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Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council held on Thursday 16th March 2023 commencing at 7.30pm at the Brampton Primary School.

Minutes taken by Sarah Stock, Clerk to the Council.

Apologies accepted from Cllr Jill Slinn, No apologies from Cllr Angharad Garner
 Attending: Cllrs RG, WS, MM, RG, MG, SC, Cllr John Shephard

2022/89 Declarations of Interest.

No declarations of interest made on matters relating to this agenda.

2022/90 Public Session

No members of the public attending.

Cllr JS briefed the council on development at the Welford Road. Developer, Taylor French went into receivership and did not resolve various construction/substructure issues, consequently the homes have not been adopted by the Futures Housing Association. The issues should have been resolved in February but remain outstanding.

Cllr MM noted that the relief road extension when opened will likely increase the traffic flow through Chapel Brampton and he asked Cllr JS about traffic calming measures for Chapel Brampton. Traffic calming measures have been agreed and will be implemented in Boughton before the road opens, however, there is no plan to implement traffic calming through Chapel Brampton. Road is unlikely to be open before September 2024.

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 – email received stating that this tree is not Althorp's responsibility. Council to seek advice about TPO to protect the tree.
- Ash tree on A5199/Crawen Bank (WNC notified council that this tree belongs to Althorp)
- Speed Indicator Sign poles. Helen Howard confirmed poles will be installed by end of March.
- Electricity charges. Yu Energy have place CCB accounts on hold pending an investigation into increased consumption. Clerk to update in April.

2022/91 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19th January 2022.

2022/92 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	£33,231	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£28,758
Online Balance 8th March		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)		£6,891
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)		£25,691
Balance b/f		£32,582
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)		£33,342
2022/23 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£2,553	

Council noted that council tax bills issues in March for 2023/24 show an increase to the parish precept of 2.8%, despite the parish council not increasing their budget. This has occurred because there are several vacant homes in the parish causing the CTB (number of band D equivalent homes) for Brampton parish to decrease from 415 to 404. Therefore, the precept is spread across 404 rather than 415 homes.

2022/93 Accounts for Payment

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

Payee	Invoice reference	Date	Gross	VAT
J Hawkins (SO)	February	28.2.23	£27.50	
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace) (SO)	February	28.2.23	£55.00	
Sarah Stock (SO)	February	28.2.23	£488.60	
Sarah Stock (Timpson)	Timpson	23.1.23	£179.48	£29.91
Green Barnes Ltd	27179/1	30.1.23	£16.87	£2.81
Cllr Mick Macmain (Jones)	Wildflowers 391828	6.2.23	£7.18	£1.20
Cllr Stephen Crane (Wickes)	Backing for signs	1.2.23	£20.25	£3.38
Cllr Robin Green (Timpson)	Keys	1.12.22	£9.00	
J Hawkins (SO)	March	28.3.23	£27.50	
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace) (SO)	March	28.3.23	£55.00	
Sarah Stock (SO)	March	28.3.23	£488.60	
Sarah Stock (Timpson)	Timpson	25.2.23	£37.99	£6.33
Cllr Robin Green (The Defib Pad)	DP43432	13.2.23	£206.00	£34.33
A&A Landscapes	9975	28.2.23	£930.00	£155.00
MGT Design	123621	1.3.23	£330.00	£55.00
Cllr Mick Macmain (Jones)	Refuse Sacks	3.3.23	£7.31	£1.22
Althorp Estate	Pocket Park 16483	1.3.23	£206.00	
Unity Trust Bank	Statement 28	31.3.23	£18.00	
AVIVA Insurance	Claim RE: Back Lane	26.1.23	(£2,557.97)	
Eon Energy Solutions	117296	15.3.23	£155.81	£25.97
Police Fore & Crime Comm	31001373	3.3.23	(£1,313.54)	*

West Northants Council	22/23 Mowing Grant	(£832.12) *
West Northants Council	Litter Picking Grant	(£550.56) *

*Credits due before year end

2022/94 PCSO/PLR/NHW

Council received update from UA Cllr John Shephard on sponsored PCSO scheme. PCSO Paul Miller began a period of extended leave on 17th Jan and will not be returning. Therefore, the scheme is suspended until a replacement is recruited and councils will be invited to re-join the scheme in July. Pitsford PC will not be joining the scheme. There are likely to be three options for the council to consider:

Option 1 – to withdraw from the scheme, Option 2 – to re-join the scheme and bear the financial slack created by Pitsford leaving (there are likely to be 400 more homes at Buckton Fields by end of 2024, relieving the financial burden on remaining parishes), or Option 3 – to invite new parishes to join the Moulton Ward scheme.

Cllr JS is gradually canvassing opinion from all the participating parishes and will relay the results to the council in due course. If the scheme is viable, councillors will be invited to attend a meeting with the Sargent in charge of the PCSO to review the role of the PCSO. No immediate decision regarding the council's commitment is required, however, a resolution from parish councils will be needed in May/June.

Council has received a credit for the 2022/23 scheme of £1,313.54.

2022/95 Playing Field & Pocket Park

PP: Cllr SC installed sign as per BHIB's advice: "Persons engaging in unauthorised activities do so at their own risk".

Council agreed to Althorp's Pocket Park rent review effective from September 2022. Rent revised to £206 pa. Cllr WS signed the review agreement.

PF: Works to car park have been completed.

Planting of whips along boundary is in progress – Cllr MM is organising a working party to do the planting.

Hedge/trees from the southern boundary of the school is overhanging the playing field. Clerk council contact School.

2022/96 Chapel Meeting Room

Cllrs SC & WS to provide contact details of possible contractors. Cllrs will set a specification and meet contractors on site.

SS endeavouring to get a meter fitted to supply the defibrillator.

2022/97 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Fix-my-Street: Outstanding reports noted.

16-Mar	Ash tree near Crawan Bank/A5199 junction damaged	referred to Althorp
04-Jul	ROW at rear of Halfway Thorn blocked with vegetation	In progress - possibly Althorp to clear
02-Dec	Streetlight at 27/29 Great Close, NN6 8AN damaged	Reported to EON for repair

02-Dec	Streetlight on Back Lane, NN6 8AJ damaged	Pole removed by BB. Reported to EON for replacement
09-Feb	Fly tipping: back of Halfway Thorn	Althorp to clear
08-Mar	6-inch pothole at opposite driveway to Coach Turn and Mulberry House	Completed

Cedar Tree on A5199 was damaged last month. Council noted advice from Maurice Fitch (tree surgeon), that tree is safe, and no works are required at present.

Council resolved to organise litter picking, Saturday 15th April. Cllr SC will collect bags and other equipment from Daventry. Volunteers should meet at The Spenser Arms or at the Sandy Lane/Golf Lane junction at 10am. Participants advised to bring gardening gloves, bags and litter picking equipment will be provided.

2022/98 Traffic Calming

Council to consider traffic calming measures for the A5199 to mitigate against the likely increased traffic flow after the opening of the NW relief road. Covered by JS

2022/99 Pedestrian Safety

Council noted comments regarding pedestrian safety when crossing Back Lane, near to Jack's Lane. Ms Speakman asked council to install a road safety mirror, however, Highway Officer HH informed the clerk that a mirror will not be allowed.

2022/100 Planning matters

Council resolved responses to planning applications.

WND/2023/0163 Glebe House 27, Cedar Hythe, Chapel Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8BG	Work to tree subject of tree preservation order TPO 46	Michael Venton, 23/3/23
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No observations.

Council noted that full approval granted for new dwelling at Rydal House (WND/2022/0645). The Parish Council were disappointed that the application had not been presented to Committee and SS to write to WNDC to seek reasons.

Date of next meetings: April 20th. Annual Parish Meeting April 24th.

Meeting Closed 9.05pm