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Councillors are summoned to the ordinary meeting on: Thursday 21st November 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

14th November 2024

Apologies received: Cllr William Shearer.

2024/073 Declarations of Interest.

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

2024/074 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)

- Harlestone Road Benches: PT has been appointed to carry out works
- Chapel Meeting Room: A&A appointed to clear vegetation and J Thompson will replace door.
- WNC Mowing Grant: Grant for 2024/25 will be £1,474.94
- Streetlight at 26 Great Close report to E-on maintenance 18 Oct & completed on 30 Oct.
- A5199/Harlestone Rd bollard – highways to replace.
- The Rt. Hon. Stuart Andrew MP Member of Parliament for the Daventry Constituency has provisionally accepted our invitation to attend the Annual Parish Meeting (21 April 2025).

2024/075 To approve minutes from: 19th September & 17th October 2024 (available from <http://www.churchwithchapelbrampton-pc.gov.uk/agendas-minutes/>)

2024/076 Bank reconciliation and YTD budget vs Expenditure review.

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

2024/25 Opening balance:	£32,615	
YTD Income	£35,057	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & pending payments)		£24,684
Online Balance		
Balance (less pending payments)	£42,999	
2024/25 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£2,961	

2024/077 Accounts for Payment. Council to approve the invoices for payment.

Payee	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Amount Due (Inc. VAT)	VAT
(DD) E-on Next	KI-7FD9A6C2-0010	1.11.24	£9.76	£0.46
(DD) Yu Energy	2079069	1.11.24	£310.29	£14.78
(DD) Yu Energy	2079070	1.11.24	£37.24	£1.77

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A&A Landscapes Ltd	10401	31.10.24	£240.00	£40.00
Paul Thomas	2024-003	28.10.24	£185.00	
(DD) Unity Trust Brank	Statement 42	30.11.24	£5.40	

2024/078 Clerks Pay Award 2024/25

Council is asked to accept the NCALC pay award recommendation for 2024/25. Clerk moves from SCP 18 to SPC 19 @ £16.10 per hour, £6,698 per year.

Following the government's announcement that the threshold at which employers become liable to pay National Insurance will reduce from £9,100 to £5,000. From April 2025 CWCP will be liable for NI, however it is likely to be less than £200 per year.

2024/079 2025/2026 Budget & Precept

Council to agree the detailed budget and set a precept. Council can anticipate an opening balance of £32,000.

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Clerks Salary	£7,500
Litter Wardens	£1,000
Insurance	£900
Audit, Legal & NCALC	£1,000
Office Expenses	£1,000
Street Lighting	£3,500
Grass Cutting	£3,500
Village Maintenance	£2,000
Wildflower meadows	£1,500
Playing Field	£3,000
Pocket Park	£500
Chapel Meeting Room	£1,000
Election Costs	£1,000
Traffic Calming/VAS	£1,500
Contingency	£1,000
Tree works	£1,500
Street Lighting Repairs	£1,000
Chapel Brampton Defib	£100
Pole on Pitsford Road	£800
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (EXC VAT)	£33,300

Council will resolve to raise £32,500 from precept (an increase of 4.8% against 2024/25) and £800 from reserves. Reserve funds will be allocated as needed for street light repairs in excess of £1,000 and election costs in excess of £1,000.

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2024/080 Grant Application

Council to consider at grant application from the Northampton & Lamport Railway Group for £500 towards landscape maintenance equipment.

2024/081 Village Bus Services

Proposal from Cllr MV to establish bus services in Church and Chapel Brampton villages.
Current service: Chapel Brampton – mornings (0757 & 0932) to Welford via Guilsborough and afternoons from Welford via Guilsborough on to Kingsthorpe (1603). No service in Church Brampton.

2024/082 Email capacity

Council to review email arrangement with a view to upgrading so that photos can be sent on the PC account. Costs and details to be provided by the clerk at the meeting.

2024/083 A5199/Causeway traffic signage

The Rt. Hon. Stuart Andrew MP Member of Parliament for the Daventry Constituency responded to our letter regarding the signage off the causeway to the M1 & A14.

Thank you for emailing me to raise the Parish Council's concerns on local traffic.

It is right that you have raised this with me, it is important that the agreement reached with the County Council and Department of Transport is respected and grant signage that would guide traffic away from Chapel Brampton.

As such, I have written to West Northamptonshire Council to take this issue forward.

I also understand that my Parliamentary Assistant, Sarah Peck, has been in touch regarding your meeting request and is in the process of organising this.

I will be back in touch as soon as they have responded, but if I can be of any further assistance in the meantime, please do let me know.

2024/084 Playing Field & Pocket Park

Update from Cllr MM regarding the fence and planting of whips along the boundary line.

2024/085 Environment (verges, path, trees, and village maintenance)

A5199 Verge. Quote from R&G Maintenance to mow and spray off area to be seeded. Return after 2 weeks to rotovate the area. Return after 2 weeks to spray any regrowth. Return after 2 weeks to sow wildflower seeds at 3 gms/m². Area approx. 75m². Total cost £412.50

Poppies. Cllr MM to report feedback regarding the Remembrance poppies placed around the villages.

Anglian Water Bench. Paul Thomas has quoted £225 to repair and clean the bench.

2024/086 Litter Picking – wage review

In response to enquiries regarding the litter picking role, clerk provided the following information:
For litter picking CW CPC provide bags and grabbers. CW CPC have set routes and pay £27.50 a month anticipating that approximately 1 – 1.5 hours a week is required.
However, one applicant noted that the rate of pay is less than national minimum wages.

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Age	2024 25	2025 26
16 - 17 yrs old	£ 6.40	£ 7.55
18 - 20 yrs old	£ 8.60	£ 10.00
21 + yrs old	£ 11.44	£ 21.21

£27.50 divided by 4, is £6.87 per hour.

Council to limit the number of hours for the role and commit to paying the national minimum wage.
Council will receive £616 from WNC towards the cost of litter picking.

2024/087 Planning matters Council to resolve responses to planning applications.

(Applications received after the publication of this agenda may be included)

2024/5172/TPO at The Arches Harlestone (CO M Venton, obs by 26 Nov) FELL TO GROUND LEVEL 1 X
Road Church Brampton NN6 8AU DOUGLAS FIR TREE
TPO: DA 210 - T1

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