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Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on: Thursday 18th July 2024 commencing at 7.30pm at Brampton Primary School.

Minutes taken by the Clerk, Sarah Stock

Apologies received & accepted: Cllr Steven Crane, Robin Green, Richard Gent & Mark Vernon

Attending: Cllrs Mick Macmain, William Shearer, Jill Slinn & Margaret Green
Helen Frampton, Althorp Estate.

2024/037 **Declarations of Interest.** No declarations of interest made.

2024/038 **Public Session** No MOP attending

Verbal Updates

- Grant application submitted to Northants Safer Roads to fund two VAS signs.
- Update requested from Althorp regarding fence at Ten Cottages and Chapel Meeting Room repair. Asbestos survey is in progress at the CMR before any work can take place.
Althorp not planning to remove the temporary fence. Council pressed the point that the new fence sits about 2 feet in front of the old fence and therefore, encroaches on the road. HF will report to Estate Director (Garth Clark)
Council request Althorp instruct tenants to cut back hedges at Ten Cottages, Welford Road.
- 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. Althorp agreed to contact BPHA regarding tree, condition of which breaches the terms of the lease.
- Halfway Thorn footpath is impassible. HF agreed to establish ownership and deal if appropriate.

2024/039 **Minutes** Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20th June 2024.

2024/040 **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:	£32,615	
YTD Income	£19,326	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & pending payments)		£11,803
Balance (less pending payments)	£40,138	

2023/24 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£1,067
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2024/041 **Accounts for Payment.** Council approved the accounts for payment.

Payee	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Amount Due (Inc. VAT)	VAT
(INCOME) Interest	-	30.6.24	(£259.11)	
(DD) Yu Energy	1790326	3.7.24	£252.36	£12.02
(DD) Yu Energy	1790327	3.7.24	£31.90	£1.52

SS - SOCCER STORE	229273	3.7.24	£85.90	£14.32
PW Warden Environmental	7130	1.7.24	£806.00	£134.33
ROSPA	80529	25.6.24	£141.60	£23.60
Barbara Osborn Payroll	7729	30.6.24	£72.00	
(SO) Sarah Stock	July	28.4.24	£523.25	
(SO) Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	July	28.4.24	£55.00	
(SO) J Hawkins	July	28.4.24	£27.50	
R&G Grounds Maintenance	120694	30.6.24	£1,243.20	£207.20

Council gave authorisation to order a charging lead for the VAS in Chapel Brampton - £68

2024/042 Playing Field & Pocket Park

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

- Repair/replace swing seats – quote sought from Wickstead
- Repair/replace toddler swing safety bar – quote sought from Wickstead
- Replace flooring around the roundabout – quote sought from Wickstead & Miracle Play
- Remove the PIG BALL game and pole – quote sought from A&A
- Replace rubber chain guard on rotator swing – quote sought from Miracle Play
- Repairs completed to the Pirate Boat – Cllr MM has repaired the ship
- Recommendation to add signs to basketball hop rejected.

Boundary has been strimmed and weeded.

2024/043 Northwest Sandy Lane Relief Road

A5199 Road opened 4pm 12th July

Council commented on letter drafted by Cllr SC to John Shephard regarding the re-prioritising of the A5199 sign to carry traffic to the M1 and A14.

Council noted that traffic calming funding was allocated to Boughton to allow them to mitigate increased traffic, whereas Brampton's didn't receive anything and yet, seems to be getting increased levels of traffic. Council resolved to cc letter to Director of WNC and Stuart Andrew MP.

Nettles encroach east side of pavement on A5199 between village sign and new road. Clerk to report to FMS.

2024/044 Parking on Harlestone Road

Council noted parking on Harlestone Road, Chapel Brampton (A5199 junction to Back Lane) has become problematic. Council recognise that parking restrictions would not be appropriate despite agreeing that the parked cars are causing a problem. Council will ask residents to be mindful that parking on the Harlestone Road can cause an inconvenience and where possible should use their own driveways.

2024/045 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

Council to contact WNC regarding the licence given to John Cutler for the wildflower area. Council wishes to incorporate this area into their mowing schedule.

2024/046 Planning matters Council to consider and resolve response to planning applications.

2024/2983/FULL at Langham Church Lane (CO Afiya Banu, obs by 24 Jul) Conversion of
Church Brampton NN6 8AT existing integral double garage into living space

No observations. Clerk to review consultee list as MG has not been notified.

2024/3278/TPO at Merry View Back Lane (CO M Venton, obs by 29 July)
Chapel Brampton NN6 8AJ

No observations.

Date of next meetings: No August Meeting. 19th September. 17th October. 21st November. Council resolved to invite new MP and Police Commissioner to Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed 20:10