

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 18th September 2025

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr M. Rose

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr. H. Bull

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr Brian Benneyworth

76/25. Apologies.

Cllr A. Tempest

Cllr Jim Hakewill - Planning Improvement Board meeting

Cllr Chris Kellett - Planning Improvement Board meeting

77/25. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

78/25. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17th July 2025 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members after a typo on the year date was amended in 62/25 and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

79/25. Public right to speak.

8 members of the public were in attendance.

A resident, along with a member of the public provided their account of events after a 6-foot fence appeared to be built without planning permission on conservation land on the corner of Glebe Avenue. The resident called NNC's communication unacceptable noting that staff were often unavailable and only responded when threatened with press exposure.

The Parish Council was thanked for its continued support and were asked to pursue NNC accountable.

Cllr Brian Benneyworth was quickly brought up to speed with the situation as he had been unaware of the problem, which happened during NNC's last administration. The member of the public has promised to share their previous correspondence so he can raise it as a matter of urgency. It was also noted that several people are willing to help replant the area to restore it.

A resident spoke about the continued noise pollution and ASB that is occurring outside the Morrisons Daily shop. See 85/25

Two residents came for an update on the continued bad parking issues around the village and overhanging trees. See 81/25 and 84/25

80/25. Reports from NNC ward councillors

Cllr Brian Benneyworth

NNC has launched its first corporate plan and is seeking public feedback on it. The new plan which will run for 2025-2029, sets out the council's priorities and commitments for the next four years. The draft plan was shaped by a residents' survey conducted during the summer of 2025 where over 4000 residents responded.

Priorities are Family, Community, Prosperity and Smarter, Faster and Fairer Public services.

Action: Clerk to share on social media

North Northamptonshire Council's SEND expansion strategy includes a focus on reducing the number of children who are sent to schools outside of the area to meet growing demand and reduce costs.

NNC are investing in its buildings to facilitate the return of staff to the office.

Brian McLaughlin, Youth Work Co-ordinator is on the Youth Council panel and is involved in youth engagement efforts.

An email was sent to Graeme Kane requesting an immediate update on the current traffic calming measures timescale. See 89/25

The GRP substation project at Cransley Hill is now complete, and the neighboring residents have expressed their satisfaction.

All three ward councillors have submitted an application from their Empowerment Funds to help build a shelter for the Forestry School at Broughton Primary School

Cllr Benneyworth thanked the community for the invitation to the opening of the new Village Hall changing rooms, noting he felt very welcomed.

81/25. 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 - **Ongoing**

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. **PCSO Goode checked the Tax and Insurance of the van which was complete. He will speak to his sergeant**
- Baker Avenue – excessive parking near junction. **PCSO Goode to ask colleagues for advice.**
- Excessive speeding in village - **Abated**
- Oak Close – Estate car parked entirely on the path. **Ongoing - Volvo estate**
See 84/25

Fixmystreet

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

Whole footpath overgrown with weeds restricting path, top and bottom of Silver Street. Ref 7951585. **Investigated and defect found**

Cllr Scouse contacted Anglian Water to a water leak in Gate Lane, they have checked and it's not foul water but it is a leak underground. **Rectified.**

The clerk passed on a query from a resident to Liam Faulkner regarding the alleyway just off Thoday Close as it has been regularly forgotten for maintenance over the last 5 years.

August/September correspondence

- CPRE Northamptonshire AGM 2025: Thursday 7th August, 3.30pm, Lamport Hall
- Kettering East LAP Follow Up 10.07.25
- Neighbourhood Planning Information Request
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Newsletter - August 2025
- PLR Update - August 2025
- Local Link newsletter - From Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council 08/08/25, 22/08/25
- NN Local Plan Update_members session
- Planning Enforcement members session with David Biddle
- Northants ACRE August update
- Your voice matters consultations – Car parking strategy, Adult Social Care Transport Policy
- NNC Draft Corporate Plan 2025-2029

Cllr Tempest has completed his training, Off to a flying start

Cllr Shrive explained he had emailed Gregory Wilcox, NNC Executive Member for Communities expressing the recent lack of Town and Parish Forum meetings. BPC expects to be involved in all decision-making processes regarding devolution from the very beginning on all decisions that affect Broughton

82/25. Report from external meetings

None

83/25. To appoint a Climate & Nature Champion to represent the council in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment

As Cllr Davies was not at the meeting, the clerk will email her to see if she is still interested

84/25. Police & Community matters within village

PCSO Adam Goode was in attendance and introduced himself.

He and his colleague Norbert have been out with the speed gun. Once in Burton and once in Broughton. There were 10 speeders in total with two of them fast enough to get tickets from the officers.

