BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 17th September 2026

Councillors Present:
Cllr R. Shrive (Chair)
Cllr P. Scouse
Cllr M. Rose
Cllr A. Tempest
Cllr. H. Bull
Cllr. F. Chester
Cllr B. Davies
Cllr M. Gray

Ward Councillors present:
Cllr Chris Kellet
Cllr Jim Hakewill

60/26. Apologies.
Cllr C. Taylor
Cllr B, Benneyworth (NNC)

61/26. Declarations of Interest.
No declarations were declared

62/26. Minutes to be resolved.
Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 16th July 2026 were circulated, approved by members and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.
NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

63/26. Public right to speak.
6 members of the public were present

Lime Close Concerns: Members of the public raised multiple concerns regarding Lime Close, including the unauthorised installation of a pedestrian gate, deteriorating fencing at risk of collapse, and a newly installed camera suspected of overlooking private gardens. **Action: The Clerk agreed to investigate the matters. A resident also confirmed they would forward correspondence received from the Enforcement Department regarding the camera.**

Land Behind the School (Call for Sites): A resident enquired about recent surveys conducted on land behind the school. Cllr Scouse clarified that this relates to the "Call for Sites" process, noting that the site had previously been submitted and rejected. It was further highlighted that the location sits outside the settlement boundary and that North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) does not currently have a five-year housing land supply in place.

Village Parking**:** Residents reported instances of poor and dangerous parking throughout the village. Councillors noted that the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is aware of the issue, and a joint site visit involving councillors and Ashleigh Flugel (Highways) is due to be scheduled in November.

64/26. Reports from NNC ward councillors

Report from Chris Kellet

Confirmed that the Executive has approved the suicide strategy, and reported attending the official launch of the "Orange Button" community scheme, for which training has been undertaken to help signpost individuals in crisis. He noted ongoing involvement with the Corby Veterans Cottage.

Highlighted the current Executive consultation regarding proposed changes to car parking charges

Report from Cllr Jim Hakewill

Provided an update on member training regarding Neighbourhood Plan targets, noting that the current Broughton Neighbourhood plan runs to 2031, whereas the upcoming North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) Local Plan extends to 2045. It was highlighted that Neighbourhood Plans should ideally be refreshed every five years to align with updated figures.

Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) were discussed in a session on 17th August (available via YouTube), which emphasises that proper infrastructure must be in place to support identified housing allocations, following regulatory adjustments made to Neighbourhood Plans on 25th March.

It was noted that the NNC officer helping with NP's is stepping down on 1st October and will be replaced.

Expressed strong concerns regarding upcoming central government planning legislation projected for late October, which is expected to remove the ability of parish and ward councillors to "call in" planning applications, shifting decision-making powers entirely to planning officers and undermining local democratic oversight.

Highlighted the upcoming weekly food waste collection starting 5th November. New bins have been ordered, and instructions/labels will be provided on standard bins (though a planned informational leaflet was omitted). Details will be promoted via NNC social media channels.

Spoke about the relevant information regarding local electrical grid upgrades.

Noted ongoing updates regarding the Greenhill Solar scheme.

Mentioned local matters concerning the brook on Meadow Road, public toilets, environmental health soil waste, and two local businesses.

65/26. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report
50/26 – Corner of Cransley Hill. It was noted that bollards cannot generally be used to prevent inappropriate parking on the bottom corner of Cransley Hill. Advice from Highway suggest more formal restrictions—such as double yellow lines representing the most effective solution, provided the location meets the necessary criteria or the possibility of installing railings could also be considered.

Cllr Scouse spoke on behalf of a resident and highlighted ongoing issues with heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) operating Cransley Hill as early as 5:00 AM. The footpath at the High St end is very narrow so these trucks are only a couple of feet from the properties Inconsiderate parking on the pavement outside properties is also causing concern with a photo highlighting the difficulty with the limitations of the road width. See 63/26 Village parking. **Action: clerk to send photo's to Highways to be discussed at site meeting**

50/26 - An update from Highways was received regarding the road markings following the recent priority change. The location has been reviewed via both a statutory Road Safety Audit and an inspection by an NNC officer.
Inspectors confirmed there are no safety concerns related to the remaining faded road markings but BPC members disagree. Highways acknowledged that the aesthetic finish is less than ideal, but the markings do not create operational issues or confusion regarding the road layout, and will be allowed to fade naturally over time.
It was noted that contractors made efforts to remove the previous markings as much as possible, though complete removal can be challenging. The area will continue to be monitored.

