

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 18th June 2026

Councillors Present:

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

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr J Hakewill
Cllr C Kellett

22/26. Apologies.

Cllr C. Taylor
Cllr Brian Benneyworth

23/26. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

24/26. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 21st May 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

25/26. Public right to speak.

No members of the public were present

26/26. Reports from NNC ward councillors

Cllr Hakewill continues to provide ongoing feedback and data directly to Senior Officers.
Cllr Benneyworth is currently calling in a formal license review and Cllr Kellett has offered an option to approach the owner directly if needed.
Local planning meetings are now available to watch publicly on YouTube and all were encourage to watch

Attended the Speed Review panel meeting – [see 33/26](#). Approach local landowners to see if they would consider giving up a portion of their land to aid visibility at the crossroads.

Reminded all of the Shire Community Service for people in Broughton who do not have access to a private car for visiting doctors and hospital appointments.

27/26. Guest speakers, Susan Evans and Shannon Petrossian – NNC Stronger Communities Team

Susan Evans and Shannon Petrossian introduced themselves from the NNC Stronger Communities Team, focusing on health, wellbeing, and active families.

- **Team Structure:** The team consists of 7 officers covering 7 distinct areas. Susan Evans joined the team in October 2025.
- **Current Focus:** The team is currently pulling together localised data through Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) around the key priorities. The next LAP meeting is on July.
- **Target Areas:** The current Kettering East LAP priorities are working to understand the needs of the community areas of Highfield, Kettering, Avondale Kettering and Burton Latimer.

There is also the Government Pride in Place Programme which has been launched in three areas of North Northamptonshire including Avondale Grange in Kettering. It is a national initiative providing funding of up to £20 million in each area over 10 years areas to make lasting positive change for residents. More information can be found on [Pride in Place Programme | North Northamptonshire Council](#)

2. Issues Raised Regarding LAP Structure & Relevance

- **Broughton Alignment:** A strong consensus was reached that the current LAP alignment is irrelevant to Broughton.
- **Urban vs. Rural Divide:** Attendees agreed at the very first LAP meeting that the setup is not working. The issues facing mixed urban and rural areas are entirely different, making it difficult to find common ground for solutions and interventions.
- **Rural Isolation & Infrastructure:** Specific rural challenges were highlighted, such as patients from Broughton being unable to catch a bus from Mawsley to the doctors. There is currently no clear route into NNC to address these specific rural council issues.
- **Request to Move LAPs:**
 - **Cllr Bull** noted that the LAP is not working for Broughton and a request to move to another LAP but were not allowed.
 - **Cllr Hakewill** formally asked if it is possible to change LAPs as Broughton share communal problems with Rothwell rather than Burton Latimer.

3. NNC Response and Community Development

- **Shannon's Update:** Acknowledged that changes have been slow. Drawing on previous experience as a Community Development Officer for KBC, she noted that WNC (West Northamptonshire Council) has a similar setup and NNC is looking to them for best practice.

The team is working with NCALC and ACRE through a process of trial and error. They actively want to advocate for rural areas despite ongoing challenges. It was noted that while the previous Rural Forum worked, the Strategic Town & Parish Forum does not. It was noted Shannon is on reduced hours at the moment.

Health inequality funding was given to two Kettering East projects :

- Kettering East Story Steps to deliver a targeted early years programme
- Highland Travel Plan to provide more travel choices for people living on the Highfield estate.

4. Member Discussion & Feedback

- Cllr Rose emphasised that communication is the critical missing link between NNC and the parishes.
- Meeting Frequency: The next Strategic Meeting will be held in October. Attendees expressed that meeting only twice a year is not enough.
- Cllr Scouse questioned whether NNC focuses too heavily on towns rather than parishes, noting it is much harder to gather data from small pockets of rural areas.
- Cllr Chester invited attendees to drop him a line directly, noting that the entire system is still a "development in progress."
- A separate meeting will be held to discuss issues in more detail

28/26. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

128/25 – 28 Wellingborough Road, case of the fence being erected in July along the highway boundary, totally removing the public grass area on the junction of Baker Avenue and Wellingborough Road, which is also reducing the vision splay at this junction. – **Clerk emailed the ward councillor again to chase Enforcement and Highways as still matter is still ongoing.**

The clerk received an email from a resident regarding the build-up of weeds in Kettering Road. The clerk signposted the resident to FixMyStreet and report exact locations but also informed them that NNC will only provide Broughton with three cuts per year.

