

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 15th March 2023 at 7:00pm

Present: Mr G Couldrake Chairman
Mrs C Nelson
Mrs S Dorey
Mrs G Morgan

Mr A Grant WNC Cllr
2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence and Quorum** – Cllrs Copsey and Allingham.
2. **Co-option of new Councillor** and signing of Acceptance of Office – Resolved that Mr. Martin Andrews be appointed as the new councillor as soon as he is qualified to join the Council, anticipated to be at the next meeting on 17th May.
3. **Review of and Approval and signature of previous meeting's minutes** (18.1.23). – Minutes agreed and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest on any Agenda items**
Cllr Morgan declared an interest in the item on the VAS device
5. **Questions from Parishioners in attendance (note 3 minutes per parishioner) -None**
6. **West Northamptonshire Council Report if available**
Cllr Grant gave his report:
 - Budget
 - Increase in Green bin cost
 - A428 Speed limit consultation
 - £61 million to be spent on leisure centres
 - Boundary Changes out for consultation
7. **Planning Applications for comment** (see annexed list)
Cllr Nelson noted the recent approval for up to 3000 caravans at Billing Aquadrome
8. **Estate Matters:**
 - **Footpaths** – No issues for report
 - **Street lighting** – any issues for report – **Chairman** will contact **Cllr Copsey** to have a look at Church Lane tree obscuring light
9. **Play Area** – update - new swings installed. No health and safety concerns.
10. **Highways**

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- **Updates on Fix my Street reports** – Cllr Morgan had reported fly tipping in Horton, Billing Road, Bedford Rd lay by and area between back of Horton Road houses and Elm Close.
- **Review of WNC verge cutting** – on going
- **Billing Road – traffic calming** – resolved to apply for grant funding to enable Council to purchase the sign from Morelock which was recommended by the speed sign sub-group. Parish Council also resolved not to apply for the licence to authorise the erection of the sign until it is known that grant funding has been obtained. Cllrs Couldrake and Allingham to finalise and submit the grant funding application. Chairman looking for volunteers to form the Working group to re-locate the device. Will also be able to analyze data. Advert will go in Newsletter and Facebook.
- To note proposals to introduce a 40mph speed limit Order on Bedford Road, Northampton and a 50mph speed limit on A428 Northampton Road, through Great Houghton, Little Houghton, Brafield on the Green, Denton, Castle Ashby and Yardley Hastings.
The proposals have been put forward for maintaining safety and have been agreed through the Speed Limit Review Panel.

11. Council to discuss the degradation of the triangle next to the Green – issue now resolved as grass has been laid and a parked car has been moved. WNC Highways are responsible for the little triangle.

12. Finance

- Payments approved and Bank Reconciliation (see annexed list) –
- Internal Control Review – Council reviewed effectiveness and agreed item previously circulated by Clerk.
- Council review Fidelity Insurance currently at £250,000 as adequate.

13. Website Enhancement – Council to review – on hold

14. Council to consider Internet access at Village Hall - on hold, Cllr Morgan will bring plug in unlimited Broad Band device to next meeting.

15. Items for Village Newsletter – items listed:

- Fly tipping
- Dogs in church yard
- Progression of VAS device
- Coronation plans for weekend including helping out by children at lunch
- Plaque **unveiling**

16. Any other items for future meetings

- Hedges in Bridle Path requiring trimming – this was discussed and suggestion of Community Pay Back Volunteers.
- **Clerk** to contact owner of hedge on Billing Road adjacent to bus shelter and request cut back.
- - Coronation plans - PC has obtained a road closure order along Church Lane on Sunday 7th May to enable the Big Lunch to be held on the Green.

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17. Summary of Action points for each councillor.

GC -Bridle Path sign, Follow up tree obscuring light in Church Lane with FC.

SD – VAS, Facebook advert

GM – Contractors' list

CN Newsletter

18. Date and time of next meetings - 17th May Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm followed by Annual meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm

Next meetings – 19th July, 20th September, 15th November at 7 pm.

Payments agreed at meeting on 15th March 2023

| Payee | Detail | Total | Net | Vat | Ref |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Church and Poors Land Charity | Rent for Play Area | 60.00 | - | - | 53 |
| CPRE | Annual membership | 36.00 | - | - | 54 |
| *V Hartley | Salary Jan-Mar | 1103.00 | | | 55 |
| *R Aldridge | Salary Feb and Mar | 273.81 | | | 56 |
| *S Gautrey | Salary Oct - Dec | 136.70 | | | 57 |
| B Osborne | Payroll services | 67.50 | - | - | 58 |
| ICO | Annual fee | 35.00 | | | dd |
| Ford and McHugh | Light rprs – 22 Bridle path, Grove Rd | 408.00 | 340.00 | 90.00 | 59 |
| NetWise UK | Domain renewal | 24.00 | 20.00 | 4.00 | 60 |
| V Hartley | Microsoft sub | 59.99 | | | 61 |
| HMRC | Tax Jan - Mar | 29.80 | | | Chq 202 |
| Sgt Memorial Hall | Hall hire for meetings | 214.50 | | | 62 |

Total £2432.42

*To be paid at end on March

Current Account Bank Reconciliation

Balance at 8.3.23 - £3181.90

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Balance at 15.3.23 Less above payments of £749.48. Deposit Account balance at 15.3.23 - £ 10,058.38

Planning Applications and PC comments since 18.1.23

1. **Planning consultation WNS/2023/0266/FUL**, 5 Green Road, Brafield On The Green, NN7 1BE – Clerk to respond that no objections other than PC has concerns about sewerage as blocked drains have occurred in the past.
2. **Planning consultation/Information for application WNS/2023/0223/FUL** at Riverview Caravan Park Station Road Cogenhoe NN7 1NH – no objections.
3. **WNS/2023/0382/FUL** at 62A Billing Road, NN7 1BL – no objections

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