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The Parish Councillors are summoned to an ordinary council meeting of the Parish Council on:

Thursday 19th January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

The meeting will take place at the Brampton Primary School. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Apologies to the Clerk, Sarah Stock; email theclerk@churchwithchapelbrampton-pc.gov.uk

12th January 2023

Apologies received:

2022/77 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors to make declarations of interest on matters relating to this agenda.

2022/78 Public Session

Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the council on matters related to this agenda.

Verbal Updates (no decisions will be made on items in this section of the agenda)

- Update from Althorp.
 - Harlestone Road Black Pines. Requested inclusion of the pines on the 5-year landscape plan.
 - Oak tree at Golf Lane, possible rebalancing works.
 - Ash tree on A5199/Crawen Bank (WNC notified council that this tree belongs to Althorp)
 - 22 Cedar Hythe planting in contravention of restrictive covenants
 - Footpath at rear of Ten Cottage is overgrown.
- Speed Indicator Sign poles. Update on installation.
- Restoration works at Golf Lane green. Cllr RGN & Clerk have contacted Mr Clayson regarding repairs.

2022/79 Minutes

Council to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17th November 2022. Minutes of past meetings are available from <http://www.churchwithchapelbrampton-pc.gov.uk/agendas-minutes/>

2022/80 Bank reconciliation and YTD Budget vs Expenditure review

Council to review and accept the bank reconciliation and analysis provided with this agenda.

Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£3,467	
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£25,177	
2022/23 Opening balance:	£28,644	
YTD Income	£31,848	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£29,665
Online Balance 12th January		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)		£5,966

Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£25,691
Balance b/f	£31,657
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)	£30,828

2022/23 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£2,288
<u>Receipts</u>	£90 Interest

2022/81 Accounts for Payment

Council to approve the accounts for payment – all payments are inclusive of VAT

			Gross	VAT
YU Energy (DD)	981704	1.12.22	£29.73	£1.42
YU Energy (DD)	981703	1.12.22	£227.54	£10.84
J Hawkins (SO)	December	28.12.22	£27.50	
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace) (SO)	December	28.12.22	£55.00	
ICO (DD)	Z2520159	31.12.22	£35.00	
Unity Trust Bank (DD)	Statement 27	31.12.22	£18.00	
Sarah Stock	December	28.12.22	£X	
Northants CALC	INV-2381	22.11.22	£55.80	£55.80
Cllr S Crane	n/a	29.8.22	£52.05	
Balfour Beatty	INV 133883	29.11.22	£591.56	£98.59
Bramptons' Primary School	E2012200117	17.11.22	£75.00	
YU Energy (DD)	1022056	4.1.23	£531.20	£25.30
YU Energy (DD)	1022057	4.1.23	£43.83	£2.09
J Hawkins (SO)	January	28.12.22	£27.50	
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace) (SO)	January	28.12.22	£55.00	
Sarah Stock (SO)	January	28.12.22	£X	
Barbara Osborne	7219	31.12.22	£67.50	
Eon Energy Solutions	115809	12.12.22	£155.81	£25.97
ICO (DD)	Z2520159	31.12.22	£35.00	

Councillors to note that the electricity contract with Yu energy ceased 15th November and new prices took effect on 16th. Prices went from 17.43pence/kWh day & 12.77pence/kWh night to 37.4pence/kWh day & night. However, usage should have remained steady, but Yu energy have increased the number of units charged three-fold. I have raised a query with Yu energy which has not yet been resolved.

2022/82 2023 24 Budget

Council to agree 2023/24 budget and resolve to set a precept accordingly.

Cllr MM proposal to include £1500 for a bench at the Pitsford Road junction.

BRAMPTON	2022/23 Budget (as Precept)	YE Expenditure (exc. VAT)	Proposed 2023/24 Budget	
<u>Allocated Precept</u>				
Clerks Salary	£6,550	£6,500	£6,600	
Litter Wardens	£1,000	£1,100	£1,000	
Insurance	£650	£680	£700	
Audit, Legal & NCALC	£900	£804	£1,000	
Office Expenses	£500	£653	£500	
Street Lighting	£1,500	£3,000	£2,500	
Grass Cutting	£4,400	£3,060	£3,500	
Village Maintenance	£1,300	£1,244	£1,500	
Playing Field	£1,500	£1,500	£2,000	includes car park refurb
Pocket Park	£800	£500	£500	
Chapel Meeting Room	£0	£0	£1,000	
Coronation Related Expenditure	£0	£0	£500	
Election Costs	£300	£0	£300	
PCSO	£4,200	£3,360	£6,000	20%
Traffic Calming/VAS	£3,850	£2,448	£750	50% of cost
Contingency	£1,550	£0	£1,000	
Total precepted budget & expenditure	£29,000	£24,848	£29,350	1%
<u>2021/22 Allocated reserves</u>				
PCSO	£2,800	£3,119	£0	
Chapel Brampton Defib	£1,760	£1,257	£503	
Playing Field Gate	£1,261	£1,261	£0	
Traffic Calming/VAS			£750	
Allocated Reserves	£5,821	£	5,637	£1,253
Unspecified Reserves	£21,447	-£	365	£26,831
Total allocated & unallocated reserves	£27,268	£5,272	£28,084	

2022/83 Playing Field & Pocket Park

PP: Council to review quotes for signs to be placed at the entry to the pocket park. Signs available from Timpsons (engraved acrylic signs 18" x 12") at cost of £70 each (exc VAT).

PF:

2022/84 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Fix-my-Street: Outstanding reports

FMS Ref/report date	Details	WNC Status
16 th March	Ash tree near Crawan Bank/A5199 junction damaged	Althorp to clear
(3689512) 20 th July	ROW b/n Harlestone Road & Church Lane blocked with vegetation	In progress. Possibly Althorp to clear.
4 th July	ROW at rear of Halfway Thorn blocked with vegetation	In progress. Possibly Althorp to clear
2 nd September	Cedar Hythe Pot- Hole	In progress
(3872332) 6 th October	Vegetation obscuring signs, approach to Pitsford Road junction	COMPLETED
21 st October	Drains Blocked, Pitsford Road Chapel Brampton	In progress

2022/85 Chapel Meeting Room

Cllr RGN & Cllr WS circulated notes from the meeting with Stuart Coleman (Althorp) regarding refurbishment. Council to note and decide action.

The Earl is not prepared to undertake full refurbishment of the chapel (door, windows and roof etc.) based on the quotes received (£7,000 -£8,000) for an annual return of £69.90pa.

We discussed how to move forward. It was hoped that the PC get the work done for quite a lot less. Money from furniture lettings and maybe fund raising, could cover most of the cost and the Estate would offer something (either cash or materials). We need a local handyman.

Cllrs agreed not to go back to Althorp without a costed plan of action. We made it clear that we were happy to continue with the monthly licence and were not prepared to take on any ongoing liability.

2022/86 PCSO/PLR/NHW

Council to note verbal update from SPOC and accept report from Paul Miller.

Council to note Pitsford 2023/24 contribution towards sponsored PCSO has been confirmed at £6,007.11

Sgt Matt Moore has asked Council to appoint one Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as the parish representative. Police liaisons note that a consistent approach across the parishes encourages efficient communication between the PCSO, Northants Police representatives and the parishes.

2022/87 Highgate House – Asylum Contingency Hotel

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Council to note that it has been confirmed that the Home Office intend to use Highgate House in Creton, as an Asylum Contingency Hotel. See press release from West Northamptonshire Council.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/news/west-northamptonshire-council-disappointed-home-office-contingency-hotel-decision>

2022/88 Planning matters

Council to consider and resolve response to planning applications. Applications received after the publication of this agenda may also be included.

Nothing received prior to date of meeting.

No decision has been provided for Rydal House, amended plans have been submitted, no consultation has received.

Date of next meetings: No meeting in February 2023. March 16th. April 20th. Annual Parish Meeting April 24th.