53/26 – The embankment works have been completed

55/26 - The hedge has been cut back at 42 High Street

FixMyStreet
9155931 – Blocked drain in Gate Lane – **Work completed**
8708184 – Wellingborough Road - Road surface getting worse – **Action Scheduled**

Flytipping reported by Prices, Northampton Road - Ref FLY864022763

Street lights reported
K113, 7 Donaldson Avenue reported as not working - **Completed**
Street light not working 1 Cransley Hill – **Work in progress**
70 Wellingborough Road – **Reported by Cllr Rose**

August/Sept correspondence
- Local Link newsletter - From Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, 24/07/2026, 7/08/2026, 21/08/2026, 04/09/2026
- Community Governance Review – Stage 2 Consultation Briefing Session (Session 3) 19/08/2026, 11am – 12pm, 8th September 4pm – 5pm, 10th Sept 7pm – 8pm
- Place funding update
- Community Governance Review - 2nd Stage Consultation
- Town and parish council forum
- PLR monthly update August & September
- Crisis and Resilience Fund info session, Session 1 -Tuesday 15 September 2026 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Session 2 - Thursday 17 September 2026 | 11:00am – 12:00noon (Pat attending)

- Kettering East LAP Meeting
- Wednesday 16 September, 10am – 12 noon
- Thursday 19 November, 10am – 12 noon
- Opening of Deeble Road South and the Montagu Trail at Weekley – 6th Nov, 9:30 – 12:30 (Greenways)
- Planning Members Training - Introduction to Heritage Planning
- Member briefing from the housing department
- Strategic Town and Parish Forum – 6th October
- PLR updates: Operation Spotlight and Chat with the Chiefs

66/26. – Report from external meetings

NNC Stronger Communities LAP Meeting Update

An update was provided regarding a meeting held on 5th August 2026 between Susan Evans and Shannon Petrossian from NNC Stronger Communities, alongside Cllr Bull and Cllr Rose. Discussions centered on Local Area Partnership (LAP) boundaries, rural engagement, and community priorities.

Following a constructive conversation, it was agreed on the following actions below, which we will provide a further response on:

- **LAP Boundaries:** Ursula to respond regarding LAP boundaries specifically concerning Broughton.
- **LAP Dates & Agendas:** Ursula and Susan to provide details for 2026 LAP dates. Information regarding the Local Town Plan is to be circulated with the November LAP agenda.
- **Play Equipment & Maintenance Discrepancies:** Clarification was made that the council is not seeking a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for play equipment maintenance, but rather transparency and clarity regarding current discrepancies across different locations. The local play project was highlighted as an example for the LAP to promote health, wellbeing, community cohesion, and social inclusion for young people in rural areas. Ursula to investigate.
- **Broughton Visit:** Dates for an upcoming site visit to Broughton are to be arranged with Susan Evans.
- **Rural Collaboration:** Shannon to develop proposals following a survey and the establishment of a working group, with further information anticipated in the new year.

Community Governance Review – Stage 2 Consultation Briefing Session

Cllr's Bull, Shrive and Chester attended the recent Stage 2 Consultation Briefing Session. It was reported that there are currently no major issues or concerns requiring immediate attention.

Attendees were advised that even if a parish is satisfied with its current situation, a formal response should still be submitted to protect against any conflicting proposals or suggestions from neighbouring parishes or authorities.

The council agreed to formally respond to the consultation, confirming satisfaction with the existing boundary arrangements currently in place for Broughton.

67/26. – Communications

The clerk submitted 11 posts

21st July – Pocket park fairies – 15 likes, 78 clicks, 5 comments, 913 views

24th July – Clerk on annual leave notice – 5 likes, 20 clicks, 520 views

3rd August – NNC Summer holiday activities - no insights available as shared content

10th August – Village show raffle tickets - no insights available as shared content
16th August - NNC advert food bins reel – no insights available as shared content
24th August – Community Governance Review consultation – 2 clicks, 116 views
25th August – Memorial garden reel – 5 likes, 8 clicks, 1 follow, views 218
28th August – Appeal for info on theft from HGV – 4 clicks, 505 views
4th September – Police surgery – 4 clicks, 184 views
6th September – Broughton Church open day – 1 like, 5 clicks, 171 views
15th September - Full council – 1 like, 17 clicks, 125 views

68/26. – Police and Community matters within village

It was noted the Beat Bus was back on Wednesday 16th September.

