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The Parish Councillors are summoned to the Council Meeting of the Parish Council on:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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](mailto:theclerk@churchwithchapelbrampton-pc.gov.uk)

4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Apologies received:

**2023/84      Declarations of Interest.**

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

**2023/85      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)

- Chapel Meeting Room power supply: E-on will supply meter on 17<sup>th</sup> January.
- Harlestone Road & Sandy Lane SID Pole. New location agreed with WNC Highways. Date TBC.
- Lamp post relocation, Great Close. No objection received from neighbours. Mrs Sedgewick has received £1,916.40 to cover the cost of moving the post. Council has received copies of the licences granted by WNC for the dropped curb.
- Ten Cottages fence. Althorp agreed to remove fence. Date TBC.

**2023/86      Minutes**

Council to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Minutes are available from <http://www.churchwithchapelbrampton-pc.gov.uk/agendas-minutes/>

**2023/87      Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review**

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

Council to approve reallocation of unspent PCSO funds to cover village maintenance and street lighting.

<b>2023/24 Opening balance:</b>	<b>£32,385</b>	
YTD Income	£32,379	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£27,060
Online Balance		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)		£3,313
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)		£33,777
Balance b/f		£37,090
<b>YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)</b>		<b>£37,705</b>

2023/24 Unclaimed VAT YTD

£3,281

**2023/88 Accounts for Payment**

Council to approve the accounts for payment.

Payee	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Amount Due (Inc. VAT)	VAT
Yu Energy	1381186	3.12.23	£350.62	£16.70
Yu Energy	1381187	3.12.23	£39.74	£1.89
J Hawkins (SO)	December	28.12.23	£27.50	
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace) (SO)	December	28.12.23	£55.00	
Sarah Stock (SO)	December	28.12.23	£523.25	
Sarah Stock (SO)	2023 Backpay	28.12.23	£277.20	
Althorp	INV-1159	1.12.23	£69.90	
Cllr MM (Garden Machines)	1219587	17.11.23	£129.00	£21.50
E-on Energy Solutions	121123	20.11.23	£1,296.00	£216.00
Paul Thomas	Nov 23-001	21.11.23	£300.00	
WNC Norse Ltd	52IN-000909	10.11.23	£318.60	£53.10
INCOME: Mr Paybody	re: Norse	27.11.23	(£265.50)	
A&A Landscapes Ltd	10186	30.11.23	£330.00	£55.00
Maurice Fitch Tree Works Ltd	10949	5.12.23	£2,490.00	£415.00
Unity Trust Bank	Statement 34	31.12.23	£18.00	
Barbara Osborne Payroll	7555	31.12.23	£69.00	
ICO Subscription	2024	23.1.01	£35.00	
Yu Energy	1435678	2.1.24	£368.53	£17.55
Yu Energy	1475232	2.1.24	£41.93	£2.00
J Hawkins (SO)	January	28.1.24	£27.50	
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace) (SO)	January	28.1.24	£55.00	
Sarah Stock (SO)	January	28.1.24	£523.25	
INCOME: Ms Sedgewick	Lamp relocation	2.1.24	(£1,916.40)	
A&A Landscapes Ltd	10189	30.12.23	£270.00	£45.00

**2023/89 Playing Field & Pocket Park****2023/90 Northwest Sandy Lane Relief Road**

No update received over the Christmas/New Year period. Works recommence w/b 8<sup>th</sup> January, subject to the weather conditions.

**2023/91 Biodiversity Policy**

Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Government guidance published on 17 May 2023 clarifies that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must:

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- consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration.
- act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives.

Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council are asked to resolve to adopt the model Biodiversity Policy published January 2024 by NCALC and note that they comply with the policy by:

- Continuing a program of tree planting in the Chapel Brampton Playing Field and at the Pocket Park
- Establishing wildflower beds along the A5199 and at the Sandy Lane crossroads
- Continue to fund litter picking throughout the villages,
- Ensure mowing & maintenance schedules provide a positive balance of promoting biodiversity and maintaining a safe, tidy village.
- Support Althorp to establish greener farming practices and land management strategies.

