



	Christmas period. Cllr Milne indicated that this could be considered by the Council at the next meeting.	Clerk
<b>05/2024</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2024</b> Subject to Minute 110/24 being amended to (amendment to follow) Cllr Lane proposed and Cllr Beuesart seconded that the Minutes be signed, subject to the above amendment and this was agreed by acclamation.	Clerk
<b>06/2024</b>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>a) <b>Chair</b> The Chair had submitted a report that had been circulated to Councillors which was noted. (see appendix). Cllr Beuesart indicated that he had taken part in the conference call with Police Inspector David Wakeman.</p> <p>b) <b>Clerk</b> The Clerk's report was noted (see appendix). The Council noted that the collapsed wall at Hall Lane Cottage had been made safe.</p> <p>c) <b>Ward Councillors' Report</b> Cllr Bignell had submitted a report that had been circulated to Councillors after the meeting. (see appendix).</p> <p>d) <b>Police</b> – The Vice Chair welcomed PCSO Tara Cook who reiterated the staff changes in the Police report that had been circulated (see Appendix). PCSO Cook also advised that Northants Police had limited planned patrols but would increase levels when incidents had been reported. A recent consultation had indicated that residents were concerned with burglaries, road safety and vehicle crime and IT Scams and Fraud. The Police would also visit Community Groups when invited and give advisory talks on all matters important to communities including IT Fraud and Scams and that they could be contacted via <a href="#">Home Page - Northamptonshire Talking</a></p>	Clerk
<b>07/2024</b>	<p><b>Reading Room Lease</b></p> <p>The Councillors noted that there was no representative from the Reading Room Trustees present and also noted the following update from Cllr Milne:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He had met with the Parish Council's lawyer to check the draft Lease and identify any gaps. He was awaiting the report from the Lawyer in response to the points they had discussed;</li> <li>2. The Draft Lease was proceeding on the basis of the previous structure where the Reading Room Trustees have certain responsibilities and obligations;</li> <li>3. Based on correspondence and the update from the previous Parish Council meeting where the Reading Room representative had indicated that they were struggling with the number of volunteers, the formal position of where the Reading Room Trustees stand is not clear to the Parish Council.</li> <li>4. The Reading Room Trustees have responsibilities and obligations as part of their Charitable Status.</li> <li>5. The formal terms of the Lease can be progressed but the governance of the Reading rooms cannot.</li> <li>6. The Parish Council have not agreed to change the terms of the Lease e.g. the rent to Althorp Estates has been paid direct by the Reading Room Trustees in previous years.</li> <li>7. The Parish Council had agreed to pay the rent for the Parish Council meetings annually.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Milne proposed that the Chair of the Reading Room Trustees be formally invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council to progress the issues.</p>	Clerk

	<p>Seconded: T Lane Approved: Unanimous</p>	
08/2024	<p><b>Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 15 May 2024</b> The Parish Council noted that nominations from Councillors for Chair and Vice Chair for the Year 2024 -2025 must be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting. The Parish Council agreed that the APM would start at 7pm with light refreshments and the normal Parish Council Meeting would then follow afterwards at 7.45pm. Cllr Bignell indicated that should he not be able to attend, the Ward Councillors would provide an update on his behalf. Proposed: Cllr Milne Seconded: Cllr Gardner Approved: Unanimous</p>	Clerk
09/2024 (a)	<p>To consider the following Planning Applications and Decisions and any additional application(s) presented after the publication of the agenda): (Planning Applications may be viewed at <a href="#">Planning application search - Planning register   Planning register   West Northamptonshire Council (planning-register.co.uk)</a>)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">2024/1504/COND</a> and <a href="#">2024/1505/COND</a> Land at Glass Thorpe Hill and Land off Brington Road Flore Condition 6 and Condition 12 Conditions Discharge for Change of use and Construction of a Management Plan, Councillors noted there was a response from the Local Highways Authority with their observations, comments and recommendations.</li> <li>2. <a href="#">2024/0672/MAO</a> Hybrid planning application comprising: Full planning application for the demolition of existing buildings, erection of 100 dwellings including vehicular and pedestrian connection points, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, drainage and other associated infrastructure. Outline planning application (all matters reserved except for internal access) for the erection of 350 dwellings, public open space, pedestrian and cycle links, play area, drainage, landscaping, and all other associated works. Councillors requested that comments should be submitted regarding a traffic management plan to advise the combined effect on the Bringtons be actioned and that concerns about the impact on local infrastructure should be included. Proposed: Cllr Milne Seconded: Cllr Roach Approved: Unanimous</li> </ol>	Clerk
(b)	<p><b>The Council noted the Decisions of previously considered Planning Applications:</b> <a href="#">2024/1294/NMA</a> at Church House Farm, Steeple Lane, Little Brington, NN7 4HN for on material amendment to DA/2021/0038 (Conversion of barn to dwelling) to reduce a small area of the rear garden to enable a preferred and appropriate pedestrian access to the lambing shed - Approved 23 March 2024.</p>	
c)	<p><b>Other Planning Matters</b> The Council noted that residents across West Northamptonshire are being invited to have their say on the draft Local Plan strategy Consultation from Monday 8 April to Sunday 2 June – comment at <a href="https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/planning/west-northamptonshires-local-plan-req18/">https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/planning/west-northamptonshires-local-plan-req18/</a></p>	

10/2024	<b>Environment</b>	
	<p><b>a) To receive updates from the Althorp Estate</b></p> <p>(a) Home-made compost that does not contain chemicals is currently being sprayed across the Estate.</p> <p>(b) Sites for dog waste bins had been agreed and HF had confirmed that a wooden combined dog waste/waste bin was acceptable. The Clerk advised the other 2 bins would be the normal type.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>c) Back Lane Verges</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received a letter from a resident advising the verges had been repaired and re-seeded and there was a pile of earth remaining. Cllr Gardner advised he would move this when it had dried out.</p> <p>The Council noted that the vans that parked on the verges had now gone and that the matter seemed to have been resolved although the Council would continue to monitor the situation.</p>	Cllr Gardner
	<p><b>d) Unstable Wall at Hall Lane Cottages</b></p> <p>The Clerk has written to the householders advising them of the dangerous condition of the wall and requesting that it be repaired. Councillors reported that the area had been fenced off. HF advised that she would check if the Althorp Estate owned the area; if not, then the Clerk would report it to WNC or Street Doctor.</p>	HF Althorp/ Clerk
	<p><b>e) To consider emergency repairs to the Cricket Pavilion Roofing Felt.</b></p> <p>The Council noted that the roofing felt required urgent replacement; Cllr Roach had inspected the Pavilion and currently the Ply Base seemed undamaged but edging boards would be required and he advised the roofing felt would need to be replaced urgently. He advised that the materials would cost about £400. The Clerk advised a quote had been requested from R&amp;G Landscape Services and when received this would be forwarded to Councillors for comment.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Milne Seconded: Cllr Roach Approved: Unanimous</p>	Clerk
11/2024	<p><b>Althorp Parish Meeting</b></p> <p>The Clerk indicated that the request for Bringtons Parish Council to include Althorp Parish Meeting as part of the WNC Boundary Stage 2 consultation had been agreed and the Parish Council had been asked to advise on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you envisage Brington Parish remaining as unwarded, or do you envisage Althorp will become a ward of Brington Parish?</li> <li>2. Do you consider the number of councillors on the parish will need to change?</li> <li>3. Are you aware of any assets in Althorp Parish that would have been maintained by the parish meeting?</li> </ol> <p>HF (Althorp) indicated that if the Clerk forwarded these to her, she would be able to comment on point 3.</p> <p>The Councillors noted if this went ahead, future Council Tax rates may be affected.</p>	

