

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 November 2023 at 7:30pm

Present: Mr G Couldrake Chairman
Mrs D Allingham
Mrs S Dorey
Mr M Andrews
Mrs G Morgan
Mrs F Copsey
Mr A Grant WNC Cllr + 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence and Quorum** – Cllr Nelson
2. **Review of and Approval and signature of previous meeting's minutes** (20.9.23). – Minutes agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Members Declarations of Interest on any Agenda items - none**
4. **Questions from Parishioners in attendance (note 3 minutes per parishioner) - None**
5. **West Northamptonshire Council Report – Cllr A. Grant :**
 - I) Pleased that Gigaclear project communications have improved. See later item on Gigaclear.
 - II) Completion of 50 mph A428 speed limit by end of November.
 - III) Recycling – can continue with blue bin, green bins will be provided at cost. Refuse service for black bins will probably remain the same – fortnightly.
 - IV) 2.12.23 – free parking in town centre
 - V) Budget for WNS looking OK at present.
 - VI) Cllr Copsey raised a question about the deteriorating surface of the A428 between Brafield and Little Houghton.
 - VII) Possible spring or blocked drain near Billing turn – Cllr Grant agreed to look into this and whether it is responsibility of Anglian Water or Highways.

10. (Item moved up agenda)

Gigaclear Roll-out - Visiting representative – Roisin McGettigan from Gigaclear gave a presentation about timetable for the forth coming project in the village to improve Internet speeds. It will take about 6 months, no work over the Christmas period. Work is currently paused. Apologies that community had not received the letters informing them that work was to commence. Suggested holding a meeting in March/April 2024 at the WMC to inform people what is happening. Cllr Morgan will post a message on Facebook informing village.

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Date-----

6. Planning Applications for comment - none**7. Estate Matters:**

- **Footpaths** – any issues for report - footpath to Denton – stile in need of repair, **Cllr Andrews** will check to see if it has been done.
- **Street lighting** – any issues for report – Light outside 15 Grove Road has been repaired.

8. Play Area – update - Any health and safety concerns.

Council noted Playground inspection finding summary & inspection report from Tori Barnett at Wicksteed. No issues to address.

Cllr Allingham will show contractor where new bins are to go.

9. Community Library - Council discussed the possibility of setting up a Community Library in the brick built bus shelter on Bedford Road – suggestion by Cllr Morgan. Would need a glass fronted case to keep books dry and a plastic warehouse type door to make it warmer and less damp. Chairman suggested Parish Council could help fund its set up. Council in favour. **Cllr Morgan** would start the project off.

10. Report from Gigaclear Roll out and meeting which took place in October – see earlier item

11. Highways

- **Updates on Fix my Street reports** – No Cycling sign on Bridle Path has been fixed.
- **Billing Road – traffic calming** – Grant application gone to Police and Crime Commission but there has been delay. **Cllr Allingham** still chasing this up.

12. Finance - Payments and Bank Reconciliation approved (see annexed list)**13. Website Enhancement – Council still to review**

14. Items for Village Newsletter- Cllr Morgan had approached Parish Magazine but they did not want to take the Council one on. **Chairman** will have a meeting with Cllr Nelson about her continuation with the Newsletter.

15. Any other items for future meetings –

- **Seat agreed for installation near the village sign.** Resident will pay net amount. Cllrs Allingham and Morgan with resident will liaise and agree bench.
- **D Day Celebrations** – Parish Council will move forward with this, beacon will be lit.

16. Summary of Action points for each Councillor.

GC – Newsletter arrangements

GM – Library and Facebook Entry re Gigaclear

MA – Stile on footpath to Denton

DA – Price benches, funding for traffic calming, walk about for bins

SD – Street lights

FC – Grit bins

17. Date and time of next meeting – 17th January 2024, 7.30 pm

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Payments agreed at meeting on 15th November 2023

Payee	Detail	Total	Net	Vat	Ref
R Aldridge	Salary Oct -Dec	280.80			24
S Gautrey	Salary Oct -Dec	140.20			25
B Osborne	Pay roll Services	69.00			26
V Hartley	Salary Oct -Dec	1172.92			27
Forde and McHugh	outside 15 Grove Road light repair	300.00	250.00	50.00	28
Green Leaf Gardening Services	Invs 2181+ 2215 – play area grass – Sept and Oct	150.00	150.00	-	29
Brown and Barden	Invs 5324+5342 Green maintenance Sept and Oct	432.00	360.00	72.00	30
Wicksteed Leisure	Annual Inspection	158.40	132.00	26.40	31
HMRC	Tax Jul - Sept	7.20			32 Chq 204
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath	75.00			33 Chq 205
N Power	Electricity Supplies Jul- Oct	706.14	672.51	33.63	34

Total £3306.97

Bank Reconciliation

- Balance current A/C at 8.11.23 - £17830.02
- Balance Less above payments of £14523.05
- Balance on Deposit Account at 8.11.23 - £ 10109.92

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Date-----

Planning Applications 20.9.23 – 8.11.23

Reference No.	Location	Proposal / Description	Valid Date	Decision Issue Date	Decision
2023/6696/FULL	Bouverie Leys 81 Billing Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BL	Proposed new dwelling and detached garage following the demolition of existing carport. Works to include proposed garage to existing dwelling and new external works treatments	11/09/2023		Pending
2023/6739/PND	Outside 6 and 15 Elm Close Brafield on the Green NN7 1BU	Notification of installation for 2 x 10m medium wooden pole fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.	04/09/2023	19/10/2023	No Objections
Various	Home Farm Billing Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BL	Conditions 3,4,5,6,7,19,30,31			Pending

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