

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 15th January 2026

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)
Cllr R. Shrive
Cllr. H. Bull
Cllr M. Rose
Cllr A. Tempest
Cllr M. Gray

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr B. Davies
Cllr C. Taylor

158/25. Apologies.

Cllr Brian Benneyworth
Cllr Jim Hakewill

159/25. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

160/25. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 18th December 2025 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.

NCALC - Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils

161/25. Public right to speak.

See below. 166/25

162/25. Reports from NNC ward councillors

None were present

163/25. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

128/25 – 28 Wellingborough Road – Clerk to ask ward councillor to chase Enforcement

and Highways. Ongoing

147/25 Urban Highways Grass cutting – The clerk refused the S136 LGA 1972 grant of only £1130.78 and asked NNC to provide the 3 cuts per year. This will be a one year decision only and BPC will reserved the right to make decisions on a yearly basis in the future. **Sent 08/01/2026**

163/25 Active Travel England – The clerk wrote to the portfolio holder and Democratic services raising a significant concern regarding the logic of seeking further funding for new projects when existing infrastructure are not being managed effectively. Specifically, the designated cycle paths along the A43 have suffered from a lack of proper maintenance by NNC for many years.

A resident emailed the clerk as she is still waiting for a response from the ward councillor and NNC enforcement regarding the erection of the fence at 58 Glebe Avenue. The clerk has responded and sent NNC enforcement another email chasing.

All 10 highway faults along Kettering Road reported by Cllr Scouse have now been closed.

FixMyStreet ref: 8643943 – Very bad pot holes outside Chinese, believed it was fixed badly a few weeks prior

The clerk received a complaint from a resident in regards to another tree being felled next to the Pocket Park on 23rd December. The clerk directed the complaint to Lorcan Lynch and George Brassington at NNC.

A resident has mended a broken shelf and added some additional shelves in the phonebox library. Councillors all expressed their gratitude. All noted the phone box does need a paint which will be done in the better weather

Cllr Shrive filled in Northants CALC survey to understand parish and town councils' satisfaction with their Local Planning Authority (i.e. West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) or North Northamptonshire Council (NNC))

Cllr Shrive contacted PSCO Adam Goodes in regards to a pick-up truck who is continuing to park dangerously on the give way lines by the new road layout. There is also a car that has started parking there too.

The clerk wrote to Erik Drake to request lamppost K180 is added to our Section 50 licence.

January correspondence

- Local Link newsletter - From Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council
- Drum circle poster
- Free Tree Giveaway - North Northamptonshire Council x Woodland Trust
- PLR Annual Conference 2026
- Cancellation of Scheduled Briefings & Upcoming Sessions on Community Safety Sessions – 8th January and 20th January
- Teams meeting with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - Wednesday 4th March at 6pm via Teams. Topic will be precept and budgets
- Updated key contact details for North Northamptonshire Council

- Invitation to Engage in Developing the Community Safety Plan 2025 - 2029 (Rescheduled) – Mon 26th Jan, 4pm – 5:30pm. Tues 10th Feb – 4pm – 5:30pm. Teams meeting – Cllr Bull attending

164/25. Report from external meetings

The clerk wrote to NCALC and NNC Kerry Purnell and Guy Holloway asking for clarification that as BPC are not currently subscribers to NCALC, they would not be excluded from conversations in regards to the Big50Vision.

NCALC confirmed the following:

- In its capacity on the Big50vision board, NCALC will ensure that the voices of all Northamptonshire parishes are heard, regardless of their subscription status
- The proposed secondary committee will not be exclusive to NCALC members, and
- Information, consultation documents, and meeting invites related to The Big50vision will be shared directly with all clerks

Guy Holloway clarified that the BIG50 board, not North Northamptonshire Council, owns the initiative. While the Council provides support and holds two board seats, he acknowledged concerns regarding parish engagement. He committed to ensuring inclusive communication for non-NCALC members and will investigate claims of a "secondary committee" structure.

The clerk also wrote separately concerning the March minutes for the NNC Rural Forum still not being published. The clerk did receive the slides from that meeting on 20th March 2025

Cllrs Scouse and Bull updated members following a meeting with NNC. The Local Plan is now at risk of missing the December 2026 deadline so NNC is adopting a new scheme, extending the deadline to 2028. Existing background data remains valid, and the current Neighbourhood Plan remains in force until 2031. NNC has not yet commenced the Gypsy and Traveller assessment.

An Executive meeting is scheduled for January 20th to outline the new planning framework and scheme and Cllrs Scouse and Bull have expressed concerns regarding insufficient public engagement. Delays in this process risk impacting the five-year housing land supply. Members are advised to monitor the NCALC bulletin and the Leader's planning meeting updates and ongoing liaison continues with the policy department.

NNC are recruiting for 5 new enforcement officers.

Work on the A43 is set to commence shortly. Kier has provided a completion date of May 2026. Significant concerns were raised regarding the stability of the embankment, noting existing landslides and widening cracks. NNC's legal team is currently working to secure access to their own land to facilitate repairs. Cllr Scouse has formally escalated these safety and structural concerns via email to George Candler.

The projected costs are expected to be substantial. The Council's primary financial strategy will be the recovery of costs from responsible parties.

Cllr Rose raised complaint regarding the following:

- Total lack of enforcement and communication from NNC.
- The urgent need for legislative reform/new laws to address such infrastructure failures.

165/25. Police & Community matters within village

The Clerk formally contacted Sergeant Oliver Quinlan to commend the exceptional work of PCSO Adam Goode. Sergeant Quinlan expressed his gratitude for the positive feedback, noting that such recognition significantly boosts team morale during periods of high public scrutiny.

166/25. – 24 hour licence appeal – Morrisons

A local resident has documented 72 noise nuisance incidents since the neighbouring shop was granted a 24-hour licence. A lot of these occurrences fall within the statutory "night hours" (11pm–7am) as defined by the Noise Act 1996.

The resident was asked to submit this diary to the Environmental Department. The clerk advised that Environmental Department first step would either be a visit to the shop or a letter of warning. **Action: Clerk to find out officers direct email and forward onto resident.**

BPC will formally write to the Licensing Authority to request a review of the premises licence. The Council will highlight that the Authority has the statutory power to:

- Modify licence conditions (e.g., reducing opening hours or requiring door supervisors).
- Exclude specific activities from the licence.
- Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor due to management concerns.
- Suspend the licence for up to three months.
- Revoke the licence entirely.

167/25. – Village Map project – report from working group

Pixooma Ltd requested a 50% deposit for the new village map design. All agreed to pay.

168/25. – Traffic calming – Works update

Cllr Scouse wrote to the portfolio holder for Highways Cllr Chris McGiffen regarding the costs of the Kettering Road Narrowing Scheme and the shortfall in funds from the s106.

- Funding: Cllr McGiffen and NNC Community Liaison Ashleigh Fluegel confirmed in principal that NNC will match-fund the remaining costs of the scheme.
- Approval: The proposal has been submitted to the Developer Board for final approval.
- Timeline: Pending approval, public consultation and physical works are scheduled to commence around May 2026.
- Caveat: Final progression is subject to formal pricing; any significant cost increases may require the project to be phased.

Kier Highways have requested a road closure on Broughton Hill to safely carry out a structure inspection with a MEWP. It is expected that the works will take 1 days and are due to commence on 3 February 2026 between 9:30am – 3:30pm.

The closure and diversion can be viewed here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB147536778>

For further information, please contact Sam Headland on 01604 529700

The potholes around the village are increasing at an alarming rate and Cllr Rose expressed his dismay at the quality of the repairs. **Action: Clerk to post on social media and draw up a poster for notice board asking all residents to report any pot-holes that arise to create a data trail for evidence that the High Street/Kettering Road, all need completely resurfacing.**

169/25. – Pytchley Crossroads

The clerk contacted Pytchley and Orlington Parish clerks regarding the significant rise in accidents at Pytchley crossroads to see if they had any data they could share with Broughton PC in regards to the number of drivers coming from their villages.

Becky Jones (Clerk) replied to say Pytchley PC is seeking a speed reduction of 40mph on the Broughton Road, and have been in communication with NNC about their road safety concerns, including the dangerous crossroads at Broughton to Orlingbury Road.

Pytchley PC has submitted an application to the Road Safety Community Fund to support preventative safety improvements along this corridor. This submission is reinforced by a strong local mandate, including:

- Over 60 resident signatures supporting improved road safety
- 49 responses in favour via a community Facebook poll
- A number of formal letters of support from residents and stakeholders

Pytchley PC has written to Commissioner Danielle Stone requesting a statement of support to be considered by the Speed Limit Review Panel, focused on community safety and enforcement priorities, and to advise whether Northamptonshire Police would support this request being reviewed ahead of September 2026, given the materially changed collision profile. Becky has received an email from the NPFCC who have no objections to reviewing this early.

Cllr Bull provided a detailed briefing on the successful road safety reconfiguration recently implemented at the Cotterstock Road junction in Oundle. Using this site as a technical precedent for the Pytchley crossroads, Cllr Bull presented photographic evidence of the new layout, which includes:

- Central Refuges: The installation of bollards in the centre of the carriageway to improve visibility and lane discipline.
- Verge Realignment: Significant cutting back of verges on both sides to enhance sightlines for emerging vehicles.
- Offset Lane Positioning: A strategic realignment of approach lanes (slightly off-centre) to reduce "straight-through" speeds and improve junction safety.

Action: The Clerk is to draft a formal letter to NNC Highways requesting a feasibility study to determine if these specific design interventions—bollards, verge clearance, and lane offsetting—can be applied to the Pytchley crossroads to mitigate the recent rise in accidents.

170/25. – Pocket park works

The clerk emailed Castletree to accept the quote for the works at a cost of £3480.00 plus VAT. Work will commence at earliest opportunity. **Action: Clerk to thank Rob Drage for quote and decline.**

171/25. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

No applications have been received

Planning Decisions

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

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.

Approved but with pre commencement conditions.

NB: The clerk has emailed the planning department to ask if a written response was received within 10 days of the notice being issued in October as there is nothing on the web-site to confirm whether that was complied with.

Louisa Johnson confirmed that the proposed conditions were sent to the agent on the 16/10/25 and the agent confirmed their agreement to the conditions on the 20/10/25.

Additional information was provided to justify the Archaeology condition during this time and the agent agreed to this condition with no amendments. An amendment to the wording of condition 19 (Obscure glazing) was agreed to remove the requirement to be fixed shut.

No other changes were made to the conditions.

Notice of approval – part 1, particulars of application and part 2, particulars of decision

172/25. Finance Report - to note expenditure for January

January 2026 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28

Community – £21,378.32

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account

Interest		
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 2.6% Dec 2025. – Due to go to 2.45% Jan 2026

Interest		
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Credits to Community account

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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 11	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	Bank transfer	£24.15
Northants CALC - Training	Bank transfer	£110.40
Pixooma Ltd – Village map	Bank transfer	£243.00
Amazon	Card payment	£17.99
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£6.88
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox emails	Direct Debit	£20.99

Cllr Gray to authorise payments this month.

Nationwide are doing a review of the two savings accounts so a new mandate was signed again including the addition of Cllr Shrive and Cllr Gray which the bank said they never received.

The clerk made a payment on the card of £17.99 for ink cartridges (Amazon)

173/25. Items for consideration at next meeting

Winter light project – report from working group and clerk

CiLCA

High Street Playground – Kettering and Rothwell comparisons

S50 licence

Communications

174/25. Date of next meeting and other matters the chair considers to be urgent.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th February 2026

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm

Signed:

Dated: