

BRAFIELD ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Gerald Couldrake, Chair to the Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Sargeant Memorial Hall 16th November 2022 at 7:30pm

Present:	Mr G Couldrake	Chairman
	Mrs D Allingham	Vice Chairman
	Mrs C Turner	
	Mrs C Nelson	
	Mrs F Copsey	
	Mrs G Morgan	
	Mr Andrew Grant	WNC Cllr

1 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence and Quorum – Meeting was quorate, apologies from Cllr S Dorey.
2. Review of and Approval and signature of previous meeting's minutes (14.9.22) – Reviewed and signed.
3. Members Declarations of Interest on any Agenda items – Cllr Couldrake - Planning application WNS/2022/1951/TCA.
4. Questions from Parishioners in attendance (note 3 minutes per parishioner) - none
5. West Northamptonshire Council Report – Cllr Grant
 - i) A428 proposed 50mph limit - notice on consultation expected imminently.
 - ii) Stagecoach 41 Bus Route – unexpected cutting of this critical route. Usage did not pick up after pandemic. Negotiations on going. Cllrs Nelson and Turner are attending further meeting. (Date to be arranged).
 - iii) Billing Road – pleased to see action is being taken on exploration of traffic calming schemes.
 - iv) Ward Boundary Review – proposals being made to be to government in time for elections in 2025. Consultation in January 2023. Chairman asked the Councillors what their views are on one of the proposal for of a ward boundary consisting of the A428 villages, Hackleton, Piddington, Roade, Blisworth Hartwell and all were in favour of combining similar rural villages.
See link for more information:

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<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/allreviews/eastmidlands/northamptonshire/west-northamptonshire>

6. Planning Applications for comment (see annexed list)

WNS/2022/2130/FUL – PC - Should be looked at with heritage content – and make a report on its historical usage.

WNS/2022/1951/TCA – PC - no comment

WNS/2022/1816/FUL – PC - Concern that extension would not be sympathetic to immediate vicinity and should be of stone construction, thus in keeping with neighbouring properties some of which are Grade 2 listing.

7. Estate Matters:

- Footpaths – any issues for report – nothing to report
- Street lighting – light in Billing Road, Cllr Allingham will request Cllr Dorey checks it out.
- Play Area – update, any health and safety concerns, Annual inspection report has been received and circulated – Volunteers may be sought to weather treat benches. No significant issues raised.
Cllr Allingham reported that the Jubilee Committee is putting the seat in the play area which had been destined for Grove Road for which another one will be installed. Both will be in by January 2023, installation by Jason Smith. The slabs are in place in the Play Area. The new toddler swings are being paid for by the Poors Land Trust and should also arrive early in 2023.
- Litter bins – have not arrived yet, **Clerk** to chase up
- Cllr Turner had contacted Mowerman and new grit bin should be installed in a couple of weeks.

8. Highways

- Updates on Fix my Street reports –
- On-going issue of vegetation growing over village sign on A428 (reported to Fix My street) – work done (further to Billing Road meeting with Matthew Clarke)
- Review of WNC verge cutting – Cllr Allingham reported that Brafield Wombles have carried out litter pick, cleared drains and removed vegetation from signs.
Cllr Copsey expressed concerns that verges are not cut to the same extent in the villages as in the town? Cllr Copsey will report.
- Bridle Path – 2 cycling sign in need of replacement – **Clerk** to report to Fix my Street - Order no 4 made in 1954. (Reported ref 3971497)
- Billing Road traffic calming – Chairman reported that a constructive meeting took place on 23.9.22. with Highway Officers. Stephen Barber to visit Billing Road and advise on *mobile* VAS devices including

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costings. **Cllr Allingham** will write application for VAS funding and circulate. Will then invite police to make a report. Dragons teeth and gateway might be considered as well. Council could add funds to make scheme more viable. May be innovative technological equipment which could also be used to detect lorries etc.

Football parking in Church Lane has been raised again - Irritation being caused and tractors cannot always get past.

There are some players from the village. Difficult to resolve.

Cllr Morgan will write to the Club leader and request considerate parking. The Chairman will speak to the Arrowsmiths.

9. Finance

- Payments (see annexed list) – approved
- Bank Reconciliation - agreed
- Approval of S 137 (cheque) payment for Remembrance Wreath to Royal British Legion – it was agreed this payment should be increase to £75 as the cost of wreaths has increased. (Donation includes an amount for the organization as well as the wreath).
- Agreed to open Savings Account – **Clerk** to arrange.

10. Website Enhancement – Council to review - Chairman requested councillors have a look at local PC websites (particularly Little Houghton) to see what is preferred.

11. Items for Village Newsletter – Cllr Nelson listed items.
Newsletter will hopefully go out for New Year. Prices will increase.

12. Any other items, future meetings and Councillors' Comments.

- Chairman requested a list of suitable contractors for Council tasks including procurement rules (such as Public Liability Insurance) and volunteers be drawn up. **Cllrs Morgan and Allingham** agreed to do this.
- **Clerk** to submit nil return for Rough Sleepers on the night of 9th November.

13. Summary of Action points for each Councillor.

CT – Info on suppliers/contracors

DA –M. Clarke's email address, newsletter, traffic speeding sign, Align risk register and Asset Register, List of contractors, bid for sign

GM – banking arrangements, contractors list

FC – grass cutting email to Matthew Clarke

CN – Newsletter, bus services attend meeting, will circulate email

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GC – Church Lane Parking, peruse website design and Costings.

14. Date and time of next meetings

18th January 2023, 15th March 2023, 17th May 2023 at 7 pm start with APM, 19th July 2023, 20th September 2023, 15th November 2023.

Note meetings are held on third Wednesday of the months.

Payments agreed at meeting on 16th November 2022

Payee	Detail	Total	Net	Vat
R Aldridge	Salary Jul – Sept -payment agreed 7.10.22 as work continued	244.59		
R Aldridge	Salary Oct -Dec	273.61		
S. Gautrey	Salary Oct - Dec	136.90		
V Hartley	Salary Oct -Dec	1087.12*		
Green Leaf Garden Svcs	Inv 1884 & 1919	80.00	80.00	
B Osborne	Payroll services – Oct - Dec	67.50	67.50	-
Brown and Barden	Invoices 5121 & 5135	384.00	320.00	64.00
Royal British Legion (cheque)	Remembrance Wreath	75.00 tba		
N Power	Supplies Jul – Sept	613.95	29.24	584.71
Glass Northampton	Glass for bus shelter - deposit	516.00	430.00	86.00
Signs of the Times	Jubilee Plaque	223.20	168.50	37.20
HMRC	Tax Jul – Sept	19.00	19.00	
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play area inspection	144.00	24.00	120.00
Total		£3581.14		

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- **Exact amounts to be confirmed further to receipt of pay roll details and paid at just before Christmas.**

Bank Reconciliation

Precept of £8500 received 29.9.22

Balance at 8.11.22 - £24253.85

Balance at 16.11.22 - Less above payments of £3437.14 = **£20672.71**

Planning Register since 14.9 – 7.11.22

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal / Description</u>	<u>Valid Date</u>	<u>Decision Issue Date</u>	<u>Decision</u>
<u>WNS/2022/2130/FUL</u>	2 Lodge Cottages Billing Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BN	Replace existing dwelling with new detached house and detached garage. <i>Should be looked at with heritage content – and make a report on its historical usage.</i>	07/11/2022		Pending
<u>WNS/2022/1951/TCA</u>	Mead Cottage 31 The Green Brafield On The Green NN7 1BB	T1 Willow - Fell. T2 Beech - Fell (similar variety will be replanted in a more suitable position away from any interference). <i>No comment</i>	11/10/2022		Pending
<u>WNS/2022/1816/FUL</u>	62A Billing Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BL	Single storey rear/side extension and detached front garage <i>Concern that extension would not be sympathetic to immediate vicinity and should be of stone construction, thus in keeping with neighbouring properties some of which are Grade 2 listing.</i>	21/09/2022		Pending

Council comments in italics made at meeting on 16.11.22 for submission by Clerk to SNC

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