Full policy available: <https://www.northantscalc.com/blog/news-1/model-biodiversity-policy-2023-61>

### **2023/92 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)**

Golf Lane Green: Council to consider the placement of signs on the green to prevent parking and preserve the planting.

Spencer Close: Council to agree purchase of "No Parking" sign for the turning area on Spencer Close.

Holdenby Road: Council to allocate funds for purchase of a tree to replace the Cherry removed before Christmas. Cllr SC will provide costs and recommend species.

### **2023/93 ERTA proposal for Northampton-Market Harborough rail link**

Council to note correspondence received from ERTA requesting councils outlining planned process of lobbying for government funds for development of rail network. ERTA ask all councils to write to their MP in support of opening the link.

Council to note that in answer to a Parliamentary question tabled by Mr Andrew Lewer MP for Northampton South, the Rail Minister Mr Huw Merriman MP, gave the following reply on 25th Oct 2023: 'On behalf of sub-national transport body England's Economic Heartland, Network Rail previously prepared a feasibility study into reinstating a railway connection between the West Coast Main Line at Northampton and the Midland Main Line at Market Harborough. I encourage him to engage with England's Economic Heartland further on this'.

It is proposed that CWC Parish Council respond to ERTA's request by drawing attention to the obstacles which make this plan unfeasible. Council would cc correspondence to ETRA, WNC and Government ministers.

### **2023/94 Planning matters**

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

No response received from Stephanie Gilbrate or Shaun Robson, WNC Planning Directors to address the formal complaint made to WNC regarding parameters for determining non-materially significant amendments to planning applications. The council invite Cllr John Shephard to comment on the details of the specific complaint which relates to Eagles Nest, Golf Lane, and the process generally.

Details sent to councillor by email.

2023/7851/S73 Everglades Golf Lane  
Church Brampton NN6 8AY

Variation of condition 2 of WND/2022/0486 (Demolition of existing house and construction of new house) to extend rear single storey element by 1.5m and change position of WC window.

Council note that Rydal House remains unoccupied, and development has not begun. Residents have raised concerns regarding vermin.

Housing development on east side of A5199. Council invite Cllr John Shephard to update the council.

**Date of next meetings:** March 21<sup>st</sup>. April 18<sup>th</sup>. Annual Parish Meeting TBC (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April?)

<b>BRAMPTON</b>	2023/24 Budget (as Precept)	YTD Expenditure (exc. VAT)	Balance
<u>Allocated Precept</u>			
Clerks Salary	£7,600	£5,819	£1,781
Litter Wardens	£1,000	£825	£175
Insurance	£700	£728	(£28)
Audit, Legal & NCALC	£900	£874	£26
Office Expenses	£500	£537	(£37)
Street Lighting	£4,550	£3,680	£870
Grass Cutting	£4,000	£3,810	£190
Village Maintenance	£4,200	£3,056	£1,144
Playing Field	£2,000	£1,335	£665
Pocket Park	£500	£206	£294
Chapel Meeting Room	£1,000	£250	£750
Coronation Related Expenditure	£0	£0	£0
Election Costs	£300	£0	£300
PCSO	£0	£0	£0
Traffic Calming/VAS	£750	£90	£660
Contingency	£1,000	£0	£1,000
<b>Total precepted budget &amp; expenditure</b>	<b>£29,000</b>	<b>£21,210</b>	<b>£7,790</b>
<u>Allocated Reserves</u>			
Chapel Brampton Defib	£500	£0	£500
Traffic Calming/VAS	£750	£0	£750
Replacement Street Light (Back Lane)	£2,190	£2,190	£0
2022/23 Street Light Costs	£1,215	£1,215	£0
Street Light Inspection	£1,080	£1,080	£0
Street Light Relocation	£0	(£1,916)	£1,916
Allocated Reserves	£5,735	£2,569	£3,166
Unallocated Reserves	£26,650	£0	£26,650
<b>Total allocated &amp; unallocated reserves</b>	<b>£32,385</b>	<b>£2,569</b>	<b>£29,816</b>