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Minutes of the ordinary council meeting of the Parish Council on:
 Thursday 20th April 2023 commencing at 7.30pm

Minutes taken by the Clerk, Sarah Stock

Apologies received: None.

Attending: Cllrs JS, RGn, RGt, WS, SC, MM and MG. No apologies from Cllr

Council noted Cllr Angharad Gardner last attended a meeting in September, clerk has contacted AG restating councillors' obligation to attend meetings. No response received. Council notes that if Cllr AG fails to attend in May, the position becomes vacant and will be advertised.

2023/001 Declarations of Interest.

No declarations of interest on matters relating to this agenda.

2023/002 Public Session

No members of the public attending.

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

- Electricity charges. Yu Energy have place CCB accounts on hold pending an investigation into increased consumption. No resolution yet.
- PCSO – Cllr John Shephard has invited councillors to attend a presentation by Northants Policing on the reinstatement of the Sponsored PCSO scheme. 5th May, 1pm. Boughton Village Hall
- Playing Field: ROSPA play inspection booked for June 2023
- Chapel Meeting Room power supply: Electricity providers will only accept a register of interest and won't commit to installing a meter. Investigation ongoing. Cllr RG suggested asking local electrician to connect the Defib and arrange the supply.
- Golf Lane Oak. Andrew Leighton (WNC) has confirmed by email that WNC will commence works to the tree after the summer.

2023/003 Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th March 2023.

2023/004 Bank reconciliation and YTD Budget vs Expenditure review

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

Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£5,258	
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£27,127	
2023/24 Opening balance:	£32,385	
YTD Income	£0	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£6,320

Online Balance 17 th April	
Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£8,258
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£24,127
Balance b/f	£32,385
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)	£32,385
2023/24 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£792

Clerk has submitted VAT 126 Reclaim against VAT paid during 22/23 for £2,927.23.

2023/005 Accounts for Payment

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

Payee	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Amount Due (Inc. VAT)	VAT
Maurice Fitch Tree Works	10859	31.3.23	£300.00	£50.00
Northants CALC	INV-2794	3.4.23	£716.90	£53.20
Datacenta Hosting	INV_31855	28.3.23	£60.00	£10.00
Althorp Estate	INV-0153	6.4.23	£1,200.00	£200.00
Althorp Estate	INV-0103	1.4.23	£247.20	£41.20
Cllr Robin Green (Defib, VAT)	n/a	1.4.23	£10.00	£0.00
E-on Energy Solutions	117915	13.4.23	£2,628.00	£438.00
J Hawkins (SO)	April	28.4.23	£27.50	
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace) (SO)	April	28.4.23	£55.00	
Sarah Stock (SO)	April	28.4.23	£488.60	
Sarah Stock - HWA	2022 23	28.4.23	£586.30	

Councillors noted: Cost of replacement streetlight was received last financial year from BHIB.

2023/006 Playing Field & Pocket Park

PF: Boundary hedging replanted, Cllrs MM & SC will prepare ground and spread wildflower seed.

PP: Council thank Mr Cutler & daughter for helping Cllr SC prepare the ground for the wildflower area.

2023/007 Chapel Meeting Room

Council reviewed the quote from Roy Ward, Carpentry Solutions for works to meeting room at total cost of £5,648.00 (exc. vat).

Council noted that the figure represents a considerable proportion of the budget. The clerk directed to approach Balfour Beatty, Persimmon Homes and Martin Grant Homes and ACRE for heritage grant towards cost of repairs. Council will postpone decision pending grant applications.

2023/008 Traffic Calming

One pole has now been installed at the Sandy Lane/Golf House Lane junction. Council note that installing the mobile speed indicator may be somewhat precarious and a permanent solar powered SID would be preferable. Council may be eligible for a Northamptonshire Safer Roads grant. Clerk directed to make application.

2023/009 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Fix-my-Street: Outstanding reports

16-Mar	Ash tree near Crawan Bank/A5199 junction damaged	Referred to Althorp
04-Jul	ROW at rear of Halfway Thorn blocked with vegetation	COMPLETE
02-Dec	Streetlight at 27/29 Great Close, NN6 8AN damaged	COMPLETE
09-Feb	Fly tipping: back of Halfway Thorn	COMPLETE
08-Mar	6-inch pothole opposite driveway to Coach Turn and Mulberry House (Nr Cedar Hythe)	?

- ROW between Church Lane & Harlestone Road needs clearing – land owned by Althorp.
- Spencer Close: Clerk instructed Mr Warden to trim bushes on green area in Spencer Close.
- Golf Lane Green – Thanks to Colin Clayson for completing the restoration works to this area. Council notes the footpath at the front of the green is covered in debris, as is footpath opposite, and is dangerously slippery. Cllrs to send photographs to clerk, report on FMS.
- Clerk to report on FMS pothole at bottom of Sandy Lane and Hedge also overgrowing into road.
- Fencing at Ten Cottages, Church Brampton extend about ½ meter into the footpath. Althorp due to remove fencing – clerk to contact Althorp.

Parish Litter Pick – Thanks to those who volunteered to collect litter at the weekend, volunteers collected several bags in Church and Chapel Brampton.

2023/0010 Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting takes place Monday April 24th, 7.30pm at Brampton Primary School. Council noted invitations have been sent out. The Discussion Group has folded and will not attend. Brampton Book Club will not attend as they are a private rather community group.

Clerk to send agenda to Cllrs and add it to FB.

2023/0011 Planning Matters

Council resolved the following responses to planning applications:

Council to comment on the proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at ctil_10982023_brampton hill farm, NN6 8AG. This is informal consultation from agents, Perry Williams Ltd.
NO OBSERVATIONS

WND/2023/0214, Russetts, Sandy Lane, Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8AX	Demolition of existing conservatory to rear and construction of orangery extension, sitting room extension to front and new front porch. NO OBSERVATIONS	Tim Cantwell, 9 May
WND/2023/0228, 11, Great Close, Chapel Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8AN	Proposed extension to front and rear dormers and proposed rear extension. NO OBSERVATIONS	Erica Buchanan, 9 May

Date of next meetings: Annual Parish Meeting April 24th. 18th May (Annual Council Meeting), 15th June, 20th July, No August meeting, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November, No December meeting.