The beat bus was out again in all villages/towns and had lots of people come to say hello and collect some goodies in return for signing up to Northants talking. The next one will be on the 18th October

See 81/25 – Parking around the village was discussed. It was recognised that there is limited parking around the village but he will be issuing cards for inconsiderate parking.

See 85/25 – It was reiterated the importance of reporting all incidents that occur in the village be reported either online or via 101. This in turn can help to focus patterns and distribute resources where needed. **Action: Clerk to put on socials and in noticeboards**

85/25. – Morrison Daily –Noise, litter and anti-social behaviour

A resident raised concerns about an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area outside Morrisons Daily, specifically mentioning, drinking of alcohol and use of marijuana in public, loud music emanating from cars late at night and general litter.

These were all concerns that were made by BPC at the licensing committee meeting which were dismissed at the time by the panel issuing the 24 hour license application. It was noted that it is possible to ask for a review of a license on specific grounds.

The prevention of crime and disorder: This includes issues like drug-related problems, violence, drunkenness, and anti-social behavior linked to the premises.

Public safety: This relates to the physical safety of people at the venue, such as crowd control, fire safety, or structural issues.

The prevention of public nuisance: This covers problems like excessive noise from music or customers, litter, or light pollution affecting the local community.

The protection of children from harm: This involves ensuring that children are not exposed to an unsafe or harmful environment, which could include the sale of alcohol to minors.

PCSO Goode did visit the shop before the meeting and staff reported no issues but the staff member did say their shift ended at 10pm. He will forward these concerns to his colleagues who work longer hours for patrol. Residents were advised to report such incidents by calling **101** and to request increased police patrols in the area.

Cllr Shrive will also report through the Police Liaison Route to highlight the problem.

86/25. – Winter light project – report from working group and clerk

Cllr Gray has ordered the Christmas lights at a cost of £350.00, payable to All Electricals Ltd.

The quote and the technical specification data sheet for a proposed 20m Operated truck mount unit (3.5T Chassis) to be supplied at £595per/day (up to 8hrs on site operation) and

inclusive of driver/operator and transport delivery/collection by Mr Plant Hire was accepted. It was **resolved** for the clerk to book for 11th October. 10am

Action: Clerk to issue residents letters to ask vehicles to vacate that part of the road for the duration of the works. Cllr Shrive to source cones.

The clerk and Cllr Scouse had an onsite meeting with Gareth from The National Grid regarding the installation of a 500 watt unmetered electric supply for the winter lights on the High Street. The source will come from Bakehouse Lane and will be situated next to the bin in the park. BPC will then hire a private contractor to connect lights. **Action: Clerk to acquire MPAN from NNC and submit. Ref: 5728749.**

87/25. – Village Map project – report from working group

The metal frame is now in the process of being refurbished and Cllr Gray will purchase a new set of nuts, reimbursed by the clerk.

Nick Galway has been looking at how the potential layout of the website would be designed for easy maintenance by the clerk. It was agreed to seek an additional quote from Hugo Fox. The domain broughtonpc.co.uk would be used for the site.

It was **resolved** to accept Pixooma's quote to create a new vibrant, colourful and attractive village map in PDF reading for printing which will require a 50% deposit and 50% on completion. £300.00

88/25. – Website Domain Renewal – broughtonpc.co.uk

The domain name broughtonpc.co.uk is up for 1 year's renewal at a discounted price of £12.99 plus VAT. It was **resolved** to renew and use for the Village Map project.

89/25. – Traffic calming – Northampton Road and Kettering Road revised date

A revised potential start date was issued by Joseph Kaye, Highway Enquiries & Claims Officer for 29th September 2025. Cllr Benneyworth has emailed along with Cllr Scouse as this is only 1 week away and it has not been clarified yet. It was noted that there is only about 1 month left of good weather so urgency is of the essence and no costings have been received.

90/25. – Pytchley Crossroads

It was noted that the tragic fatality that occurred at the crossroads in July was not due to a failing of the crossroads itself.

The crossroads does need some maintenance as the paint on road is wearing, the illuminated Give Way sign from Pytchley needs to be changed to a Stop sign and some hedges are obscuring the signs. The barrier which was damaged in the accident is still outstanding. **Action: Clerk to email Highways**

91/25. – Pocket park

Castletree has been asked to quote for construction of an additional board walk. There is some maintenance which will include strimming back overgrown vegetation that needs to be carried out but all agreed to leave longer patches to accommodate existing wildlife habitats.

92/25. – Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It was **resolved** to appoint the following to head up the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Cllr's Scouse, Bull and Rose.

