

Minutes of Meeting of Brampton Ash Parish Council
 Monday 10th February 2025, 7.30pm, At St Mary's Church, Brampton Ash
The meeting was open to members of the public,
subject to prescribed regulations where applicable.

Present: Parish Councillors:

Cllr S Power (Chair), Cllr N Bevan, Cllr W Brooks, Cllr J Lillie, Cllr T Pentlow

North Northants Council (NNC): Cllr David Howes, Cllr Bill McElhinney

In Attendance: Liz Evans (Clerk)

Public Attendee(s): None

Item	Action by:
92/24-25	Apologies for Absence None
93/24-25	Chair's Announcements None
94/24-25	Declarations of Interest: <i>To Receive Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors on Matters to Be Considered at the Meeting.</i> Members were reminded to update their register of interests if necessary. No declarations of interest were received.
95/24-25	Minutes of the Meeting held 9th December 2024 (meeting 4): <i>To approve the minutes of the above meeting as an accurate record or to amend factual inaccuracies if they occur. It is assumed that minutes have been read prior to the meeting.</i> The minutes were approved as being a correct record and signed by the Chair.
96/24-25	Matters Arising from the above minutes <i>except where they are agenda items for this meeting</i> All matters were agenda items.
97/24-25	Policies Review: None Policies can be found at: https://bramptonash.parish-council.com/policies-and-procedures
98/24-25	Financial Matters: Parish Council Finance a) Quarterly internal control: councillor checklist (NB) b) Councillor check of invoices against payments/reconcile to bank statement (NB) c) Current financial position statement no. 4/24-25 (attached to this agenda) (NB) Items a) b) and c) were checked by Nick Bevan and signed as being correct. d) Reporting of payments made since the last meeting: Clerk's salary, including back-dated payment £254.43 Donation to St Mary's Church lighting £250.00 e) Reporting of receipts since last meeting: None f) Forthcoming Payments for approval at this meeting: Continuing membership of Northants ACRE £42 inc VAT, 31 st March 2025 Local Government 1972 Section 137 payment unanimously approved.

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	<p>g) Budget Statement no. 4/24-25 (SP) Item 98g was checked by the Chair and signed as being correct.</p> <p>h) Proposed purchase of Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) The result of the funding application is expected to be known in mid-February. Outcome awaited.</p> <p>i) Proposed Budget & Precept 2025-26 Submitted to NNC, outcome awaited</p>	<p>LE</p> <p>LE</p>
99/24-25	<p>Defibrillator: Monitoring Report: (Cllr Pentlow) Tom Pentlow regularly monitors the defibrillator. Last checked 8th February, all in order.</p> <p>Damage to phone box/defibrillator housing: A pane of glass in the phone box has been vandalised. Nick Bevan has repairs in hand.</p>	<p>NB</p>
100/24-25	<p>Planning Matters: <i>To Consider Matters Relating to the following Planning Applications:</i> NK/2024/0705 Hermitage Cottage: Approved by Local Authority There were currently no other applications to consider.</p>	
101/24-25	<p>North Northants Council/Kettering Borough Council Conservation Policy - Brampton Ash: <i>Update: Cllr Lillie</i> North Northamptonshire Draft Corporate Plan 2021-25 Consultation (update if available). No updates are currently anticipated. This will remain an agenda item.</p> <p>The updated Local Plan (North Northamptonshire) for the period 2028 - 2041 is in preparation and is currently scheduled to be adopted in April 2026.</p>	
102/24-25	<p>Strategic Town and Parish Forum (formerly Rural Forum) Meeting 29th November 2024: Mobile vaccine van: update</p> <p>a) Details of the vaccine van were circulated to villagers. There was no take-up of the service.</p> <p>b) Town and Parish meeting information slides were requested: they would be circulated to councillors for information.</p> <p>c) Next meeting: 17th March 2025</p>	<p>LE</p>
103/24-25	<p>Highway Matters: Updates on the following, where applicable:</p> <p>a) Signage No report</p> <p>b) Potholes Potholes can be reported by councillors and members of the public via FixMyStreet. Click the link to https://highways.northnorthants.gov.uk/ Nick Bevan had reported several potholes and repairs to these are awaited. He would contact Kier/Highways for an update on progress.</p> <p>c) Lighting No report</p> <p>d) Litter-pick</p>	<p>NB</p>

	<p>The autumn litter-pick yielded 11 tyres, 1 television and 20 bags of assorted rubbish.</p> <p>Nick Bevan had recently picked up 7 bags of litter in Hermitage Road as well as a large quantity of beer cans, some rolls of wallpaper and a bag of old videos.</p> <p>Littering in the Hermitage Road area is a significantly worsening problem. It was agreed that Wendy Brooks would approach Julian White with a view to installing a camera on his land, with the camera trained onto the area known as 'fly-tip corner'. David Howes offered his assistance with any procedural and legal issues that might be associated with camera use. Nick Bevan would obtain signage to indicate that the area is being monitored.</p> <p>e) i) Road Safety A427 No report on A427</p> <p>ii) Road Safety Hermitage Road Nick Bevan reported that there is an increasing amount of damage to the surface and verges of Hermitage Road, together with a build-up of mud mounds, which now poses a danger to road users.</p> <p>f) VAS cameras: see also item 98/24-25h Steve Power will download data from the recent camera installation and share it with the parish council.</p> <p>g) Hermitage Road spring-water: Update (Cllr Lillie) The situation is being monitored by Nick Bevan and John Lillie. Nick Bevan will continue to keep a photographic and/or video record of the situation and report his findings back to Kier/NNC Highways for action.</p> <p>h) NNC proposed public footpath: currently in progress with Highways Authority Update awaited from George Massingham, NNC.</p> <p>i) Trees at the junction of Hermitage Road and A427. Update Cllrs Bevan & Pentlow The matter is in hand with Kier/NNC representatives who will investigate ownership of the site in an attempt to establish responsibility for the overgrown trees and vegetation. Councillors will continue to monitor the situation.</p> <p>j) Parish Path Warden Scheme Tom Pentlow will continue in the Parish Path Warden role. He will monitor public footpaths and bridleways in the parish. Issues of over-growth, etc., should be reported to Kier/Highways, together with photographic evidence. The clerk will forward Tom Pentlow's details to the appropriate person at NNC Highways Department.</p> <p>k) Other No report</p>	<p>WB</p> <p>DH</p> <p>NB</p> <p>SP</p> <p>JL</p> <p>NB</p> <p>NB</p> <p>TP</p> <p>TP</p> <p>LE</p>
104/24-25	<p>Parish Crime Report & Police Matters: 3 crimes were formally recorded in Brampton Ash parish in November 2024 (latest figures available)</p> <p>1x burglary, Brampton Ash village 1x anti-social behaviour, A6 area 1x violence and sexual offence, Stoke Road area</p> <p>https://www.northants.police.uk/area/your-area/northamptonshire/kettering/desborough/about-us/crime-map</p>	

	<p>Brampton Ash crime figures are included, together with other Welland Valley parishes, in the figures for the Desborough area. To access them: - Click on the link above. Select 'Crime Map'. Click on the word 'Desborough'. Select and click on your village name (where shown). A list of reported crimes for that village will be displayed. Details are anonymous. If a village name is not displayed it means that no crimes have been recorded in that area during the relevant period.</p>	
105/24-25	<p>Any Other Business: To report any matters of a minor nature not requiring formal approval.</p> <p>a) Parish Council newsletter The next edition will be the Spring Update. Suggested items for inclusion in the next newsletter were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A link to FixMyStreet for parishioners to report issues with public footpaths, etc Replanting snowdrops at the appropriate time to replace those previously planted and now lost. Litter-pick report Speed camera report A reminder to renew green-waste subscriptions <p>b) Local elections May 2025 Local elections, including parish council elections, are due to be held in early May 2025. Further details will follow in due course.</p> <p>c) NNC Text messaging service This is a new opt-in service provided by Kier/Highways to update parishes on upcoming works in their areas. The clerk will circulate details to councillors.</p> <p>Other:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> John Lillie reported that a commemorative tree that was planted last year is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. He will put the matter in hand. David Howes reported that, effective from 1st April 2025 the parishes of Cottingham, East Carlton and Middleton will be included in the Desborough area constituency. 	<p>SP</p> <p>All LE</p> <p>JL</p>
106/24-25	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th March, 7.30pm at the Parish Church.</p>	

