

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 July 2025 at 7:45pm

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

Mr S Clarke, WNS Cllr
1 member of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Quorum** – Cllrs F Copsey and D Allingham
Co-option of Sarah Dorey on to Council - This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Morgan and unanimously agreed by the Council.
- 2. Review of and Approval and signature of previous meeting's minutes** (21.5.25). – 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)**
Query about sale of plot of land within play area land by Poors Land Trust and resulting access to houses. The Chairman responded that rights of access would be legally maintained. Rent paid at the end of this term by the Parish Council will not be increased.
- 5. West Northamptonshire Council Report** – Cllr Clarke read his report.
A428 Bus Corridor - Go Travel Solutions consultation is running from 21st July – 14th August. Cllr Nelson will attend on line meeting.
- 6. Planning Applications for comment** –see below - no comment from the Parish Council
- 7. Estate Matters:**
 - Footpaths/Rights of Way – any issues for report – Warden still needed.
 - Overgrown footpaths were reported - KC 16 and 32.
 - Street lighting – any issues for report. It was agreed that the **Clerk** contact Danny Moody to obtain information about different lighting contractors as work is not being carried out very promptly.
 - Pond – update from Chairman on proposals for ownership of Green and Pond. The Chairman reported that he had met with Kevin Ward about the matter. It is proposed that the ownership of the Green and Pond would be with the Poors Land Trust and maintenance would be the responsibility of the Parish Council – the same arrangement as the

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Play Area. He is meeting with Fisher German – Matthew Trembath - on 28th July.

8. Request from Church to use Green for Pets service on 27th July 2025 – this was agreed. Insurance would be covered by the Church.

9. Play Area – update - Any health and safety concerns – broken swing. **Clerk** to request a quote for a replacement – double flat swing – from Wicksteed. (to include the removal of the old one).

The Parish Council is very grateful to have received an anonymous donation to be used for playground investments.

10. Highways

- Updates on Fix my Street reports – Both Chairman and Cllr Dorey were happy that reports lodged were being dealt with quickly.

11. Finance

- Payments approved and Bank Reconciliation (see annexed list below)
- Internal Control report – Cllr Allingham had sent a written report – items addressed.

12. Items for Village Newsletter - listed

13. Any other items for future meetings - Chair to ask the Club to request that visitors park considerately (to footpath users) if the main Club car park is full, on busy pool/snooker and bingo nights.

14. Summary of Action points for each Councillor - listed

15. Date and time of next meeting – 24th September 2025 at 7.45pm

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Payments agreed at meeting on 16th July 2025

Payee	Detail	Total	Net	Vat	Ref
Green Leaf Gardening Services	Invs 2697 & 2719 – play area grass & hedge of play area	500.00	500.00	-	17
Brown and Barden	Invs 5606 Green and Sign maintenance	408.00	340.00	68.00	18
Forde and McHugh	Inv 33497 -Repairs to one of two in St Thomas Rd light	192.00	160.00	32.00	19
S Dorey	Newsletter printing	24.69			20
Netwise	Website hosting	396.00	330.00	66.00	21

*Clerk had enquired about lack of N Power bills since January 2025 – due to change in billing requirements further to government directive. Expect large bill soon.

Financial matters:

- i. Balance at 1st July 2025 - £19853.06
- ii. £2500.00 received as a donation to play area
- iii. £2727.63 received from HMRC – Vat receipt

Planning Register Information for recent period:

<u>Reference No.</u> ▶	<u>Location</u> ▶	<u>Proposal / Description</u> ▶	<u>Valid Date</u> ▶	<u>Decision</u> <u>Issue</u> <u>Date</u> ▶	<u>Decision</u> ▶
2025/2102/SCRN	Billing Aquadrome Crow Lane Northampton NN3 9DA		22.5.25		Pending

Proposal/Description:

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Billing Aquadrome Crow Lane Northampton NN3 9DA Request for EIA screening opinion in respect of Hybrid planning application for the comprehensive reconfiguration of the Billing Aquadrome site comprised of the reduction in the number of static caravans from 3,104 to 2,245 units, including the following elements: 1) Full planning permission for the: Demolition of a cluster of four single storey brick buildings (previously occupying garden centre, rage rooms, hair and beauty salon) and removal of existing plant and equipment; demolition of existing toilet block; external and internal alterations to existing Guest Services to incorporate new reception, changing rooms and toilets for marina and retain tackle shop, external and internal alterations to existing maintenance shed to repurpose as residential hub building, removal of existing caravan sales and holiday reception units, erection of new Residential Reception Building, erection of new Holiday Sales Building, erection of new Residential Sales Building, Reconfiguration of Entrance, new retention pond, stationing of 110 static caravans for permanent residential occupation, reconfigured roads, bases, footpaths, landscaping areas, parking areas, drainage, and flood infrastructure and mitigation works ('Phase One'), 2) Full planning application for the use of the balance of the Billing Aquadrome site for 886 static caravans for permanent residential occupation and 1223 holiday static caravans, 26 floating lodges and area for stationing of touring caravans and tents, 3) Outline planning permission for the reconfiguration of the Billing Aquadrome layout outside of Phase One to incorporate raised pontoon access to boats; roads, footpaths, caravan bases, landscaping areas, parking areas, drainage areas and infrastructure, flood infrastructure and mitigation works including new lake, and refurbishment of existing family entertainment building with restaurant services, and outdoor canopied seating area, extension to swimming pool.

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