This is to align the existing Broughton Neighbourhood Plan alongside NNC's local Plan. There is no grant funding so money will need to be set aside in BPC budget. NNC have recruited an officer to help with Neighbourhood Plans but her knowledge does not extend to already "Made" plans.

Councillors Gray and Rose will establish an eight-week program to collect traffic data. Over a two-week period. They will use the Speed Indicator Device (SID) to record traffic counts throughout the village. This new data will then be compared to the traffic information already included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

93/25. Development control / Planning Report.

NNC planning website has experienced significant technical issues, including problems with its search functionality. The council has acknowledged these problems.

Cllr Scouse emailed Cllr O Hara to explain that applications are incorrectly categorised, dropping into the old ward boundaries of Burton & Broughton and not Rothwell & Mawsley where the village now sits. The clerk confirmed she has not been notified of incoming applications.

Planning applications

25/00766/HFUL

LOCATION: 16 Carter Avenue, NN14 1LZ

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

No Comment

25/00802/TPO

LOCATION: 43 Cransley Hill, NN14 1NB

PROPOSAL: W4 oak – cut back overhanging branches

Re-notification of amended plans - NK/2025/0218

LOCATION: 12 Northampton Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full planning permission: 3 no. detached dwellings with shared vehicular access and associated works.

Comment - We remain concerned that this proposal is an over intensification of the site which is detrimental to the street scene of the Conservation Area and does not comply with a core principle of Sustainability in the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan. A previously modest bungalow has been redeveloped into a much larger 4 bedroom property under NK/2024/0605, the new application adds a further 4 bedroom property and two 3-bedroom properties. The recent HENA report carried out for the NNC Local Plan states that the need is for 2-3 bedroom properties (para 1.13 of the Executive summary to be found in the Evidence Base on the NNC web-site).

There is a concern that a 4.5m wide access point is inadequate. The change of priority at the junction of Northampton Rd, Wellingborough Rd and High St scheduled to take place imminently will require vehicles to have sufficient space to pass each other in and out of the development in addition to a safe pedestrian zone.

The very limited parking availability is a concern, particularly with the lack of on-street parking which will be further limited by the traffic calming measures. Northants Parking Standards suggest that garages are not to be considered as a parking space; it is noted that the application contests this but it must be agreed that if a garage is to be considered as a parking

space it must be of a size that would accommodate an average sized family car with sufficient space to easily exit and enter the vehicle. In the majority of cases garages are used as storage units leaving vehicles parked in the open, generally because the garage is not big enough. The existing garage of #12 would not be adequate and three parking spaces in tandem would usually be deemed unacceptable. It is questionable whether two spaces per 4-bed property is sufficient to accommodate family requirements. There is very limited facility for visitor parking without compromising the ability to move safely around the site. We note the intention to include EV charging points but there is no mention of any renewable energy capability, either in the form of solar panels or heat pumps. There is a concern regarding the space allocated for bin collection. Weekly food waste collections will be mandatory in England from 1st March 2026 meaning each week each property will have at least two bins to be collected (non-recyclable + food waste), sometimes three if they subscribe to the green waste collections (recyclable + green waste + food waste), which is quite likely as they all have gardens. There does not appear to be sufficient space for fifteen bins without obstructing the entrance to the site. The frontage to no 16 is being dramatically altered also. The change to no16 dramatically alters the frontage of no18 as the two cottages effectively have the same layout

Planning Decisions

25/00769/3QCOU

LOCATION: Hockley Lodge Farm, NN14 1NT

PROPOSAL: Change of use and associated operational development of three agricultural buildings from an agricultural use to three residential houses

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

94/25. Finance Report - to note expenditure for September

September 2025 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28

Community – £26,146.28

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account – find out % Sept 2025

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

Interest		
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Credits to Community account

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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 6	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 x 2	Bank transfer	£36.30
Castletree – August maintenance	Bank transfer	£300.00
All Electrical	Bank transfer	£350.00
Go Daddy – Domain renewal	Visa	£15.59
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£6.88
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£20.99

Cllr Shrive to authorise payments this month.

The unions and Local Government Employers have agreed the pay award for 2025/26 for local government staff, including parish and town council clerks and other employees on National Joint Council (NJC) terms and conditions. The new pay scales, each increased by 3.2%. The increase was be backdated from 1 April 2025 and paid to the clerk in August. The clerk received payment of £69.45 and HMRC £17.20

95/25. Items for consideration at next meeting

Broughton Parish Council IT and email Policy in line with Assertion 10 – website compliance
Poppy Wreath

96/25. Date of next meeting and other matters the chair considers to be urgent.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th October 2025

The meeting was closed at 9pm

Signed:

Dated: