

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Chairman: Cllr P.A. Scouse.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 15th May 2025

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Rose

Cllr A. Tempest

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr M. Gray

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr Brian Benneyworth

19/25. Apologies.

Cllr B Davies – personal reasons

Cllr J Hakewill – Working away

Cllr Chris Kellett – Loddington Meeting

20/25. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for ensuing year

The following was Resolved:

Chair - Cllr P. Scouse.

Proposed – Cllr Rose, seconded Cllr Shrive. All agreed

Vice chair – Cllr R. Shrive

Proposed – Cllr Rose, seconded Cllr Bull. All agreed

21/25. To sign Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests forms

Declarations of Acceptance of office were signed and witnessed by the clerk along with The Code of Conduct. Cllr Taylor, Tempest and Davies were emailed the link to the Register of Interest forms.

22/25. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

23/25. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17th April 2025 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

24/25. Public right to speak.

No members of the public were in attendance

25/25. Newly elected NNC ward councillors

The new elected ward councillors for Rothwell & Mawsley ward are as follows:

Cllr Jim Hakewill - Independent

Cllr Chris Kellett – Reform UK

Cllr Brian Benneyworth – Reform UK

Cllr Brian Benneyworth introduced himself.

He lived in Broughton for 16 years and has family still in the village.

Retired board member in the NHS & Housing with a retail background.

Attended village VE Day celebrations meeting constituents

Will be attending NNC Full council on the 22nd May

Reform UK took overall control of NNC and Cllr Martin Griffiths has been elected as Leader alongside the deputy leader Cllr Edward McDonald.

All newly elected ward councillors have attended an induction day where they met NNC officers and have pledged to work across party.

A taskforce has been looking into NNC finances.

Email is not up and running yet due to clerical error.

Has no social media

Cllr Jim Hakewill has formed alliance with Liberal Democrat Simon Fairhall called Communities Alliance in order to be allocated positions on NNC committees.

26/25. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

- A stretch of road where the road is breaking up. What3words ///stole.rings.responded 7315767. **1 square done but rest ignored. Northampton Road is bad.**
- Three drop down posts which were installed to prevent incursion by Travellers while allowing mowers access to cut the grass. These are all now broken. Ref 7409089. **Ongoing**
- Cllr Shrive reported the ivy growing over the stone wall which is damaging it Ref 7336024. – **NNC inspected but reported back stating the ivy is not bad enough yet. Action: The clerk to contact the Rotary Club for help.**
- The clerk reported the need for verge cutting along the whole of Kettering Road - Ref 7494779. **Completed**

Advanced Notice - TTRO 25/26 - Northampton Road, Broughton.

Kier Highways have requested a road closure on the above road to safely carry out coppicing works. MAP – A43

It is expected that the works will take 1 day and are due to commence on 29/06/25.

The closure and diversion can be viewed here: <https://one.network/?tm=143041929>

If you require further information, please contact Alain Prud'homme on 01604 529700

Action: The clerk to contact Alan on how this closure will be policed so Broughton does not become a rat run

It was noted that the Memorial garden has missed two cuts. It is usually done with a needs hand mower when the sheltered housing grounds are cut. **Action: Clerk to contact Ground maintenance**

The Beat Bus surgery was held on 14th May, 5pm – 7pm, outside Red Lion Pub
PCSO Adam Goodes reported the team had been out with the speed gun in Broughton and Pytchley and gave out six warning letters.

They also attended Broughton Primary school at the end of the school day where there were a few inconsiderate parkers spoken too.

An ex resident contacted the clerk asking for information on the Broughton News. **Action: Clerk to reply and direct to County Archives**

27/25. Councillor vacancies and co-option

After the result of the local elections, Cllr Andrew Tempest has joined BPC, making a total of eight parish councillors. BPC has three vacancies which can be filled by co-option. The clerk will put the vacancy notices on the website and social media. **Action: Clerk to add Cllr Tempest to website**

28/25. Appointments to outside bodies and committees

The following was resolved:

Finance Advisory Committee – Cllr's Scouse, Shrive & Gray.

Pocket Park Advisory Committee – Cllr's Scouse, Shrive, Taylor & Rose.

Policing – Cllr Shrive

Village Hall representative - Cllr Scouse.

Memorial Garden Committee – Cllrs Taylor, Bull, Rose & Tempest.

Communications Committee – Cllrs Rose, Bull & Gray.