12/2024	<p><b>Communications and Consultations</b></p> <p><b>Councillors noted the following Consultations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Candidates have been announced for the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner election due to take place in Northamptonshire next month as: Martin Emberson (Conservative &amp; Unionist Party), Ana Gunn (Liberal Democrats) Danielle Stone (Labour &amp; Co-operative Party).</li> <li>2. Support of up to £20,000 available to help small businesses foster innovation from the University of Bedfordshire - Details at <a href="#">University's Research &amp; Innovation Service</a>.</li> <li>3. Views were being sought on the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy objectives – Contact <a href="#">Give us your views on our draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy objectives</a> for further information and how to have your say. This consultation closes midnight Sunday 16 June 2024.</li> <li>4. <u>West Northamptonshire wins bid for electric buses</u> The Department for Transport (DfT) announced it was awarding £9,365,523 to West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) and Stagecoach as part of its Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas 2, (ZEBRA 2), initiative.</li> </ol>	
13/2024	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>To Note the Bank Balance at 31 March 2024</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Bank Balance of the Current Account was £716.98 and the Savings Account was £35120.61</p> <p>b) <b>To Note and Approve Payments due in April 2024 (See Appendix)</b></p> <p>The Payments were approved. Proposed: Cllr J Milne Seconded: Cllr Gardner Approved: Unanimous</p>	Clerk
14/2024	<p><b>To consider excluding members of the public from Item 13 ‘Play Area Project’</b> by virtue of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that there may likely be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information referring to the financial or business affairs of the Council)</p> <p>Cllr Gardner indicated that he would be able to advise the quotes received without revealing confidential information, therefore Cllr Milne proposed and Cllr Lane seconded that the public need not be excluded from the meeting; this was unanimously agreed.</p>	
116/2024	<p><b>Play Area Equipment Project</b></p> <p>Cllr R Gardner indicated he had received 3 quotes for the Stage 1 to prepare the field and these had been circulated to the Councillors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Company A had quoted £900-£1200 to clear overhanging vegetation for the around the field and to allow emergency vehicle access, removing branches from 3 trees, levelling and reseeding area of grass.</li> <li>2. Company B quoted to remove and fit a new fence £3000 To cut back trees and undergrowth £250 and make good gates £600</li> <li>3. Company C quoted to cut back overgrown hedges and spray weeds, crown lift 3 trees, supply 35m of tanalised fencing £1380 including VAT.</li> </ol> <p>None had quoted for mesh fencing to be included in the existing fence adjacent to the road to stop footballs going on to the road</p>	

	<p>With regard to Stage 2, the letting of the contract for the installation of Play Equipment, Cllr Gardner indicated bring the quotes to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to check with the school that they were content with the preparation initial works being carried out and these wouldn't affect their grass mowing contract.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was proposed that the Contract for the ground preparation be awarded to Company C subject to cost of mesh fencing being obtained.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Gardner  Secoded: Cllr Lake - Approved: Unanimous</p>	<p>Clerk  Cllr Gardner /Clerk</p>
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Meeting closed: 9.15 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 15 May 2024 followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Please advise items for inclusion on the June Agenda to the Clerk by 5pm Friday 7 June 2024.

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month except in August and December when there is no scheduled meeting.

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<p>1.</p>	<p>After the disappointment of the Beat bus cancellation, I reached out to Northants Police to seek some more engagement with our police force. I held a video conference call with Inspector David Wakeman on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am. The purpose of the call was to ensure the police were fully aware of the increasing criminal activity in the area and the increased pressure these villages were coming under with the massive residential developments near us. It was agreed that a police representative will try to attend our PC meetings on a more regular basis and they have been invited to the Parish Annual meeting in May and be open to parishioners' questions. David was very open and understood the increasing challenges in the area</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>The Beat bus was in Great Brington on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Despite an e mail to the village which was at short notice only two villagers came to talk to the office plus myself and Stephan Beeusaert. The key issue discussed was the parking and verge damage on Back Lane. The police were unable to offer any easy solution. We are seeking to understand the ownership of the land being used as overnight commercial parking. It was suggested Helen Howard at WNC may be able to shed some light on ownership and possible Althorp.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>I met with Helen Frampton (Althorp Estates) on 8<sup>th</sup> April to show her the damage to Back Lane and seek to establish if this land was in the ownership of Althorp. Helen agreed to take this away and try and find an answer. One parishioner saw us on Back Lane and expressed a very strong desire that the PC did not make this a permanent parking solution. I enquired if Grange Farm might be a parking option but due to the security measures Althorp have at the farm this was not considered a viable option.</p>

1.	<p><b>Althorp Outstanding Payment</b> Helen as advised that she had been awaiting the accounts team to look into this further. The payment received on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 was used to clear an unpaid invoice from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Therefore, this is showing £470.76 in arrears for the playing field. She asked the Parish Council to check if a payment was made in 2021, as according to their payment records, we seem to be in arrears.</p>
2.	<p><b>Freedom Of Information Request</b> – A request was received from the ICO to respond to an FOI dated January 2024 from a resident with reference to a request to detail: 1.All payments made for the production, maintenance, enhancement, hosting, licensing or otherwise supporting the Parish Council website in the financial year 2023/24, giving the sums invoiced, sums paid, and to which counter party these payments have been made. Please exclude any payments to staff directly employed by the Parish Council. 2. All outstanding invoices for the production, maintenance, enhancement, hosting, licensing or otherwise supporting the Parish Council website in the financial year 2023/24, giving the sums invoiced, and which counter party these invoices are from. 3.Provide me with the latest projection for expenditure on the Parish Council’s website in financial year 2023/24” This has been completed and the ICO have closed the case.</p>
3.	<p>Miskin House – a James Hodges has contacted the Clerk asking who owns the property with a views to buying it – the Clerk advised him to contact “the Residents” at the property direct.</p>
4.	<p>Hall Lane Cottage Damaged Wall – The Home owners have been contacted about repairing the wall.</p>
5.	<p>New Dog Waste Bins – Althorp Estates have confirmed the What 3 Words locations as: Location 4 – Forehand.companies.lease Location 5 – Topical.tempting.comply Location 8 – Aboard.laptops.desire/Organs.brass.confronts And will provide photos if required. They have approved the combined general waste and dog-bin version but need clarification on the other type. West Northamptonshire Norse Ltd who empty the bins don’t have a problem with emptying the combined general waste and dogbin type.</p>
6.	<p>Play Area Inspection – Wickstead have contacted the Clerk about the ½ year Inspection, she advised them the Council is replacing the equipment so probably no need, unless this gets delayed. Wickstead accepted this.</p>
7.	<p>Kirsten Carpenter, The Headteacher at the School has been invited to the May Annual Parish Meeting and has accepted.</p>
8.	<p>The Clerk now has access to the Bank Accounts</p>
9.	<p>The Clerk is on annual leave 20 – 27 April 2024.</p>
10.	<p>Buckby Library &amp; Hub had written to the Parish Council advising progress on the project and requesting if the Parish Council would consider making a donation to the £12000 shortfall in funding.</p>



**Ward Councillors Report - WNC Report March 2024****Local Plan**

People across West Northamptonshire are being invited to have their say on the draft Local Plan strategy which enables the Council to plan for the future. The draft Plan sets out a vision and objectives for the area, its ambitions for new development and commitment to dealing with climate change. Once adopted the new Plan will replace current plans that cover West Northamptonshire and form part of the development plan against which planning decisions are made. This consultation gives residents the opportunity to get involved with this stage of the local plan process and will help WNC consider and address issues before a final draft is produced. People can have their say from Monday 8 April to Sunday 2 June by visiting WNC website.

**Litter**

WNC will be coordinating and supporting a range of Community Spring Clean activities during this month, as part of the Great British Spring Clean campaign organised by Keep Britain Tidy. We have litter picking equipment available to borrow, and can support groups and individuals with guidance on how to safely organise a community litter pick. We also supply sacks and will collect any rubbish that has been litter-picked afterwards.

**Housing Allocation**

Work to implement the new West Northamptonshire housing allocations scheme is underway and will be completed by 8th April. It will replace the existing three schemes in Daventry, South Northants and Northampton, and provides a fairer, clearer and more consistent housing provision for our residents. Once the new system is in place, our Housing Team will be in touch with all existing applicants to invite them to re-apply to the new housing allocation scheme using the new online portal.

**Community Spaces**

Council colleagues will soon be putting up new signs in every town and parish to support the introduction of the WNC -wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), which encourages responsible dog ownership and bans smoking in specific open spaces. Once signs are in place reports of breaches of the PSPO can be reported on WNC website and a breach could result in £100 fine.

