

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 16th July 2026

Councillors Present:

Cllr R. Shrive
Cllr P. Scouse
Cllr M. Rose
Cllr A. Tempest
Cllr. H. Bull
Cllr. F. Chester
Cllr B. Davies

Ward Councillors present:

All at NNC Full council

41/26. Apologies.

Cllr C. Taylor
Cllr M. Gray
Cllr A. Tempest

42/26. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

43/26. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 18th June 2026 were circulated, approved by members and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

NCALC - Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils

44/26. Public right to speak.

No members of the public were present

45/26. Reports from NNC ward councillors

None were received

46/26. Guest speaker: Lucy Hawes, North Northants Greenway representative

Lucy Hawes introduced the North Northants Greenway project, which aims to create surfaced off-road routes for walking, wheeling, cycling and horse riding, linking communities to workplaces, tourism and leisure destinations year-round.

A feasibility study has identified 33 potential routes, including Kettering to Northampton with some schemes supported by grant funding.

Members discussed a possible route from Mile End towards Broughton Grange, noting that landowner permission, land registry checks, resident consultation, evidence of need and costings would be required.

The proposed route would be within the parish boundary, approximately 1.8 metres wide, surfaced with rolled crushed stone rather than tarmac, and designed to prevent unauthorised motorcycle access through measures such as bollards.

Maintenance responsibilities were discussed, including the potential role of parish council precepts. Members expressed interest in exploring the proposal further.

47/26. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

128/25 – 28 Wellingborough Road: concerns remain regarding a fence erected along the highway boundary in July, which has removed the public grass area at the junction of Baker Avenue and Wellingborough Road and may be reducing the visibility splay at this junction. The Clerk has chased the ward councillor, Enforcement and Highways as the matter remains ongoing and Cllr Benneyworth has submitted a member request, reference MEM3749. A resident was signposted to complete the online reporting form.

28/26 - Grass cutting - Orlingbury use Nathan Warne, ask Burton Latimer who they use and ask Rob Drage using map provided by Cllr Bull

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.

Register of Interest update - This change arises from the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026, which will remove the requirement for councillors' addresses to be listed on council registers of interest. This change means that there will be consistency across the sector for elected officials on the details available in the public domain. All addresses now only be visible internally. Should any councillor wish to have their address in the public domain, this must now be requested in writing, this can be done by emailing our Democratic Services Team

A resident contacted the Clerk for an update on land behind Northampton Road. The Clerk advised that the site appears in the Call for Sites, meaning it has been offered for possible development, but it is not included in the Neighbourhood Plan or the former KBC development plan. Any planning application would need to justify development outside the current village boundary.

Cllr Chester has completed the online training "Off to a Flying Start" - 7th July

A resident raised concerns about 1 Wellingborough Road, which has recently been converted into short-term holiday accommodation.

Concerns included weekend parties, late-night noise, possible drug use, antisocial behaviour, frequent visitor turnover. The resident was signposted to the relevant online

reporting forms for planning, noise, antisocial behaviour and highways concerns and the clerk followed up with an email.

Grass cutting - The Clerk contacted Liam Faulkner to ask when Broughton's next scheduled maintenance cut is due. NNC advised that public open spaces have been cut several times this year, with the most recent cut completed that morning. Grass verges are maintained by Kier on behalf of Highways in line with the Network Management Plan, with a minimum of three cuts per year, currently aimed for May, July and September, subject to weather and resources. Safety-related grass cutting will be carried out promptly and can be reported via the HORT system.

27/26 - A date has been set for the 5th August to attend a follow up meeting with Susan Evans and Shannon Petrossian from the NNC Stronger Communities Team following last month's visit. The clerk, Cllr Bull and Cllr Rose will attend

FixMyStreet

8829674 – Blocked drain in Gate Lane – **Action scheduled**

8803071 – Failed previous repair junction of High Street/Wellingborough Road – **Fixed**

8822476 – Wellingborough Road - **Road surface breaking up – Completed**

8708184 – Wellingborough Road - Road surface getting worse – **Action Scheduled**

9568739 - Series of large potholes - There are a series of significant potholes in the stretch between the change of the colour of the road surfy and the access to the A43. **Completed**

9694738 – Grass needs cutting A43 – Closed. We will monitor the condition as part of our routine highway inspection schedule

Fly tipping reported with photo - FLY854142661 – Lime Close

July correspondence

- Local Link newsletter - From Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, 26/06/2026, 10/07/2026
- Kettering East Local Area Partnership Meeting [In-person] 3rd July 10am – 12pm
- PLR monthly update July
- Kettering East Local Area Partnership notes

48/26. – Report from external meetings

No external meetings were attended this month

49/26. – Communications

20th June – Beat Bus Surgery – 210 views

23rd June – Photo of Moorhens – 340 views, 17 likes, 2 shares

24th June – Reel of Pocket Park – 330 views, 11 likes, 2 comments. 4 new followers

25th June – Open water danger – 371 views, 4 likes

29th June – Village parking – 828 views, 23 likes, 1 love, 1 comment

6th July – Neighbourhood Plan Review – 1939 views, 6 likes

7th July Minutes – 203 views, 4 likes

13th July – Meeting agenda – 68 views, 1 like

Cllr Rose will take some photos of the Memorial Garden to include the donated tree which is doing well. Memorial garden

50/26. – Police and Community matters within village

Vehicles are regularly driving onto the pavement at the bottom of Cransley Hill, creating a safety hazard for pedestrians. A protective bollard is required at this location to prevent pavement mounting. **Action: The clerk to formally request NNC Highways to conduct a site visit and assess the feasibility of installing a bollard. Ongoing**

Bad parking concerns were reported to Police and Highways, with photos provided and a request for double yellow lines to be extended to the first driveway on the junction of Northampton Road.

PCSO Karina Motley advised that Police visited the location and found only one van parked appropriately, but recognised that additional vehicles could cause access difficulties so the Police will continue to monitor the area periodically over the coming weeks.

Ashleigh Fluegel, advised that extending the double yellow lines to cover the full 10-metre visibility splay at the junction could be considered as the Highway Code advises drivers not to park within 10 metres of a junction; however, without formal restrictions, enforcement rests with the Police. NNC Enforcement will be asked to visit and issue educational notices where appropriate.

A request will be put forward for the forthcoming winter parking review in November, with an update to follow once the review is complete.

A resident also requested clearer road markings near Burtone Close, as parked vehicles are obstructing access and visibility at the entrance.

51/26. Report from Village Map Committee

The final two photographs have been submitted and a website page with QR code is required. **Action: Clerk to tidy up website and create a landing page.**

52/26. High Street playing equipment and additional earmarking of reserved funds

It was **Resolved** to earmark £20k from funds to High Street Playing Equipment

Liam Faulkner responded to the Parish Council's queries regarding High Street playing equipment, confirming that NNC is commissioning an independent assessment of its play assets to inform future refurbishment or replacement priorities. The assessment will consider accessibility, play value, age, condition, lifecycle forecasting and wider environmental justice data, with collection expected to be completed by November. NNC cannot confirm at this stage whether Broughton will be included within the programme until the full data set is available. NNC provided a draft service level agreement which could be adapted to reflect any future arrangements between NNC and BPC for maintenance and inspections of parish-funded equipment which was inadequate for Broughton. NNC also supplied a letter of support for community infrastructure grant applications, which may assist the Parish Council in seeking external funding despite not owning or leasing the land.

Cllr Scouse contacted Kettering Town Council to ask if they maintained the play equipment at Meadow road. It was confirmed that they do not.

Cllr Bull commented that Pytchley PC are looking at installing new equipment. **Action: Clerk to contact and ask what agreement is in place with NNC**

53/26. Traffic calming and Old Willows Embankment slip

There has been no news yet from Highways regarding the consultation and works for Kettering Road.

Old Willows Embankment – Rob Pearson, Principal Engineer, Kier Bridges and Highways, advised that increased movement has made the footway unsafe and it has been temporarily closed.

A temporary buttress solution using granular fill is proposed, subject to geotechnical design checks estimated at up to £5,000 and delivery costs of approximately £25,000. Key risks include unsupported BT/Gigaclear cables, pedestrian and cyclist safety, and potential damage to properties below the slope.

Kier will engage its geotechnical design team and seek approval of the initial costs before proceeding.

55/26. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

None

Planning Decisions

26/01514/PDE

Location: 19 Northampton Road

Proposal: Single storey rear extension measuring to 5.96m in depth with a maximum height of 4 metres and eaves of 3 metres (Prior approval) **Awaiting Decision**

26/00938/AOC

Location: 42 High Street

Proposal: Approval of condition 3 related to conversion of existing house into 3 no. dwellings with associated parking (NK/2025/0075)

Proposal: Approval of condition 3 (Bat Mitigation scheme) related to conversion of existing house into 3 no. dwellings with associated parking (NK/2025/0075)

Approved with conditions. Condition 4 – Material, Condition 5 - Boundary

26/01126/AOC

Location: 42 High Street

Proposal: Discharge of conditions pursuant to NK/2025/0075. Conversion of existing house into 3 no. dwellings with associated parking. Condition 4 – materials Condition 5 – boundary

Approved

26/00696/HFUL

Location: 48 Grange Road, Little Cransley, NN14 1PH

Proposal: Householder Planning Permission: First floor extension above existing garage and single storey rear extension.

Refused

26/00878/LDP

Location: 39 Wellingborough Road

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension.

Approved

26/00726/HFUL

Location: 6 Kerley Close, Broughton, NN14 1PS

Proposal: Householder Planning Permission: Garage conversion to habitable accommodation removal of garage door and infilling with window and brickwork with first floor extension above.

Approved

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.

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.

Awaiting decision

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

Action: The clerk to contact the developer/owner of 42 High Street and ask for their encroaching hedge to be cut back to their boundary.

56/26. Review of new mileage allowance

It was noted that HMRC's Approved Mileage Allowance Payment rate has increased from 45p to 55p per mile for qualifying business travel.

57/26. Finance Report - to note expenditure for July

July 2026 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28

Community – £28,784.12

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

Interest	£0	00
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 2.45% Jan 2026

Interest	£0	00
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Credits to Community account

	£0	00
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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 4 & 5	Bank transfer	£929.73
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£244.93
A McDaid home working £12.00, 27 Travel miles @ 55p per mile £14.85	Bank transfer	£26.85
Castletree	Bank transfer	£300.00
Broughton Baptist Chapel – Room hire June & July	Bank transfer	£40.00
P. Scouse (Chairmans allowance)	Bank transfer	£19.99
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£10.59
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox emails	Direct Debit	£20.99

It was noted that Cllr Shrive authorised the June payments due to Cllr Gray experiencing ongoing issues with Barclays banking access. The Clerk advised Cllrs Gray and Scouse to contact Barclays directly to resolve access arrangements.

For the current month's payments, Cllr Scouse will provide authorisation. Any payment relating to Cllr Scouse will instead be authorised by Cllr Shrive to ensure appropriate separation of approvals.

39/26. Items for consideration at next meeting

Communication
High Street playing equipment

40/26. Date of next meeting and other matters the chair considers to be urgent.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th September 2026

The meeting was closed at 8:10pm

Signed:

Dated: