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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:

Thursday 29th September commencing at 7.30pm. Meeting took place at Brampton's Primary School.

Minutes taken by Sarah Stock, Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies accepted from: Cllr Jill Slinn, Richard Gent, Margaret Green

Attendees: Cllrs Robin Green (V-Chair), Mick Macmain, Stephen Crane, William Shearer, Angharad Garner

2022/56 **Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr MM declared interest relating to item WND/2022/0682 4, Spencer Close. Planning application.

2022/57 **Public Session**

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

Council welcome Sam Williams (standing in for Stuart Coleman), Althorp Estate Director. To be discussed:

- Repairs to the Chapel Meeting Room.
- Harlestone Road Black Pines. Requested inclusion of the pines on the 5-year landscape plan.
- Plans for empty houses on Welford Road & Old Smithy, Chapel Brampton. Contract issued to tidy all gardens and these homes are due to be done.
- 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.

Council briefed SW on progress to date on all items. SW will feedback to SC and provide updates.

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

- Traffic calming: Payment sent to WNC, install should be 6 weeks (mid-August)

2022/58 **Minutes**

Council approved minutes of the ordinary meeting held July, and extra ordinary planning meetings on 15th August and 3rd September.

2022/59 **Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review**

Council accepted the bank reconciliation and analysis provided with the agenda.

Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£3,467	
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£25,177	
2022/23 Opening balance:	£28,644	
YTD Income	£17,589	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£21,282

Online Balance 7th September

Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£6,078
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£21,067
Balance b/f	£27,145
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)	£24,951

2022/23 Unclaimed VAT YTD £1,838

2022/60 Accounts for Payment

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

Sarah Stock	September	28.9.22	£441.00
J Hawkins	September	28.9.22	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	September	28.9.22	£55.00
Cllr M Macmain	Jewson 214912	27.7.22	£13.81
PW Warden Environmental	7027	30.7.22	£324.00
PW Warden Environmental	7021	30.6.22	£492.00
PW Warden Environmental	7031	30.6.22	£324.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	SB20220159	27.7.22	£240.00
Althorp Estate	16479	29.9.22	£209.44
B Osborne	7132	30.9.22	£67.50
Sarah Stock (Norton)	n/a	30.4.22	£47.00
Eon Energy Solutions	114006	13.9.22	£155.81
Unity Trust Bank	Statement 24	30.9.22	£18.00

2022/61 Notice of conclusion of Audit

Council noted that PKF Littlejohn LLP have reported and there are no matters arising from the audit inspection. Accordingly, notice of the conclusion of the audit has been published on the notice boards and on the website.

Council will not be opting out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

2022/62 Playing Field & Pocket Park

PF: Council considered adding a zip line to the play area (Creative Play 21m zip line with ramp, fully installed £7,696.00). Cllr MM will investigate further and provide risk assessment.

PP: Council approved expenditure for wildflower seed in the pocket park and in the playing field. Approximate cost £80. Cllr SC will purchase the seed.

2022/63 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Fix-my-Street: Outstanding reports

Overhanging/obstruction on footpath CE6 (nr Halfway Thorn): Althorp to fix

3689512 (20/7/2022) Harlestone Rd – Church Lane footpath: Not fixed

Cllr SC to provide photo of overhanging trees on the approach the Pitsford Road/A5199 junction

Council noted that on the approach the Pitsford Road/A5199 junction the road has been painted SLOW rather than GIVE WAY. Cllr RG communicating with HH to change the paintwork.

2022/64 PCSO

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Council reviewed comments from residents of Church and Chapel Brampton. Cllr RG thanked the Parishioners for providing feedback and PCSO Paul Miller for his contribution.

Except for Cllr MM, council resolved to support the PSCO scheme for the foreseeable future. Council noted that Cllrs JS, MG & RGt sent comment by email in support of the PCSO scheme. Continued support is subject to the funding arrangement remaining the same and costs are shared across six villages. Cllrs RGn and MM will continue to be SPOC/PLR for Church and Chapel Brampton

Council reviewed the report sent by PCSO Paul Miller and thanked PM for his contribution to the crime prevention evening and received to feedback from the SPOC meeting held on 1st September. There were no crimes in PM's report relating to Brampton. PM will be carrying out extra patrols around vacant properties.

2022/65 Planning matters

Council resolved responses to planning applications as follows:

WND/2022/0682 4, Spencer Close, Chapel Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8HE	Conversion of loft to bedroom including insertion of rooflights.	Rob Burton, 28/9/2022
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Council noted this is retrospective planning application and includes work to satisfy building regulation standards. NO OBSERVATIONS.

Council noted that a decision notice for WND/2022/0496 (Amended) Eagles Nest, Golf Lane was issued giving approval. The garage has been removed from the plan. However, council noted that the SPG have not been properly applied to this application and the building is closer than 5m to the boundary line.

The council has seen the case officer's report which notes that the application is a rebuild on an existing footprint and is therefore exempt from applying the SPG restrictions. Following complete demolition of a building and the extended footprint (new swimming pool building considerably enlarges the footprint) council expected the SPG to be applied. The council would like to understand why this was not the case here. UA Cllr John Shephard has been asked to comment.

Correspondence

- West Northamptonshire Consultation: New Ward Boundaries. West Northamptonshire Council is currently undergoing an electoral review, that is run by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). Consultation closes on 7th November 2022.
Visit the West Northamptonshire Consultation Hub for information and how to have your say.

Date of next meetings: Meeting on the October 13th will only convene if there is a planning application to consider. November 17th. No December meeting.

Meeting closed: 9pm