From - Cllr Phil Bignell

**Annual Report and You Said, We Did . . . . March 2024**

South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Teams have welcomed a couple of new members to the team and have also seen a couple move onto pastures new. PC Mohammed Mir has joined Brackley and PC Stefan Macovei has joined Towcester. PC Frankie Smith has moved to a seconded post as a Dog Legislation Officer with the Force and PCSO Paris Jones has left to take up a role as a civil servant. PCSO Jen Harrison is supporting our team whilst working as a dedicated anti-social behaviour officer.

Hopefully most villages will have now been visited by the Beat Bus, an initiative launched in late 2021. We aim to use this and other resources to bring officers to your doorstep and offer some of our more isolated residents the opportunity to speak to officers on a 1-2-1 basis whilst the officers also complete some of their existing workload in an agile manner. Our focus is driven by you and if you feel that your village would benefit from any additional visits then please contact us – details can be found at the end of this report. We would rather become involved in resolving any issues or concerns at an early stage to prevent situations escalating or deteriorating. Ideally our visits should be timed alongside community events, meetings or gatherings to maximise opportunities to meet your local officers.

Overall, South Northants is a pleasant and safe place to live. Crime levels are relatively low and if you wish to look at more detailed information in respect of these then you can visit [Police.uk - Your area](https://www.police.uk)

Our community identified policing priority surveys, highlighted that road safety; vehicle crime and rural crime are your real areas of concern and these were chosen to be the priorities between December 2023 and March 2024.

**Road Safety:**

As a Neighbourhood Team, we have responsibility for engaging with all of our local schools across all year groups. We receive many reports relating to the use of vehicles around school times from the public and schools themselves. These reports are followed up by ourselves, or by us linking in with partner agencies and enforcement will be undertaken where appropriate. We acknowledge that many schools are located within tight road networks and that societal changes are often the cause of sheer volume of traffic utilising these to get children to and from school. Therefore, much of our work in tackling issues will be educationally based in order to, disrupt and deter issues. Enforcement will be a last resort but is always an option for persistent issues.

In December 2023 during the Force's Drink and Drug Drive campaign, an operation was carried out during a night in South Northants. This resulted in 27 people submitting to breath tests, 3 arrests for drug drive, disqualified driving and handling stolen goods (diesel). 18 offences were identified, 5 vehicles seized and a quantity of stolen property recovered. For anyone believing that it is unfair Police targeting motorists clearly this proves that notion to be misguided. Criminals use our road network and drive vehicles also.

**Vehicle Crime:**

Nationally there is a trend in stealing load and diesel from HGVs parked up overnight. Currently these offences are low in number in South Northants and affect major trunk road predominately. Thefts of tools from vans is more problematic and officers aim to follow up all offences of theft from a motor vehicle with a call or visit to the victim, completion of any CCTV enquiries, house to house where appropriate and a media report for witnesses. These offences are opportunistic in nature and hard to second guess where they may occur. Vans are a particularly vulnerable target for stealing tools however these types of vehicles are parked in most streets and activity around them doesn't always draw attention. We encourage

van owners or operators to invest in lockable options for items within the van and consider marking tools to make them less attractive for onwards sale.

#### **Rural Crime:**

The rural crime team has seen a much quieter start to 2024 than 2023 with far less thefts and rural crime activity happening. We have noted an increase in plant machinery thefts and building sites are proving favourable. The team have been busy with numerous warrants alongside the RSPCA for animal welfare related incidents as unfortunately we are seeing an increase in people abandoning their animals or just not caring for them. We have had several arrests for rural crime which are progressing at this time and cross border working with our neighbouring forces where we see offenders committing crime across several counties. We have delivered training inputs to all the young farmer groups across the county which have been well received. We have also been on training inputs with the other regional forces in Lincolnshire and Leicestershire on wildlife crime matters and to the LAMMA show at the NEC where we build working relationships with other forces and manufacturers as well as engaging with our own rural community who attend the event. We have recovered several stolen items and returned them to their owners and are continually developing intelligence around offenders. We've also had several reports of livestock worrying and where we had a particular problem which resulted in a warrant being obtained and the dogs seized and eventually rehomed. We will continue to support the rural communities through attending events and being visible and ask that any information no matter how small you may think it is, report it as it may be the missing part to a wider problem.

Please consider signing up to **Northants Talking**. This is an email messaging system that all Schools, Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and community members can join. In registering your email address, you will receive up-to-date information regarding crimes, policing activity, crime prevention advice and much more. This system is a two-way process and offers you a chance to respond to information provided as appropriate. If the majority of the community sign up then we can create a virtual network of additional eyes and ears, watching out for suspicious activity, looking out for vulnerable friends, family and neighbours and receiving information about local events and activities that can help alleviate fear of crime and promote a safe and secure lifestyle.

**You can join the Northants Talking Messaging System easily via this link:**

[Northamptonshire Talking](#)

Your Neighbourhood Policing Teams are based within the Community at Brackley and Towcester Police Stations. These are Police bases so don't have an open front office to visit but officers are there daily. We would like to attend as many events, local groups, warm spaces, community ladders as possible to allow you opportunities to meet us and share your concerns, we can offer information and advice and tackle community issues with your support.

Please do follow us on social media where possible (Twitter: **@SthNorthantsNPT** and Facebook: **'Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team'**). We try and promote as much of our day to day activities as we can however if there is anything else that you would like to see us report back on then let us know. Your feedback is important to us and you should be part of any changes we implement. There are some aspects of our work that we cannot report back on due to the vulnerabilities of the persons involved, and their right to privacy but we will try and let you know as much as we can about the type of work that we get involved with. 3

We work closely with our Rural Crime Team and you can follow their work via Twitter:

**@hutch472 & @NorPolRural.**

We have previously reported a rise in issues associated with the use of social media to send offensive messages and/or images. This has especially been an issue with children of school age from school years 6 upwards (ages 10-16).

Thankfully work between Police and schools seems to have reduced the amount of reports. We will always focus on safeguarding, education and intervention as first choice but there have been occasions where this type of behaviour has had to be tackled at a higher level with Youth Offending Team intervention to prevent children entering the Criminal Justice System. Officers will be undertaking further assemblies and class inputs with schools over the coming months. Should you wish to discuss a particular issue that is of concern to you or meet a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team then please contact either team via:

[NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@pnn.police.uk) or [NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk)

**PLEASE DO NOT REPORT CRIMES VIA THESE EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in a number of ways. This includes ringing 101 or online.

Northants Police's new website offers a reporting system for

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person – no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments – this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incident

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village
- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

The above reporting tool can be reached via: <https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>  
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## USEFUL LINKS

Northamptonshire Police Website: <http://www.northants.police.uk/>

Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary: <https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax>

Useful link for all matters related to driving: <http://think.direct.gov.uk/>

This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/>

Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers: [West Northants Trading Standards](#)

Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously about crime: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Fearless - a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime:

<https://www.fearless.org/>

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch:

[www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

Report to South Northants Council - Fly tipping, dog fouling, Litter, noise pollution and other issues: [West Northants Council](#)

Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours:

<https://www.ricsfirms.com/residential/legal-issues/boundaries/rics-consumer-guide-boundary-disputes/>

Street Doctor – reporting Highways issues: <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/report-highway-problem.aspx>

## Finance Report

Minute 13b/2024 (b) refers

### Payments for Noting 17 April 2024

Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT
S Muir	Clerk March 2024	452.07	-
S Muir	Expenses – Mileage & Printer Cartridges	92.85	
		113.00	
HMRC	Income Tax March 2024		-
Yu Energy - Streetlighting Inv 01551622	Direct Debit	16.08	0.77
Yu Energy - Streetlighting Inv. 01551621	Direct Debit	127.66	6.08
Reading Room	Inv 240203 February P C Meeting	16.00	
Reading Room	Inv 240105 Website Support Meeting	24.00	
Reading Room	Inv.240301 January PC Meeting	16.00	
Third Avenue	INV 2138 Website Support	187.20	31.20
Compete 366	Inv 19740 365 data backed up via Microsoft Syntex	1.36	0.23
Althorp Estates	Kimbles Field Rent Inv 1653	638.40	106.40
Althorp Estates	Reading Rooms Rent Inv 1647	195.00	-
Compete 366	NV-20068 Consumption billed via the Azure subscription	1.87	<b>0.31</b>

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