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Councillors are summoned to the ordinary meeting on: Thursday 19th September 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

16th September 2024

Apologies received:

2024/047 Declarations of Interest.

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

2024/048 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)

- Grant application has been submitted to Northants Safer Roads to fund two VAS signs.
- Updates requested from Althorp regarding fence at Ten Cottages and funding for Chapel Meeting Room.
- Spencer Close Tree/Street Lamp. BPHA were notified some months ago that the tree was precarious and have subsequently been notified that it has fallen.
- A5199 Bus Stop. Council have been advised that the bus stopped was removed while road resurfacing works took place and will be replaced in due course.
- Chapel Brampton traffic lights. Council continues to receive complaints about the traffic lights and the apparent absence of work taking place.

2024/049 Minutes

Council to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th July 2024. Minutes are available from <http://www.churchwithchapelbrampton-pc.gov.uk/agendas-minutes/>

2024/050 Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review.

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

2023/24 Opening balance:	£32,615	
YTD Income	£19,326	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & pending payments)		£21,209
Online Balance		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£3,568	
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£30,760	
Balance (less pending payments)	£30,733	
2023/24 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£2,665	

2024/051 Accounts for Payment. Council to approve the accounts for payment.

Contact: The Clerk, 9 Lower Harlestone, Northamptonshire, NN7 4EW.

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Payee	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Amount Due (Inc. VAT)	VAT
(DD) E-on Next	KI-7FD9A6C2-0006	1.7.24	£9.76	£0.46
(DD) Yu Energy	1857239	1.8.24	£258.99	£12.33
(DD) Yu Energy	1857240	1.8.24	£32.49	£1.55
(INCOME) Northants Police	Grant	8.8.24	(£2,475.00)	
(DD) E-on Next	KI-7FD9A6C2-0008	1.8.24	£9.45	£0.45
Elan City UK Ltd	SAJ-UK/2024/01900	5.8.24	£4,798.80	£799.80
Northampton Services	Sandy Ln hedge	17.7.24	£45.00	
Cllr MM - B&Q/AMAZON	Pirate Ship repairs	12.7.24	£76.70	
PW Warden Environmental	7139	1.8.24	£900.00	£150.00
(SO) Sarah Stock	August	28.8.24	£523.25	
(SO) Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	August	28.8.24	£55.00	
(SO) J Hawkins	August	28.8.24	£27.50	
(DD) E-on Next	KI-7FD9A6C2-0007	1.8.24	£9.45	£0.45
(SO) Sarah Stock	September	28.9.24	£523.25	
(SO) Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	September	28.9.24	£55.00	
(DD) Yu Energy		1.8.24	£258.99	£12.33
(DD) Yu Energy		1.8.24	£32.49	£1.55
Maurice Fitch Tree Works	11054	20.8.24	£1,980.00	£330.00
Miracle Design & Play	23126	20.8.24	£528.40	
PW Warden Environmental	7146	2.9.24	£408.00	£68.00
COEVAL	5995	30.10.24	£81.60	£13.60

2024/052 Playing Field & Pocket Park

Playing Field: Council acknowledge receipt of the ROSPA safety report on the play equipment. The following items need attention:

- Repair/replace swing seats. Quote received for supply only of replacement seats, cost of £426.41.
- Repair/replace toddler swing safety bar. Included above
- Remove the PIG BALL game and pole – quote received from A&A Landscapes. £330.
- Replace rubber chain guard on rotator swing. Completed.

2024/053 Harlestone Road Benches

Parishioner has contacted the council with the following observations:

WW2 commemorative bench need cleaning

2002 bench is in poor state of repair and may need replacing or some repair work.

Council to agree course of action.

2024/054 Northwest Sandy Lane Relief Road

Council to acknowledge the reply to letter regarding signage from Cllr J Shephard:

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I put the point to the manager of the NWRR project, particularly asking about consultation with your parish council. Her reply is:

"The design and the construction of the new Northampton North-West Relief Road (NNWRR) has been subject to planning approval that entailed all relevant supporting information. Please refer more specifically to the Transport Assessment and the supporting evidence; [Major highways projects | West Northamptonshire Council](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/major-highways-projects/) ([westnorthants.gov.uk](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)).

The Transport Assessment (TA) does include the predicted changes in traffic flows vehicles with the new road in place. With the Dalington Grange section of road does not open for a while, the change to routing of traffic will not happen for a while. The monitoring conditioned by planning will enable this to be monitored and assessed. The traffic road signs have been designed, manufactured, and installed in line with UK national guidance. Following the completion of the construction of the NNWRR, we will continue monitoring its impact on the network and update our local and regional traffic model accordingly. This may inform if further updates or changes may be necessary at the approach of the NNWRR."

My understanding is that the whole of the new road will be complete in the spring of next year. The WNC plan seems to be to keep new traffic flows under review.

2024/055 Chapel Meeting Room

Area around the sides of the meeting room and front hedges need clearing and pruning. The work will include cutting the front hedge and cutting back all vegetation up to the perimeter of the site. In addition, to clear the pathway and apply weedkiller. The cost of this work will be £300

Update from Althorp regarding works to the roof needed.

2024/056 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

A5199 Verge. Following Mr Cutler death, this area (previously licenced to Mr Cutler for wildflowers) can be incorporated into the Brampton mowing schedule. Council is asked to decide on maintenance for this area.

Cedar Hythe tree. Request received from Cedar Hythe Residents Association that council advise the CHRA when the tree is to be planted so that they might use the event as a focal point of a very low key community event.

Walkers Lane/Harlestone Road Fence. To removing the small section of post and rail fencing, together with the weldmesh, which runs parallel with the Harlestone Road near Walkers Lane. The cost of this work will be £200.00.

2024/057 Litter Picking

Jemima Hawkins has resigned from her role as one of the village litter pickers (a letter of thanks has been sent on behalf of the council).

Council is asked to decide about recruitment plans for a replacement.

2024/058 WNC Consultation: Draft Local Transport Plan

Council is asked to agree a response to the plan. Plan is available on the WNC website at: <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/planning/draft-west-northamptonshire-local-transport-plan> deadline for responses is 17th October.

2024/059 Government consolation: Reforms to planning and housebuilding legislation

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Council is asked to agree a response to the proposal. Proposal is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>.

Considering proposed changes, Church with Chapel Brampton PC may wish to consider implementing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2024/060 Planning matters Council to consider and resolve response to planning applications.
(Applications received after the publication of this agenda may be included)

Date of next meetings: 17th October. 21st November. No December meeting.

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	2024/25 Budget (as Precept)	YTD Expenditure (exc. VAT)	Balance
<u>Allocated Precept</u>			
Clerks Salary	£7,000	£3,140	£3,861
Litter Wardens	£1,000	£550	£450
Insurance	£750	£770	(£20)
Audit, Legal & NCALC	£1,000	£712	£288
Office Expenses	£500	£861	(£361)
Street Lighting	£4,500	£1,834	£2,666
Street Light Electrical Testing	£1,550	£0	£1,550
Grass Cutting	£4,400	£2,602	£1,798
Village Maintenance	£1,500	£842	£658
Wildflower meadows	£1,000	£1,036	(£36)
Playing Field	£2,000	£3,445	(£1,445)
Pocket Park	£500	£412	£88
Chapel Meeting Room	£1,000	£55	£945
Election Costs	£300	£0	£300
Traffic Calming/VAS	£2,250	£2,287	(£37)
Contingency	£1,750	£0	£1,750
Total precepted budget & expenditure	£31,000	£18,543	£12,457
<u>Allocated Reserves</u>			
Chapel Brampton Defib	£500	£0	£500
Replacement Street Light (Back Lane)	£2,190	£0	£2,190
Unallocated Reserves	£29,925	£0	£29,925
Total allocated & unallocated reserves	£32,615	£0	£32,615