Action: The clerk to find the map that NNC sent highlighting the grassed verges around the village and ask again how much additional cuts would be.

Outcome: Kettering Road has now been cut. The clerk sent initially contacted Ground Services regarding village grass cutting but was re-directed to Highways and is awaiting their response.

Councillor Bull spoke with the chair of Middleton PC who reported they have their whole village cut every 2 weeks for £2,500 using a local farmer. The council is considering experimenting with a trial run just to cut the "main drag" (the primary thoroughfare) to test feasibility/costs. It was noted the overgrown hedges or grass on Glebe Avenue are severely narrowing the pavement, meaning wheelchair users currently cannot pass safely.

Action: Clerk to contact the Cottingham Clerk to see how they handle their grass-cutting arrangements and costs and BP councillors to send the clerk a list of local farmers, contractors or neighbouring parishes to benchmark against.

A resident contacted the clerk as the street light in Ivydene Terrace is not working. NNC had incorrectly told them it was the responsibility of Balfour Beatty who in turn referred them to BPC. The clerk emailed NNC and sent them the map showing their responsibility and asked them to fix.

A contractor from Eon was sent out with the intention of replacing/repairing the light but was unable to do anything for the following reasons:

- The light is a very old model and no longer conforms to NNC standards for streetlights.
- The contractor was reluctant to deal with the electrical supply as it stands
- He felt that unfortunately the whole streetlight set-up needs to be replaced.

NNC have been asked to look into this as a matter of urgency by the resident

A resident contacted the clerk to enquire if there was any new information on the development of land behind Northampton Road. The clerk replied as the field does appear on the "call for sites" which means that it has been offered for development but does not appear in the NP or the earlier KBC development plan.

Any Planning application would have to justify why it should be approved when it is outside the current village boundary.

Cllr Chester has been booked onto training "Off to a Flying Start" - 7th July - 18:30 on Zoom which is being honoured by NCALC free of charge after winning a free session in their monthly draw.

It was noted again that the Wellingborough/Northampton road surface is not good enough. There are also safety concerns of vehicles parking on the corner of the junction by a resident. This has become a hazard.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr McGriffen, Head of Highways to ask if double yellow lines can be installed.

Outcome: Ongoing

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 surf and the access to the A43. **Completed**

June correspondence

- Kettering East LAP meeting notes
- Northants ACRE Newsletter
- Members Training on Affordable Housing & Planning: session recording
- North Northants Greenway - I would welcome the opportunity to come and talk to your PC about the Greenway and opportunities around Broughton. The Greenway is our safer, walking, wheeling and cycling route. Information can be found here: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/greenway Lucy Hawes, Project Officer Greenways.

Invited to the July meeting

- Local Link newsletter - From Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, 12/06/2026
- North Northants Greenway
- Town and Parish Council Local Plan Scoping Consultation Briefing – Pat & H 8th June & 11th June
- Local Growers Network poster
- June Neighbourhood Watch newsletter
- Town and Parish Council Briefing - Local Plan Scoping Consultation

29/26. – Report from external meetings

PLR Annual Conference 2026 report from Cllr Shrive

Crossroads Safety Issues: I directly raised the ongoing concerns regarding our local crossroads with the Northamptonshire Chief Constable, Ivan Balhatchet. He noted the details and stated that he will investigate the matter and report back to me directly with his findings, rather than filtering the response through the standard PLR meeting channels.

Community Grants: Danielle Stone, the Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Northamptonshire, highlighted that her office provides a range of grants available to local communities. Parishes are strongly encouraged to review her website, as funding is available for projects that align with her strategic objectives, specifically including road safety initiatives.