Meeting closed at: 8.45pm

Signed: Liz Evans, Clerk to Brampton Ash Parish Council

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Date	On-line Transaction or Debit Card	Cheque no.	Item	Income £	Clerk's Salary	Expenditure (non S 137) £ inc VAT	(VAT Paid £)	Expenditure £ Section 137 inc VAT	Balance Excluding Reserves	Balance Including Reserves	Reconciled to bank	Reserves 1 Running total LGA72 S137	Reserves 2 Election Costs LGA72 S137	Legal Power
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2024 - 31 Mar 2025: Report 1														
01/04/24			Balance brought forward	£3,430.58					£531.78	£3,430.58		£2,398.80	£500.00	
16/04/24			HMRC VAT +	£42.50					£574.28	£3,473.08				
16/04/24			HMRC VAT +	£205.29						£3,678.37		£2,604.09		
19/04/24	Y		NNC Precept	£1,500.00					£2,074.28	£5,178.37				
Signed:				N Bevan				Member	Date:			19/04/2024		
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2024 - 31 Mar 2025: Report 2														
04/04/24	Y		NCALC			£346.40	£46.40		£1,727.88	£4,831.97				LGA 72 s.143(1)(b) Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014
01/05/24	Y		Brett Spencer				£240.00	£1,440.00		£3,391.97		£1,164.09		LGA72 s137
01/05/24	DC		Tesco stationery			£10.10	£2.40		£1,717.78	£3,381.87				LGA72s111
28/06/24	Y		HMRC PAYE			£35.40			£1,682.38	£3,346.47				LGA 72 s.112
28/06/24	Y		Clerk salary Q1		£181.95				£1,500.43	£3,164.52				LGA 72 s.112
04/08/24	Y		Clerk reimbursement B&M concrete				£7.99	£47.94		£3,116.58		£1,116.15		LGA72 s137
30/09/24	Y		Spanglefish Web			£78.00	£13.00		£1,422.43	£3,038.58				LGA72 s111
30/09/24	Y		Clerk Salary Q2		£181.95				£1,240.48	£2,856.63				LGA72 S112
30/09/24	Y		HMRC PAYE			£35.40			£1,205.08	£2,821.23				LGA72 S112
Signed:				N Bevan				Member	Date:			09/10/2024		
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2024 - 31 Mar 2025: Report 3														
04/11/24	Y		Brunel Engraving				£35.67	£214.04		£2,607.19		£902.11		LGA72s137
01/12/24	Y		Zurich Ins.			£196.00			£1,009.08	£2,411.19				LGA72 s112
Signed:				N Bevan				Member	Date:			09/12/2024		
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2024 - 31 Mar 2025: Report 4														
14/12/24	DC		Tesco printer ink			£32.00	£5.33		£977.08	£2,379.19				LGA72s111
27/12/24	Y		Clerk Salary Q3		£203.63				£773.45	£2,175.56				LGA 72 s.112
27/12/24	Y		HMRC PAYE			£50.80			£722.65	£2,124.76				LGA 72 s.112
03/02/25	Y		St Mary's Church					£250.00		£1,874.76		£652.11		LGA 72 s.137