69/26. Report from Village Map group

The printer has not yet completed the work, but printing is expected to be finished by next week. Cllr Rose will forward the files to the clerk to be uploaded onto the landing page and shared via social media.

Feedback regarding the map at the recent village show was very positive, with the map being warmly welcomed by the community.

70/26. Traffic calming – Kettering Road update

NNC received an objection by a nearby farmer concerning potential difficulties in moving farm machinery through the village.

BPC sought clarification on the nature of the objection, noting that emergency vehicle access requires a minimum carriageway width of 3m, whereas standard road-legal farm machinery has a maximum width of 2.55m (unless notified as a wide load requiring police or an escort). Clarification was requested on whether the farmers machinery exceeds 3m and how the scheme can accommodate it.

Highways confirmed that a direct site meeting has been arranged with the farmer to review vehicle requirements and routes into Broughton. Once completed, Highways will assess whether any design amendments are necessary.

Highways also confirmed that preliminary checks and preparations for construction are progressing, and a firm start date will be communicated once agreed. It was emphasised that while residents' needs and objections must be considered, road safety is given greater weight. Highways recommended proceeding with the scheme as it provides a verified safety improvement for all road users while maintaining safe clearance and access to private properties.

71/26. North Northants Greenway Project

Lucy Hawes confirmed that landownership details along Mile End Lane have been established. The next stage would be to approach landowners alongside a community poll to gauge support.

The total length of the route is approximately 1.86 km (1.16 miles) up to Broughton Grange, beyond which the road is already surfaced. Permissions would be required from landowners from Broughton to the Grange, and onward across the A14 (classed as a private road).

Initial installation costs were estimated at roughly £50 per square metre (totalling approximately £110,000 for a 2-metre width), which could potentially be funded through

grant applications backed by community evidence. Braybrooke's Griffin Trail was noted as a helpful local point of reference.
Estimated maintenance costs which BPC would incur were discussed, calculated at roughly £2 per metre, so following a detailed review of the logistics, costs, and permissions required (estimated to take up to two years to coordinate), BPC formally decided not to proceed with the Mile End Lane Greenway project.

72/26. High Street playing equipment – grants available.

Cllr Chester reported that the National Lottery (Awards for All) can fund projects without a pre-existing lease, provided a letter confirms a lease will be granted post-works. This scheme has no match funding requirement, meaning Parish Council funds could deliver Phase 1, with a National Lottery application supporting Phase 2.
The Mick George Community fund is also open to the area but requires a lease of at least five years before applying, as well as a Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment to release the grant. Alternatively, a five-year lease at a peppercorn rent with NNC could be explored.

Liam Faulkner previously confirmed NNC is commissioning an independent assessment of its play assets (covering accessibility, play value, age, condition, lifecycle forecasting, and environmental justice data) to be completed by November. NNC cannot yet confirm if Broughton will be included.

The Clerk noted a discrepancy regarding Corby Old Village where they were originally told they must fundraise for the new equipment but NNC has now installed and is maintaining without a SLA in place, contrasting with expectations placed on Broughton.
Action: The Clerk to email Brian regarding the Old Village play equipment, copying in Cllrs Jim Hakewill and Chris Kellett.

73/26. Neighbourhood Plan update

Communication has been maintained with NNC regarding updates to the Neighbourhood Plan in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), incorporating July amendments and updated policy referencing. It was noted that local green spaces require further review and any modification update is focusing on design codes and climate change.
Since April, there has been no collaboration or response from NNC.
BPC are still awaiting confirmation regarding housing build numbers from NNC despite questions raised by Cllr Jim Hakewill at recent meetings.
BPC noted that if housing numbers are altered, a formal public consultation will be required, as this constitutes a material change.
Action: It was agreed to write directly to Simon Richardson regarding the outstanding figures.

74/26. Grass cutting

It was reported that Rob Drage was contacted over the summer break and has successfully provided his Public Liability Insurance certificate and Risk Assessment for grass cutting. He is aware of Section 8 requirements and has confirmed no issues regarding compliance.

Cllrs Rose, Chester, and Gray agreed to re-examine the map submitted by Highways and

extend the specific areas BPC wish to have cut. Rob Drage is to provide a cost per cut based on these extended areas and bring the pricing back to the next meeting.
For historical record (from January 2026) that E.M. Pell & Partners were the sole respondents to quote for three cuts per year, totaling £5,606.88 plus VAT.

A resident reported that their dog sustained an eye injury while being walked along Northampton Road, attributed to the excessive length of the grass and grass seeds. The incident resulted in veterinary costs exceeding £1,000.
The resident sought guidance on who to contact to lodge a formal complaint. Cllr Benneyworth and the Clerk directed the resident to the North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) complaints department.
It was noted that this was not the only incident involving veterinary costs this year because of the grass seeds

75/26. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

26/02581/AOC

Location: The Gables, 54 Church Street

Proposal: Discharge of conditions pursuant to condition 3 (bathroom) and condition 5 (installation of wood burner) of NK/2023/0500

26/02390/TCA

Location: Meadow Bank

Proposal: Removal of Holly tree

No comment

26/02221/FUL

Location: Land adjacent 1 The Old, A43 Broughton

Proposal: Erection of a dayroom

Comments

Ref: Covering Letter

Preliminary Matters

1. Clarification of the statement that the applicant “currently resides” at 1 Old Northampton Rd. It is our understanding that Mrs Barbara Hoyland resides at #1 which a brick built bungalow and the applicant resides in the pitch opposite #1.
2. Clarification of the phrase “It does seek to provide a modest size building ancillary to the occupants use of the wider site.” What is being referred to as “the wider site”?

Relevant Planning Policy

1. The document refers to the previous NPPF which has now been superseded.
2. NPPF S5: Principle of development outside settlements (page 25) is the relevant paragraph on the latest NPPF version.
3. The application is not for new G&T accommodation and therefore much of the NPPF relating to this area would not be relevant in this case.
4. The application is in conflict with the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan which designates the land as Open Space.
5. Under Policy 19 (Green Infrastructure) of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS), developments located within or immediately adjacent to identified sub-regional and local GI corridors are subject to strict protective and enhancement criteria.

Ref: Application form

Parking spaces – why is there a need for these. The proposed building is directly accessed from the existing site 1 Old Northampton Rd which has parking provision already.
Water & Drainage – these is no detail regarding the provision for potable water, waste water drainage or surface water drainage.

Character & Design
Ref: J005631-dd-01
For clarification the notation “Mobile Home Park” does not refer to the application site.
END

26/02230/PDE
Location: 144 Northampton Road
Proposal: Single storey extension to extend beyond the rear wall of the property by 5.7m, with a maximum height of 3m and eaves height of 2.7m
No comment

26/02133/HFUL
Location: 22 Carter Avenue, Broughton, NN14 1LZ
Proposal: Householder Planning Permission: single storey front and rear extensions, two storey side extension and external wall insulation. Demolition of single storey side showeroom and utility.
No Comment

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) **Prior Approval not needed**

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.
Approved

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

Cllr Bull left the meeting 8:55pm

76/26. VAT reclaim

The clerk submitted a VAT reclaim of £3379.02 up to 31st March 2026, which has now been received.

77/26. Local Government pay award

The Local Government Association (LGA), acting on behalf of the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services, has announced that agreement has been reached on the 2026 pay award for local government employees. The settlement provides for a 3.3% increase in pay rates and allowances with effect from 1 April 2026. The agreed pay award covers the period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 so backdated pay amounts to £95.09

78/26. Finance Report - to note expenditure for September

September 2026 statements
Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63
Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28
Community – £30.258.33

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

Interest	£0	00

Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 2.45% Jan 2026

Interest	£0	00

Credits to Community account

	£3379	02

Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 6	Bank transfer	£561.61
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£140.20
A McDaid home working x 2 £24.00, 27 Travel miles @ 55p per mile £14.85	Bank transfer	£38.85
Castletree	Bank transfer	£300.00
Pixooma LTD – Paid in August	Bank transfer	£243.00
Go Daddy	Direct Debit	£15.59
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£9.38
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99
Hugo Fox emails	Direct Debit	£20.99

Cllr Gray to authorise this month's payments

Finance members were asked to sign an Entity Self certification Form for Nationwide.

79/26. Items for consideration at next meeting

Grass cutting
Pocket Park

80/26. Date of next meeting and other matters the chair considers to be urgent.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th October 2026
The meeting was closed at 9:01

Signed: **Dated:**