Future of the PFCC Role: The planned restructuring of regional governance remains unchanged. Under the current Labour government's strategy, the standalone PFCC role is still on track to be phased out by May 2028.

PCSO Sponsorship: The initiative to co-sponsor a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is officially back on the table for consideration, offering a potential avenue for increasing dedicated local visibility.

Addressing Tech Deficits: Acknowledging that Northamptonshire Police had previously dropped back in technological capabilities, the force is rolling out heavy investments into modern policing infrastructure.

Advanced Deployment: The community will see a more widespread and active deployment of Facial Recognition Vans and Drones to combat crime patterns and manage monitoring more efficiently.

Call Volume vs. Actionable Incidents: The force currently receives roughly 900 calls per day, out of which approximately 500 distinct incidents are formally recorded.

Crime Trends: On a positive note, overall crime rates across the county are down.

The Importance of Intelligence: A strong emphasis was placed on the message: Report everything. The force stressed that even minor, seemingly insignificant details or small pieces of information frequently serve as the missing puzzle pieces required to successfully solve larger cases.

Local Plan Briefing Report by Cllr's Scouse and Bull

Councillors Scouse and Bull attended the recent briefing on the Local Plan, and the presentation slides have been circulated to all members. It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit a formal, unified response to the consultation once a draft response has been compiled and all councillors have reviewed and provided input.

30/26. – Report from Neighbourhood Plan Committee

The council received an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. It was agreed that the Parish Council will utilise the upcoming Village Fete to engage with the community, display current progress, and keep residents up to date with the ongoing development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

31/26. – Communications

The clerk was reminded to advertise full council meetings each month.

Cllr Rose will take and send over some pictures of the Moorhens and the pocket park and clerk will post.

32/26. – Police and Community matters within village

Crime Prevention Boxes - The newly received crime prevention boxes need to be distributed. Distribution will target St Andrews, specifically focusing on elderly households within the area. Councillors have agreed to handle the physical distribution of the boxes to residents.

Village parking - Severe parking issues were raised regarding pick-up trucks parking directly on the junction, creating a hazard. Specific businesses/vehicles identified include a Jag, a pick up truck and an Enterprise van. It was noted that this is part of a wider, ongoing issue with inappropriate parking throughout the village.

Redundant Signage: A request will be sent to highways to burn off/remove the redundant "Give Way" road markings and signs that are no longer required as they are causing confusion.

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.**

33/26. – Pytchley Crossroads/Broughton Road – Speed Review panel outcome

In attendance were ward Cllrs Brian Benneyworth and Jim Hakewill, Linda Crocker (Orlingbury PC), Mark Guilford (Pytchley PC), Cllr Scouse (BPC) and representatives from NNC Highways were also present.

Cllr Scouse felt the meeting was largely unsuccessful. Highways staff joined remotely via a single room with cameras turned off (making identification impossible) and allocated only 15 minutes to the session. They offered no immediate solutions but agreed to review the discussions and respond at a later date.

Following the departure of the Highways team, the remaining participants agreed to bypass the apparent reluctance to acknowledge the frequency of incidents at the site by issuing Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to the emergency services:

Cllr Shrive through his PLR channels he had the figures within 30 minutes from Matt O Connell who confirmed that in the period 2023 – 2025 there have been a total of 14 recorded injury collision at the Pytchley crossroads. 1 Fatal, 4 Serious injury and 9 Slight injury and that all injury collisions attended by the Police are recorded. Damage only collisions are not recorded. The FOI was not needed

The Speed Limit Review Panel formal decision:

The Speed Limit Review Panel considered the request to amend the speed limit, which does not include the crossroads. The crossroads already operate under a 40mph speed limit on all four approaches and benefit from a number of engineering measures designed to improve road safety. This location is part of the North Northamptonshire Council's (NNC) Red Route network and is subject to ongoing monitoring and engineering review.

