

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 17th July 2025

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr A. Tempest

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr M. Rose

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr B Davies

Ward Councillors present:

None

58/25. Apologies.

Cllr. H. Bull - Holiday

Cllr Brian Benneyworth

59/25. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

60/25. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19th June 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.

61/25. Councillor vacancies and co-option of councillor.

Beverley Davies was co-opted back onto the council again after missing the deadline to sign the Declaration of acceptance of office after the May elections.

Cllr Rose proposed her co-option, seconded by Cllr Shrive. All agreed. **Resolved.**

Cllr Davies signed the declaration of office and will now fill in the online Register of Interest Form and the election team to be notified.

62/25. Public right to speak.

A resident of the High Street spoke about their concerns of over development and increased traffic regarding planning application NK/20242025/0218 and the potential loss of the magnolia tree.

At least 5 people need to submit a comment on an application for it to be decided by the planning committee.

Discussions about the traffic calming project and continuous bad parking around the village. Snap is an operation that allows members of the public to report driving offences in the Northamptonshire area by filling out a form and uploading video evidence.

<https://snap.northants.police.uk/snap>

63/25. Reports from NNC ward councillors

No ward councillors were in attendance but Cllr Benneyworth wrote a letter of complaint to the National Grid regarding the significant shortfall in consultation and working practices which have affected the residents in Cransley Hill. National Grid have confirmed they will trellis the substation now the transformer has been replaced and replace fencing to adjacent properties

64/25. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

The clerk wrote to a number of residents regarding overhanging vegetation after complaints were received by other residents

- Oak Close - tree overhanging the footpath
- Wellingborough Road - extremely overgrown hedge on the corner of Hutchinson Avenue. Cllr Shrive reported back that the hedge has now been cut back.
- Baker Avenue - very large hedge obstructing the junction

The clerk has reported a number of parking issues and traffic offences to the Police after receiving complaints from other road users and residents.

- Corner of Northampton Road and Donaldson Avenue
- Dangerous parking of a van on the corner of Church Street and High Street.
- Abandoned car in West Street – As additional information was needed, clerk provided email to report to Police
- Baker Avenue – excessive parking near junction
- Excessive speeding in village
- Oak Close – Estate car parked entirely on the path

The clerk asked the planning enforcement officer Lorcan Lynch to look into the erection of a new boundary fence on the corner of Wellingborough Road to see if it was lawful and needs planning permission, which at the time of reporting had not been sort. This along with the excessive parking is affecting the visual splay when existing Baker Avenue

Clive Gresham sent the Chair and the clerk a copy of the completed transfer of the lease from Broughton Parish Council to Broughton Playing Field and Village Hall Association CIO

The mass of brambles off Kettering Road encroaching on a neighbour's garden has been deemed a civil matter. Both parties are now aware of problem and solution.

Fixmystreet

Cllr Shrive reported a large hole on the Pytchley Brook Bridge – Defect found – Ref 78055881

The stream by Brookhaven has become badly blocked by overgrown vegetation to NNC. Ref CSC731231740

July correspondence

- North Northamptonshire Council Neighbourhood Planning Update
- Local Link newsletter - Issue 1 (June 2025)
- CAN Champion Scheme
- Recruitment to Co-Opted Town and Parish Councillor for Code of Conduct
- Local Link newsletter - From Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council
- PLR Update - July 2025
- Rural Wellbeing and Local Needs Survey

The clerk has booked the following training for Cllr Tempest
Training - The Code of Conduct in practice – Thursday 13th November, 10am – 12pm –
Booked £92.00 + VAT

65/25. Report from external meetings

See 70/25

66/25. To appoint a Climate & Nature Champion to represent the council in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment

Cllr's Taylor and Davies expressed their interest. The clerk will forward on more details

67/25. Police & Community matters within village

The community open day events will be held on **Saturday July 19** at Wicksteed Park in Kettering, and **Sunday July 27** in Delapre Abbey in Northampton between **11:00 and 16:00** and both events are free to enter.

Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone will all be in attendance. Valued partners will also be at the event to talk about the services they offer. Members of the public will be able to get on board the Joint Command Unit, get an up-close look at operational kit and get safety advice from a variety of departments and teams across the services.

The highlight of the day will be the display arena, where you will be able to see Police dogs at work, Fire Cadets doing drills and even Police with tasers showing off their skills and equipment. Whether people are interested in joining the emergency services, or just want to find out more about what they do to keep you safe, there is something for everyone.

The next Beat bus surgery will be at the Red Lion 7pm – 8pm - 17th August

The Police sent an updated contact list. **Action: Clerk to share**

68/25. – Winter light project – report from working group

To abide by financial regulations, Cllr Rose is still seeking an additional quote for the hire of a cherry picker.

It was **Resolved** to spend up to £1000.00 on the Christmas tree lights.

Cllr Gray will do some research and find suitable lights. He will then send over specifications and clerk will order.

69/25. – Village Map project – report from working group and thoughts on website content

An ex resident of The Gables Farm House and Church Street wrote to the clerk describing her memories of life in Broughton from 1952 - 1970. Cllr Bull responded and is now in contact.

2 Quotes have been acquired for the metal frame of the village map and it was **Resolved** to accept Stately Powder Coating's quote.

- sandblasted £45
- zinc prime and oven baked £70
- top coat and oven baked £70
- collection and delivery £60

Total cost £245 + vat

All agreed a new set of nuts will need to be purchased in addition.

It was agreed to ask Nick Galway to do a provisional quote for the potential new website which could link in with BPC website to include the following:

- Front page with some general historical information
- Doomsday Book, some references to ancient times etc including Little Cransley.
- visuals, coats of arms, image of the Doomsday Book – See comment below
- A page with 20th Century Broughton, how it's changed, what shops, farms, pubs, factories etc were in the village.
- QR code per section/page section per QR code, buildings, stories, landscape, etc
- A separate section for recorded stories "Voices from Broughton"?

The clerk will ask about hosting costs

Cllr Rose's brother has translated in the Doomsday book into English. He also has a lot of historic references that could be called upon.

70/25. – Traffic calming – Northampton Road and Kettering Road

An onsite meeting was held on 30th June.

Cllr's Scouse, Shrive and Rose met with Matt Barratt from Highways. At the time of the meeting, Matt confirmed that he had been sent the drawings of the planning application in Northampton Rd and he didn't see any conflict with the traffic calming scheme.

Matt has drawn up a scheme of road markings for Kettering Rd and confirmed he would email them over, but at the time of the meeting, they had not yet been received.

Highways are waiting for a final quote from Balfours who will do the illuminated Give Way signs but they are still aiming for August 18th.

The clerk was asked to check if a TRO had been applied for Kettering Road & Northampton Road for the traffic calming works as it is not advertised yet – **Action: Clerk to email Regulations, Sarah Barnwell and Matt Barrett after meeting.**

The pollarding of trees took place on the A43 as the roots were under strain and affecting the cycle lane because the trees were now unstable and swaying after unauthorised works were carried out. It was noted to rectify the damage this has caused, will be significant.

71/25. – Pocket Park

An inspection of the park was carried out. The pond still has water in it although it is low. There were lots of frogs reported. Some areas are overgrown and Cllr Scouse removed some weeds. A raised path or board walk would be the best solution for access to the back end of the pond, especially when the dipping platform is under water. The clerk confirmed there is £3500.00 in the budget that includes the member's empowerment fund.

8pm – Cllr Davies made her apologies and left the meeting

72/25. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

Cllr Scouse saw an application for Hockley Lodge Farm which was submitted on 02/06/2025 on the new planning portal – 14063948.

Change of use former agricultural buildings to dwelling houses which may include extension of the building.

The clerk confirmed that she had not received any notification of this. **Action: clerk to contact planning department**

Planning Decisions

NK/2025/0218

LOCATION: 12 Northampton Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full planning permission: 3 no. detached dwellings with shared vehicular access and associated works. **Comment submitted – See June**

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

73/25. Finance Report - to note expenditure for July

June 2025 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28

Community – £27,776.62

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account – 3.70% June 2025

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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 2.80% June 2025.

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Credits to Community account

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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 4 & 5	Bank transfer	£863.82
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£219.42
A McDaid home working £12.00 x 2. Paper for printer £6.50, Stamps £3.48, Travel 27 miles @ 45p per mile £12.15	Bank transfer	£46.13
Castletree – June maintenance	Bank transfer	£300.00
Broughton room hire June/July	Bank transfer	£40.00
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£6.88
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£20.99

Cllr Scouse to authorise payments this month.

74/25. Items for consideration at next meeting

To email clerk with suggestions

75/25. Date of next meeting and other matters the chair considers to be urgent.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th September 2025

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm

Signed:

Dated: