

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Mr G Couldrake Chairman  
Mrs D Allingham Vice Chairman  
Mrs C Nelson  
Mrs G Morgan  
Mrs F Copsey  
Mrs S Dorey  
Cllr Andrew Grant, WNS  
2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence and Quorum – Mr M Andrews
2. Review of and Approval and signature of previous meeting's minutes (18.9.24). – 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 if available – Cllr Clark's report circulated.  
Cllr Grant :
  - Will enquire as to why there has been a pause in the installation of the dragons teeth and gateways. Will also raise the issue of one of the gateway's position.
  - Northampton market now open – successful opening
  - With new government there may be applications for further development in the County.
6. Planning Applications for comment – see below – no comments on any. **Clerk** to respond to WNC.
7. Estate Matters:
  - Footpaths – any issues for report – will need to recruit another Footpath Warden
  - Street lighting – any issues for report – streetlight at the Pond is now working. One at the corner of Horton Road is to be repaired.
8. Pond Repair – pipe work complete apart from jet washing - all within the budget. Ownership of pond still under review. The Chairman will look into this matter.

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9. Play Area – update – Inspection Report circulated – any risk identified were low or very low. **Clerk** to arrange replacements of a few items with Wicksteed. Cllr Copsey reported that the hedges adjacent to gardens are very long and need to be cut by Green Leaf Gardening, **Clerk** to request.

#### 10. Highways

- Updates on Fix my Street reports – message sent to Fix my Street for damage to Green to be repaired.
- Billing Road – traffic calming, VAS device and Dragons Teeth + gateway – Update – work progressing though there has been pause in installation of gates.
- Cllr Copsey reported grit bins need filling. **Clerk** to contact Mowerman to request delivery and filling of the 3 bins owned by the PC.
- Billing Rd – pause in installation of gateway being looked into by Cllr Grant.
- VAS machine – Chairman hopes a group of volunteers will come forward to help in moving it to various sites and replacing batteries. Will put this out on Facebook, the newsletter, the Working Mens Club and the shop. One volunteer was in attendance at the meeting and was willing to lead the Billing Road group.
- Cllr Allingham suggested using cardboard cutouts of children as a deterrent to speeding and also bin stickers. She will get quotes for these for the **next meeting**.
- Walk Around village with WNC – Chairman will contact Cllr Grant to pursue this.

11. Verge mowing in the village – Council to consider signing up to the 136 Parish Grass Cutting Scheme. WNC would pay the Parish Council the equivalent cost of 3 cuts per year - £955. After discussion it was agreed that this should be pursued.

It was agreed that the Chairman will contact Helen Howard and request map of where WNC cut at present. Will then approach existing grass cutters for quotes.

12. Dog bins – Council to consider cost of installation and emptying of dog bins. A quote had been obtained - £175 to install a bin and £200 per year to empty it. It was felt 3 would be required. After discussion it was agreed not to have dog bins, but encourage people to take the poo bags home.

#### 13. Finance

- The payments and Bank Reconciliation (see annexed list) – were agreed.

14. Website Enhancement – Council to review

15. Items for Village Newsletter – Cllr Dorey listed the items for newsletter which it was agreed would continue to be printed on standard A4 paper.

16. Any other items for future meetings

- spate of local antisocial behaviour. Vandalism and kicking of grit bins.

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**17. Summary of Action points for each Councillor.**

GC -

- VAS machine meeting
- Walk around
- Contact Hall with dates for next year's meetings

CN - 50 mph speed sign on A428 has been knocked down - to report to Fix my Street.

SD - Newsletter, street light reporting

**18. Date and time of next meetings – 15.1.25, 19.3.25, 21.5.25 7pm, 16.7.25, 17.9.25 19.11.25**

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**Payments agreed at meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Ref</b>
R Aldridge *	Salary Oct -Dec				31
S Gautrey *	Salary Oct -Dec				32
B Osborne *	Pay roll Services	70.50			34
V Hartley *	Salary Oct -Dec				33
Green Leaf Gardening Services	Invs 2496 +2533 play area grass – Sept and Oct	150.00	150.00	-	35
Brown and Barden	Invs 5492+5512 Green maintenance Sept and Oct	432.00	360.00	72.00	36
Wicksteed Leisure	Annual Inspection	180.00	150.00	30.00	37
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath	75.00			38
N Power	Electricity Supplies Jul-Oct	917.14	873.47	43.67	39
Hinton Groundworks Ltd	Drain Repair on Green	1644.00	1370.00	274.00	40
Forde and McHugh	Church Land and St Thomas rd repair	300.00	250.00	50.00	41

Total £1824.64 + 1644.00 +300 = 3768.64

\*Please note figures not available at time of writing and exact figures (including pay increases in line with Government regulations) will be paid on line at end of December

**Bank Reconciliation**

- Balance current A/C at 12.11.24 - £15318.63
- Balance Less above payments of £11849.99
- Balance on Deposit Account at 12.11.24- £ 10109.92

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- Agreed that any wages to bus shelter cleaner and litter picker to be at the new Living Wage rate set at the last budget. **Clerk** to inform Payroll officer.

## Planning

- Council to consider Green Hill Solar Farm Consultation – near Castle Ashby and Grendon – comments?
- Planning Applications 20.9.24 – 12.11.24

Reference No.▶	Location▶	Proposal / Description▶	Valid Date▶	Decision Issue Date▶	Decision▶
<u>2024/4405/LDP</u>	Home Farm Billing Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BL	Lawful development certificate (proposed) to confirm Planning Permission S/2020/1935/FUL and S/2020/1936/LBC is lawfully implemented	29/10/2024		Pending
<u>2024/4964/NMA</u>	2 Lodge Cottages Billing Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BN	Non Material Amendment WNS/2022/2130/FULL (Replace existing dwelling with new detached house and detached garage for floor plan flipped (mirrored utility now on west elevation). Fenestration updated to new plans and Larger Porch to include windows & height raised, roof area utilized for unused floor space.	25/10/2024		Pending
<u>2024/4806/FULL</u>	95 Billing Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BL	First floor rear extension & new window to first floor side elevation.	16/10/2024		Pending

Clerk has obtained extension on consultation until 25.11.24

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