Bentham Charities – Cllrs Bull, Rose, Shrive & Gray

Village map project – Cllrs Davies, Scouse & Bull

29/25. Review of policies – Constitution, Data Protection, Equality & Diversity, Safeguarding, Scheme of Delegation, Social Media and Financial Regulations.

All policies were reviewed and it was **resolved** all were still current with the exception of the Safeguarding Policy which needs email addresses updating. **Action: To update safeguarding policy and put on agenda for approval in June**

30/25. Insurance Renewal

Although BPC signed up to a three year deal last year with Aviva, Clear Councils have now ceased working with them and are now offering the opportunity to sign up again to another three year deal with Ecclesiastical.

The renewal date is 01/06/2025. The premium this year is £874.05, Insurance premium Tax £104.89 and an administration fee of £50.00 brings the total to £1028.94

It was **resolved** to contact Aviva to make sure there is no penalty for breaking the original 3 year deal. **Action: Clerk to send over documents to Cllr Rose to look at.**

31/25. Housing Needs Survey results

There were 31% valid responses (330). 17 were identified as having a need for housing in the parish.

It was noted that the NNC housing list does not test validity until a property becomes available. The needs were greatest for two bed shared ownership properties.

It was agreed deliverability will be a challenge. KBC's feasibility study identified the garages in Carter Avenue could potentially hold 6 houses.

Sites that are currently being looked at by NNC for their local plan have been rejected in past.

BPC Neighbourhood plan will need updating so correspondence with NNC local plan is essential.

Action: Cllr's Scouse and Bull to continue discussions with NNC.

32/25. – Winter light project - update

The clerk is working through the process to get an unmetered supply. It was noted that some companies are now charging a daily rate even when electricity is not being used so clerk is still looking at options.

The winter lights will be mains operated using no more than a 20 amp fuse.

33/25. – Village Map project – report from working group

Cllr Bull provided an update.

Mark Thompson will look at the visual content using a google map type outline of the village using points of interest such as the school, church, chapel, village hall, club, pub etc. The map will end at the village gate signs.

Included in the map will be a link to an interactive map which will link into a website which will include green spaces, tales of Broughton, audio interviews.

Action: Clerk to make contact with Nick Galway re appropriate website.

34/25. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

NK/2025/0194

LOCATION: The Gables, 54 Church Street, Broughton, NN14 1LU

PROPOSAL: T1-T2 Field Maple - reduce height and width by 3m each way

NK/2025/0185

LOCATION: 1 Rectory Gardens, Broughton, NN14 1UP

PROPOSAL: Application of lawfulness for purposed use. Detached garden studio

NK/2025/0031

LOCATION: 2 Gate Lane, Broughton, NN14 1ND

PROPOSAL: Application of lawfulness. Conversion of garage to bedroom

Planning Decisions

NK/2025/0068

LOCATION: Bessemer Road (land adj. to unit 2) Broughton

PROPOSAL: Outline Application: Reconfiguration of existing public EV Hub and development of a commercial fleet EV charging station with access only considered

NK/2025/0075

LOCATION: Rathmine Lodge, 42 High Street

PROPOSAL: Full. Conversion of existing house into 3 no. dwellings with associated parking

Supported

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

No comment

35/25. Finance Report - to note expenditure for May

May 2025 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28

Community – £29,038.76

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account – 3.85% April 2025

Interest		
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 2.95% April 2025.

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Credits to Community account

NNC - Precept	22 nd April 2025	14000.00

Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 2	Bank transfer	£433.42
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£108.20
A McDaid home working £12.00. Travel 26 miles x 45p £11.70 x 2 £23.40	Bank transfer	£35.40
SLCC membership	Bank transfer	£150.00
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£6.88

Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
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Cllr Shrive to authorise payments this month.

36/25. Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) Internal Audit results and signing off certificate of exception

Tino La Torre has carried out the internal audit and as here were no recommendations, signed them off.

It was **resolved** for the chair for the chair to final sign the AGAR. The clerk will submit all documentation to the external auditor PK Littlejohn.

The Exercise of Public Rights will commence on Tuesday 3 June and end on Monday 14 July 2025.

37/25. Items for consideration at next meeting

Traffic Calming
Glebe Avenue
Parking – email Adam Silver Street
High Street play equipment
Pocket park

38/25. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th June 2025

The meeting was closed at 8:55pm

Signed:

Dated: