28

Community – £16,416.33

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account 3.50% Jan 2026

Interest	£647	90
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 2.45% Jan 2026

Interest	£140	57
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Credits to Community account

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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 1	Bank transfer	£447.35
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£111.60
A McDaid home working £12.00 Travel 27 miles @ 45p per mile £12.15	Bank transfer	£24.15
SLCC – Return of grant – paid on the 2 nd April	Bank transfer	£1645.00
NACRE renewal	Bank transfer	£42.00
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£10.59
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox emails	Direct Debit	£20.99

Cllr Gray to authorise payments this month.

It was noted that EE Ltd charge for the clerk's mobile, went up last month from £6.88 to £10.59. The clerk will shop around to see if there is a cheaper deal.

228/25. AGAR 25/26 and appointment of Internal Auditor

The AGAR has now been completed and accounts balanced and agreed.

Total income for 25/26 was £17,496.41

Total expenditure for 25/26 was £16,061.86

It was **Resolved** for the Chair to sign the AGAR confirming the accounting statements were prepared on an income and expenditure basis and present fairly the financial position of this

authority. It was also **resolved** to appoint Tino La Torre as Internal Auditor with no payment as requested.

The Exercise of Public Rights will commence on Wednesday 3 June and end on Tuesday 14 July 2025. This notice will be put on the website and Notice Board.

Action: Clerk to put on bottom of agenda's how to view the previous minutes as there is not enough space in the notice board.

229/25. Items for consideration at next meeting

Phone Box

Moles – Ask NNC Liam

Co-option of Councillors

NNC Rural Forum

230/25. Date of next meeting and other matters the chair considers to be urgent.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st May 2026

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm

Signed:

Dated: