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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on: Thursday 20th March 2024 commencing at 7.30PM
at the Brampton Primary School.

Minutes taken by the Clerk, Sarah Stock

Apologies received: Cllrs William Shearer, Margaret Green.

Attending: Cllrs Jill Slinn (Chair), Robin Green, Mick Macmain, Richard Gent, Stephen Crane, Mark Vernon

2023/95 **Declarations of Interest.** No declarations of interest on matters relating to this agenda.

2023/96 **Public Session (MOP x3)** Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the council. Mr & Mrs Marshall (Residents at 22 Great Close) addressed the council regarding planning application 2024/1078/FULL. Mr & Mrs Marshall's primary concern is that the extension is too close to the boundary and will block light into downstairs reception rooms, upstairs rooms, and block light to the garden. It will be overbearing. The Marshall's consider the extension will be detrimental to the street scene as it disrupts the uniformity of the street.

Chairman directed councillors to address item 2023/108 Planning application 2024/1078/FULL first. Council resolved to send an objection to WNC because residents at number 22 right to light is compromised to the extent that no natural light would enter some rooms and the garden would fall into shadow. Council noted the detrimental impact on the street scene. Council will cc Cllr Shephard with comments.

2023/97 **Minutes.** Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2024.

2023/98 **Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review**

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

2023/24 Opening balance:	£32,385	
YTD Income	£32,379	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & pending payments)		£31,882
Online Balance		£33,911
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)		£32,882
2023/24 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£3,424	

2023/99 **Accounts for Payment.** Council approved the accounts for payment.

Payee	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Amount Due (Inc. VAT)	VAT
(DD) Yu Energy	1490318	8.2.24	£387.46	£18.45
(DD) Yu Energy	1490319	8.2.24	£43.33	£2.06
HMRC	Month10	31.1.24	£5.86	
(SO) J Hawkins	February	28.2.24	£27.50	
(SO) Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	February	28.2.24	£55.00	

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(SO) Sarah Stock	February	28.2.24	£x	
E-on Energy Solutions	122128	22.1.24	£1,916.40	£0.00
Cllr MM (JONES)	458591	16.1.24	£60.24	£10.04
DataCenta	INV_32489	26.1.24	£150.00	£25.00
(DD) E-on Next	KI-7FD9A6C2-0001	2.2.24	£3.46	£0.16
(DD) Yu Energy	1546041	8.3.24	£337.65	£16.08
(DD) Yu Energy	1546042	8.3.24	£38.17	£1.82
HMRC	Month10	31.1.24	£5.86	
(SO) J Hawkins	March	28.2.24	£27.50	
(SO) Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	March	28.2.24	£55.00	
(SO) Sarah Stock	March	28.2.24	£x	
(DD) E-on Next	KI-7FD9A6C2-0002	4.3.24	£9.76	£0.46
MGT Design	124069	1.3.24	£330.00	£55.00
S Stock (Safety Sign Warehouse)	INV-3868	17.2.24	£77.71	£12.95
Barbara Osborne Payroll	7644	31.3.24	£69.00	
Althorp Estate	INV-1754	1.4.24	£247.20	£41.20
(DD) Unity Trust Bank	Statement 58	31.12.23	£18.00	
PW Warden Environmental	7082 (Jul-23 cuts)	31.7.23	£492.00	£82.00

2023/100 Bank Mandate Signatories

Council resolved to increase Cllr William Shearer's authorisation level for Unity Bank to "view and authorise".

2023/101 Playing Field & Pocket Park

Playing Field: Following hedge cutting deep ruts were left by Althorp's tractor which need smoothing. Some of the ruts have levelled out as vehicles using the field as car park. No actions required.

Western Boundary Trees. Cllr MM met with owner of Dene House and confirmed the trees are the responsibility of the homeowner. Council resolved to remove ivy off some trees in the field.

Cllr MM strimed Western and Southern Boundary.

2023/102 Northwest Sandy Lane Relief Road

Sandy Lane closures commenced 4th March and A5199 closures commence 18th March for 8 nights. A5199 will be closed from 3rd April for about 12 weeks.

Council noted comments received from Kate McGrath regarding the traffic calming measures and difficulty crossing the road from Great Close. Clerk has responded to reassure Mrs McGrath that parking is available on the playing field.

Boughton traffic mitigation scheme – Update from Chris Jarman (WNC Project Manager) (full copy in agenda): Council accepted Chris Jarman's invitation to apply for S106 CIL funds. Council will present up-to-date figures to WNC. Council resolved to commission a Tracsis traffic survey for the last week of April.

Minutes from Boughton Parish Council meeting note that Boughton has invited residents to make suggestions for a traffic calming scheme, which might include closure of the road between Moulton and Boughton, but no

formal proposals have been submitted or any formal public consultation initiated. Email confirmation was provided by their clerk (20th March).

2023/103 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Spencer Close: Tree at entrance is leaning over the streetlight. Report/photo sent to BPHA.

Signs for turning bay delivered and installed by A&A

A&A have been asked to remove the fixings from the recently removed bench.

Cllr MV will sow grass seed to restore lawn area.

Sandy Lane

Crossroads: A&A to remove ivy from the trees and clear. One treatment requested initially although a second may be required.

General: Residents requested to cut back hedges and bushes to ensure all pavements are accessible and junctions clear.

Councillors wish to pass condolences to John Cutler's family following his death last month. The council are grateful to John for establishing a wildflower bank on the A5199, for his help at the pocket park and, in previous years, his commitment to parish council.

2023/104 Railway Safety Fencing

Council resolved to send a request to Network Rail seeking to extend the fencing along the railway line which runs adjacent to the parish boundary. Council noted that the fencing alongside footpath is not sufficient to keep people and dogs off the railway line.

2023/105 Traffic Calming

Harlestone Rd: Council agreed expenditure for speed indicator device for Harlestone Road (nr War Memorial).

Device to be the same as fitted at Sandy Lane/Golf Lane. Cost of device £2,250 plus £300 installation. Clerk will make application to Safer Roads for a grant.

Pitsford Rd: Council resolved to install a vehicle activated "Give Way" sign on Pitsford Road. Existing pole could be used for a battery-operated sign. Cost of device £2,200. Council noted that it may be necessary to purchase a Speed Indicator Sign and program it to give advance warning of the junction.

Back Lane: Council resolved to petition highways to make permanent the 20mph restriction along Back Lane and Harlestone Road. Clerk to contact Helen Howard (WNC Highways).

Nr School: Council resolved to request "No Parking" restrictions to slow traffic as it approaches the school.

2023/106 Althorp

Council noted That Estate Director Stuart Coleman is leaving and will be replaced by Garth Clark. Council agreed content of letter to welcome Mr Clark and provide an update on outstanding issues to include funding of Chapel Meeting Room repairs and fence removal at Ten Cottages. Letter to indicate the council's frustration with the inconsistent responses resulting from the revolving door of Estate managers at Althorp.

2023/107 WNC "Settlements" consultation

Council resolved to respond to WNC Planning Department regarding the definitions for settlement boundaries and settlement hierarchy designation. In the Daventry Part 2 Local Plan identifies Church with Chapel Brampton village as Other Village.

Council will respond making the clarification that Church and Chapel Brampton are two separate villages which is not reflected in the categorisation. However, the overall classification does appear to be correct.

2023/108 Planning matters

Council resolved response to planning applications as follows:

Council noted receipt of correspondence from Shaun Robson, Head of Service – Development Management (WNC) regarding complaint made about decision to designate changes to the planning Eagles Nest Planning application as non-material amendments and grant full permission.

Council is disappointed that WNC did not recognise that the council did not get the opportunity to respond to a consultation. No further action.

2024/1078/FULL at 20 Great Close, (CO: Moly Finch; response deadline 22 Mar) Proposed two storey
Chapel Brampton, NN6 8AN extension to side, single storey extension to rear and internal alterations

Objection (see notes above)

Meeting closed: 20:50

Date of next meetings: April 18th. Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 29th April. Annual Council Meeting 16th May.