Over time, several measures have been introduced, including anti-skid surfacing, yellow-backed signage, changes from "Give Way" to "Stop" controls, extensive vegetation clearance within the highway boundary. The vegetation concerns raised at the meeting have

been logged on HORT (ref: 9552115). We will continue to review this junction in line with our Red Route process and more can be seen about this on our website: [Red Routes | North Northamptonshire Council](#)

In accordance with Department for Transport (DfT) guidance (Circular 01/2013: Setting Local Speed Limits), NNC assesses road safety performance using recorded personal injury collision data (STATS19). While we recognise that other non-injury incidents may occur, these are not included in the official dataset, in line with national reporting standards.

With regard to the request to reduce the speed limit from national speed limit to 40mph between Pytchley and the lead-up to the crossroads, the Panel has declined this proposal. For reference, NNC's Speed Management Policy (attached) and DfT guidance inform the Panel's decision-making process. Evidence shows that drivers typically travel at speeds appropriate to the road environment rather than the posted limit alone, so any change must be self-enforcing without reliance on additional enforcement.

Broughton Road is characteristic of a rural country lane, with no significant development along its length. In accordance with national guidance, the appropriate speed limit for this type of road remains the national speed limit. There are also no recorded injury collisions on this section of road (excluding the crossroads, which is already subject to a 40mph limit).

Furthermore, the existing 40mph limit as drivers approach the crossroads is reinforced by the engineering measures in place, which naturally encourage reduced speeds. Extending this limit further along Broughton Rd could have a negative effect, as drivers may become less responsive to the need to slow down at this hazard, potentially reducing its effectiveness. The Panel therefore identified potential safety concerns associated with extending the 40mph limit beyond its current extent.

Should you wish to appeal the Panel's decision, a formal process is available. Appeals are considered by the Group Manager for Highways Contracts and Commissioning at NNC, who holds delegated authority to make a final determination. They are not involved in the Speed Limit Review Panel and is independent of the decision-making process. An appeal should be supported by new evidence, information or rationale which may not have been considered by the Panel in reaching its decision. It therefore follows that simply disagreeing with the decision is not a relevant justification for appeal.

I appreciate the above is disappointing but do hope it has clarified the rationale for this decision.

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It was noted the Illuminated sign at the crossroads has changed to Stop

34/26. Report from Village Map Committee

Cllr Rose has successfully produced and presented the latest draft of the village map. A QR code needs to be generated and added to the map layout to link users to digital resources.

The final map, including the new photography and QR integration, will be brought back to the committee next month for review.

35/26. Phone Box update

Cllr Scouse sort advice from John regarding the paint restoration process. It was noted that paint stripper should **not** be used, as it could expose older, hazardous lead-based paint layers underneath. Instead, the existing paint must be carefully rubbed down manually.

She will source quotes for the complete preparation and painting works, to include rubbing down the current structure, application of primer and final topcoat painting

36/26. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

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)

No comment

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

No comment

Planning Decisions

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.

No comment

26/00878/LDP

Location: 39 Wellingborough Road

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

No comment

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.

No comment

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.

No Comment

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.

No comment

In Progress

25/00766/HFUL

LOCATION: 16 Carter Avenue, NN14 1LZ

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

In progress

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

37/26. Review of clerks pay scale

The Clerk asked for her pay scale to be reviewed to SCP 20.

Proposed by Cllr Tempest and seconded by Cllr Gray. **Resolved**

38/26. Finance Report - to note expenditure for June

June 2026 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28

Community – £29,437.969

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 3	Bank transfer	£469.93
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£117.40
A McDaid home working £12.00 Travel miles @ 45p per mile £12.15	Bank transfer	£24.15
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£10.59

Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox emails	Direct Debit	£20.99

Cllr Gray to authorise payments this month.

39/26. Items for consideration at next meeting

Communication strategy

Grass cutting

Traffic calming

High Street playing equipment and additional earmarking of reserved funds

Local Plan response

Play Park budget

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th July 2026

The meeting was closed at 8:55pm

Signed:

Dated: