BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Full Council Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 15th October 2026

Councillors Present:
Cllr R. Shrive (Chair)
Cllr P. Scouse
Cllr M. Rose
Cllr. H. Bull
Cllr. F. Chester
Cllr M. Gray

Ward Councillors present:
None present – NNC planning training

81/26. Apologies.
Cllr A. Tempest
Cllr B. Davies

82/26. Declarations of Interest.
No declarations were declared

83/26. Minutes to be resolved.
Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17th September 2026 were circulated, approved by members and were authorised for signature by the chair after it was noted that the title read Annual instead of Full Council. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.
NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.
SID – Speed Indicator Device

84/26. Public right to speak.
11 members of the public were in attendance
Residents from Lime Close came and expressed their frustration with NNC after numerous contact in regards to flytipping and the unauthorised installation of a pedestrian gate. **See 87/26 Clerk to chase**

A resident asked if the Bus stop opposite 62 High Street could have some road markings as it is not clear to other drivers not to park there. **Clerk to contact Highways**

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Cransley Hill light is still not working and was first reported on 17th March. The clerk also reported this last month after a resident bought it to her attention. The clerk explained that as the light was feeding from a private residence, the feed would need to be extracted, there was a similar case recently in Ivydene Terrace so not straight forward. **Clerk to chase for update**

Cransley Hill traffic, especially HGV's using the road in the early hours of the morning and the mounting of pavements is causing distress to residents. BPC has had an onsite meeting with NNC Highways highlighting this and it was witnessed during the meeting. Residents were encouraged where possible to collect photos and log times. Cllr Rose confirmed traffic data from the SID has been collected recently. **See 88/26**

85/26. Reports from NNC ward councillors
None were received

86/26. Notification of disqualification for non-attendance for six consecutive months, and to declare the office vacant pursuant to Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972.
BPC noted the automatic cessation of office of Cllr Taylor under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 following six consecutive months of non-attendance without prior approval. A vacancy is now formally declared. The clerk is instructed to publish the Notice of Vacancy immediately and notify the Monitoring Officer / Electoral Services at the principal authority. **Resolved.**

87/26. Report from clerk & correspondence
Clerk Report
65/26 - Lime Close Concerns: Members of the public raised multiple concerns regarding Lime Close, including the unauthorised installation of a pedestrian gate, deteriorating fencing at risk of collapse, and a newly installed camera suspected of overlooking private gardens.
Action: The Clerk agreed to investigate the matters. A resident also confirmed they would forward correspondence received from the Enforcement Department regarding the camera.
Update: Clerk sent Pavan Hira (Enforcement) and Heather Brunsdon (Senior Neighbourhood Housing Officer) an email referring to the recently installed gate at 23 Wellingborough Road exiting into Lime Close which has appeared and the two vehicles which are blocking the pathway for elderly residents

A resident contacted the clerk in regards to the Cransley Hill/West Street and inconsiderate parking around school drop off and pick-ups. With West Street being an unadopted highway, Highways have no authority to carry out any kinds of actions or put up additional signage within the unadopted area. It would need to be addressed directly by the management company/landowner.

FixMyStreet
8708184 – Wellingborough Road - Road surface getting worse – **Completed**

Street lights reported
Ivydene Terrace street light - NNC confirmed the light is wired directly into the property and must be disconnected by NGED before work can proceed. NNC will refer this to NGED. NNC's contractor is also considering the installation of two new columns, one at each end of

the road, to improve lighting for residents. This remains in hand with the contractor.
Ongoing

Street light not working 1 Cransley Hill – **Work in progress**
70 Wellingborough Road – **Reported by Cllr Rose**

October correspondence

- Local Link newsletter - From Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, 18/09/2026, 02/10/2026
- Crisis and Resilience Fund – Resources & Key Information
- Submission of representations relating to Licensing Act 2003 application consultations.
- NN draft car parking strategy
- PLR October Monthly Update

88/26. – Report from external meetings

Police and crime commissioner general "TALK" meeting Thursday 29th September 2026 – Attended by Cllr Shrive.

- **Key Priorities & Performance:** Road deaths remain a priority, with the aim to make Northamptonshire roads the safest in the country. Response times for 999 calls have improved, though the closure of Kettering police station was acknowledged as a mistake.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** ASB incidents are on the rise. In response, £1 million has been targeted toward ASB across 7 local projects in partnership with local authorities.
- **Budget & Recruitment:** Savings are required, but active recruitment continues, specifically prioritizing front-line staff.
- **Self-Assessment:** The Commissioner rated his performance a 6 or 7 out of 10, a figure endorsed by Danielle.
- **Meeting & Communication Issues:** Questions could only be submitted via chat. An upcoming meeting with Parish Councils (the PLR meeting on 5th October) was raised; following a chat query regarding why it hadn't been advertised due to email list errors, event details were forwarded the following morning.

Cransley Hill walk about – Cllrs Shrive, Scouse, Chris McGiffen, Paul Brooke, Ashleigh Fluegel and the clerk – 2nd October

NNC officer Ashleigh Fluegel, alongside Cllr's McGiffen (Portfolio Holder for Highways) and Cllr Paul Brooke met with representatives of BPC to look at possible solutions to the bottle-necking of vehicles and lack of visibility which is occurring at the bottom of Cransley Hill. The frequent HGV's using the road in the early hours is deemed unacceptable and was observed during this visit. It was noted that Broughton currently lacks a 7.5-tonne weight restriction. Ashleigh Fluegel agreed to verify whether existing weight restriction signage is present on the A43 and Highways will look for solutions.

PLR meeting - 5th October – Attended by Cllr Shrive

- **Attendance:** 30 councillors attended the Police Liaison Representative (PLR) meeting on 5th October 2026.
- **Crime Rates & Detection:** Overall crime is down 11% and serious crime is down 8%, with the current crime detection rate standing at 17%.

- **Crime Trends:** Increases noted in child-on-child abuse and mental health-related incidents; retail theft remains an issue, compounded by poor store layouts (e.g., multiple exits, high-value items near doors).
- **Police Staffing:** Staffing levels have dropped to approximately 1.7–1.8 per 1,000 population (down from 1.9).
- **PCSO Recruitment & Sponsorship:** Out of 100 applicants, 7–8 new PCSOs are being recruited; police are re-evaluating the "Sponsor a PCSO" scheme to encourage shared community funding rather than single-parish sponsorship (further details pending).
- **Funding & Budget:** The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) is setting the budget similarly to Parish Councils, actively lobbying for central government funding alongside the local precept.
- **HMICFRS Inspection Rating:** Northamptonshire Police is currently assessed at Band 2 (out of 3 levels), indicating a need for improvement.
- **Public Information & Tools:** Local policing teams can be found via postcode search on the police website; police currently lack loanable cameras for 7.5t village vehicle monitoring, but hope to deploy full recognition camera technology in the future.

Strategic Town & Parish Forum - 6 October - Attended by Cllr Shrive
Chaired by Councillor Gregory Wilcox, North Northamptonshire Council presented key strategic updates alongside major consultation plans.

- Assistant Director Kerry Purnell outlined Council progress across IT, workforce, and transformation initiatives through the T20 Programme, while highlighting significant budgetary pressures in adult and children's services.
- Executive Director George Candler introduced the draft Car Parking Strategy, detailing a proposed 9-week public consultation running from October to December 2026 to harmonise tariffs into a four-band system, standardise payment methods, and establish a consistent two-hour free parking allowance for Blue Badge holders.
- Stronger Communities Manager Ursula Alderman-Wells reviewed early engagement data for the upcoming Consultation & Engagement Strategy, encouraging feedback through a dedicated Town & Parish survey open until 1 November 2026.

Lastly, attendees engaged in a feedback exercise and discussed proposals for 2027 collaboration, including transitioning to an annual Strategic Forum supplemented by regular thematic workshops, a monthly collaborative working group, and a quarterly Rural Parish Network.

89/26. – Communications

Village map – 414 views - 18 likes
Car parking strategy – 4 clicks
Parish Agenda – 19 clicks - 4 likes

90/26. – Police and Community matters within village

PCSO Karina Mottley introduced herself as Burton and Broughton's new Community Support Officer.
Operation Spotlight – Keeping young drivers safe has been launched and is now included in Northamptonshire Police's Force Control Strategy.

Kettering Neighbourhood Policing Team report
In July we set three local priorities for the Kettering area and surrounding villages including Ise, Burton, Broughton, Rothwell, Mawsley and Desborough. These were road safety and

road traffic offences, drug dealing and drug misuse, and burglary. These priorities were based on concerns raised by local residents, together with local crime data and information provided by partner agencies, such as the local council.

These priorities have been the focus of much of our work over the past three months.

Below is an update on some of the activity undertaken by the Kettering Neighbourhood Policing Team to address them:

Road safety and road traffic offences
We continue to carry out regular speed enforcement activity in key hotspot areas highlighted by the community, issuing warning letters where most appropriate and fixed penalty notices to others for speeding offences.
We have seized 15 vehicles in this period for offences such as no insurance or no MOT.
We have made four arrests relating to road safety offences such a drink and drug driving and disqualified driving.
We have issued a total of 20 fixed penalty notices for road safety offences such as speeding and driving standards and reported 14 further drivers for summons for offences.
Working alongside partners, we continue to carry out parking patrols outside local schools issuing tickets to offending vehicles where appropriate.

Drug dealing and drug misuse
Following information from the community, we have secured four arrests relating to drug offences.
We have also secured seven charges and 12 out of court disposals for drug related offences.
We have executed multiple warrants relating to drug offences following intelligence from the community.
We continue to carry out regular checks at the addresses of those identified as being vulnerable to being exploited by drug dealers (cuckooing).

91/26. Report from Village Map group

The village map is now securely installed and has been well received by residents. Cllr Rose will upload historical information to complement the map, including the village's entry in the Domesday Book and write-ups and photographs of historic properties (e.g., *The Gables* and *Yeoman House*)

92/26. Traffic calming – Village update

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 16th November at 10am to meet with NNC Highways and Kiers Maintenance Team for the Highways Engagement walkabout.
Concern was raised regarding a potential road closure at Mawsley roundabout (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM, scheduled for Friday, 23rd October/November). The Clerk confirmed that no official notification has been received. **Clerk to seek clarification from Highways.**

93/26. Report from grass cutting mapping

Cllr Rose reported he is still examining the map submitted by Highways and the specific areas BPC wish to have cut on top of NNC's 3 cuts per year.

Kerry Purnell (NNC) when pushed by Cllr Shrive has promised three cuts per year but residents have questioned whether some areas even had one cut this year

94/26. Pocket Park

It was noted that work on the pond, especially the reeds in the central area need removing. Planned tasks include strimming back the area and removing/pulling up excess oxygenating plants. **Clerk to arrange**

95/26. Microsoft 365

It was proposed by Cllr Scouse and seconded by Cllr Bull to approve the Microsoft 365 subscription package. All agreed. **Resolved.**

96/26. Winter Lights

The clerk showed councillors a photo of a project recently carried out by another council to brighten up their village during the Christmas period who also didn't have access to electricity. 6 x 6ft plywood trees with either battery/solar lights to be hung over the wall at the High Street Park. All agreed it was achievable and Cllr Scouse will contact Mark Thompson to see if he can execute the idea. The clerk confirmed there was enough money earmarked in the budget

96/26. Poppy Wreath

The poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday has been purchased. The Chair will lay the wreath on behalf of BPC at the war memorial on 11th November

97/26. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

26/02909/HFUL
17 Wellingborough Road, NN14 1PD
Formation of a Vehicular Crossover and Front-Garden Parking Area
No Comment

26/02802/HFUL
144 Northampton Road
Proposed Rear Single Story Extension
No Comment

26/02670/TCA
Broughton Primary School
T1 Beech – trimming back and dead wood removing, T2 Maple – trimming back
No Comment

26/02627/TCA
The Hollies, Coxs Lane
Weeping Willow – pollard – branches expanding over boundary fence and encroaching on public right of way. T2 – Weeping willow – pollard – Branches expanding into neighbouring garden. T3 – Apple tree – pollard – Branches expanding into neighbouring garden
No Comment

Planning Decisions

26/02581/AOC
The Gables, 54 Church Street

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Proposal: Discharge of conditions pursuant to condition 3 (bathroom) and condition 5 (installation of wood burner) of NK/2023/0500
Approved

26/02390/TCA
Meadow Bank
Removal of Holly tree
No comment

26/02221/FUL
Location: Land adjacent 1 The Old, A43 Broughton
Proposal: Erection of a dayroom
Comments
Ref: Covering Letter
Preliminary Matters

1. Clarification of the statement that the applicant "currently resides" at 1 Old Northampton Rd. It is our understanding that Mrs Barbara Hoyland resides at #1 which a brick built bungalow and the applicant resides in the pitch opposite #1.
2. Clarification of the phrase "It does seek to provide a modest size building ancillary to the occupants use of the wider site." What is being referred to as "the wider site"?

Relevant Planning Policy

1. The document refers to the previous NPPF which has now been superseded.
2. NPPF S5: Principle of development outside settlements (page 25) is the relevant paragraph on the latest NPPF version.
3. The application is not for new G&T accommodation and therefore much of the NPPF relating to this area would not be relevant in this case.
4. The application is in conflict with the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan which designates the land as Open Space.
5. Under Policy 19 (Green Infrastructure) of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS), developments located within or immediately adjacent to identified sub-regional and local GI corridors are subject to strict protective and enhancement criteria.

Ref: Application form
Parking spaces – why is there a need for these. The proposed building is directly accessed from the existing site 1 Old Northampton Rd which has parking provision already.
Water & Drainage – these is no detail regarding the provision for potable water, waste water drainage or surface water drainage.

Character & Design
Ref: J005631-dd-01
For clarification the notation "Mobile Home Park" does not refer to the application site.
END

26/02230/PDE
Location: 144 Northampton Road
Proposal: Single storey extension to extend beyond the rear wall of the property by 5.7m, with a maximum height of 3m and eaves height of 2.7m
Refused

26/02133/HFUL

Location: 22 Carter Avenue, Broughton, NN14 1LZ
Proposal: Householder Planning Permission: single storey front and rear extensions, two storey side extension and external wall insulation. Demolition of single storey side showeroom and utility.
In progress

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.
In progress

99/26. Finance Report - to note expenditure for September

October 2026 statements
Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63
Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28
Community – £29,147.81

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

Interest	£0	00

Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 2.45% Jan 2026

Interest	£0	00

Credits to Community account

	£0	00

Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary & HMRC - mth 7	Bank transfer	£606.72
A McDaid home working x 2 £24.00, 27 Travel miles @ 55p per mile £14.85	Bank transfer	£41.70
Ken Signs Ltd (Village Map)	Bank transfer	£342.00
Room hire Sept	Bank transfer	£20.00
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£9.38
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox emails	Direct Debit	£20.99

Cllr Scouse to authorise this month's payments

100/26. Items for consideration at next meeting

Neighbourhood plan
Budget – set aside £3500 for NP
Winter lights

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101/26. Date of next meeting and other matters the chair considers to be urgent.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th November 2026
The meeting was closed at 8:24pm

Signed: **Dated:**

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