



BRINGTONS

Parish Council

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To Members of the Council:

In accordance with Schedule 12, Para 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, you are hereby summoned to attend the Brington Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday 16th September 2026 commencing at 7.45pm. The meeting will be held in the Reading Room, Great Brington.

Members of the Press and Public are cordially invited to attend

A Greaves

Allison Greaves

(Acting Clerk to the Council)

10th September 2026

AGENDA

76/26	Apologies To receive and approve any apologies for absence
77/26	Declaration Of Members' Interests And Applications For Dispensation Under the relevant authorities (disclosable pecuniary interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting
78/26	Minutes of the last Council Meeting To approve and sign as an accurate record minutes of the Special Meeting held on 23 rd July 2026
79/26	Deputations From Members Of The Public An opportunity for members of the public to speak in accordance with procedures laid down in Standing Order 3 (d-g)
79.1	To suspend Standing Orders to provide an opportunity for the public to address the Council on any other matter concerning the parish, and shall be no more than 15 minutes, a maximum 3 minutes per person
80/26	Co-Option of New Councillors
80.1	To receive a report and consider Yasmin Draper, Andrew Milne and George Welsford as candidates for co-option to the Council
80.2	Declaration of Acceptance
81/26	Report of the Chair To receive and consider the Chair's report and make any decisions as appropriate
82/26	Reports from Other Bodies a) West Northamptonshire Council Councillors for Long Buckby Ward b) Althorp representative c) Police d) Any Other Groups
83/26	Ratification of Delegated Decisions To consider and ratify the decisions made by the Chair under delegated authority, as set out in the accompanying report

84/26	Outstanding Matters To consider matters arising from the meeting of 15 th July 2026 and other recent matters requiring consideration and decision, as set out in the accompanying report
85/26	Finance Scrutiny Task and Finish Group To consider matters arising from the meeting of 15 th July 2026 prepared by the previous Clerk/RFO as set out in the accompanying report
86/26	Finance and Related Matters To note, approve the expenditure and authorise payments
87/26	Pavilion, Kimbell's Field To note recent incidents of vandalism and to consider future upkeep of the Pavilion pending a decision on its long-term future and make such decisions as are required on these matters at this meeting. (Councillor Jan James)
88/26	Daffodil Project To consider the proposal to plant 300 more daffodils in the Parish in public locations with a proposed cost of £60 for purchase of bulbs and ancillary costs. (Councillor Jan James)
89/26	Traffic To receive a report regarding an update to the Council on traffic matters within the Parish (Councillor Rob Welsford)
90/26 90.1 90.2	Communications To decide which Councillor will lead on the preparation of the Council's page entry in the Brington and Nobottle News to be distributed in early October To accept an offer of voluntary assistance from Sarah Sheehan, who is volunteer designer of the Brington and Nobottle News, in relation content management and administration of the Council's Website
91/26	Planning Applications To consider the Council's comments as statutory consultee with regard to any planning applications notified by West Northamptonshire Council
92/26	Items for Information only For Councillors to raise matters not requiring a decision
93/26	Exclusion of Press and Public To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following item to be discussed involves the disclosure of confidential information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)
94/26	Appointment of the Interim Clerk To confirm the appointment of Allison Greaves as Interim Clerk/RFO, and to approve the Terms as set out in the accompanying report



Minutes of the Special Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 23rd July 2026, at the Reading Room, Great Brington

Present: Cllrs Rupert Gardner, David Kennedy, and Rob Welsford
Also Present: 14 members of the public.
Apologies: Cllr Jan James
Meeting: Started at 7.45pm

68/2026	Election of the Chair and the Signing of the Declaration of Office Cllr Kennedy was nominated by Cllr Welsford and seconded by Councillor Gardner for the position of Chair of Brington Parish Council, was duly elected and signed the Declaration as required.	Action
69/2026	Welcome and Announcements Cllr Kennedy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming, explaining that tonight's meeting was being held as a Special Meeting as a first step in re-establishing the Council following the resignation of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Cllrs Beeusaert and Roach, and the departure of the Clerk/RFO. He asked for some forbearance whilst the Council is operating under reduced capacity.	
70/2026	To receive apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Jan James	
71/2026	To receive declarations for interest on items on the Agenda No declarations of interest were made	
72/2026	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 15th July 2026 RESOLVED to clarify the minute on Planning Application 2026/2629/FULL (minute 66/2027) to read "The Parish Council is particularly concerned about the ability of large vehicles to enter and exit the site safely from this location. It therefore recommends that consideration be given to creating a new access point between the two existing trees, where this can be achieved with adverse environmental impacts, as this is considered likely to provide a safer access arrangement. The Council therefore recommends that consideration be given to creating a new access point between the two existing trees on the road from the crossroads into the village rather than the main road so as to create a safer access point"	
73/2026	Motion proposed by Cllr Kennedy The Council unanimously agreed the following motion "The Council notes with regret the resignation of Councillors Beeusaert, Roach, Tompkins and White. The Council thanks them for their service to the Council and the Community over several years".	

74/2026	Public Time Members of the public present made comments supporting the Council in dealing with the current position. Appreciation was expressed of the work of the former Clerk/RFO. The recruitment of new councillors was raised, and Councillors were encouraged to promote this at the Breakfast Club in addition to planned channels. The poor state of the website was raised and in response the review agreed at the June meeting of Council was explained, although it is now recognised that the review will take a little longer due to capacity. It was noted that the Chair had reached out to Third Avenue Creative to introduce himself to them. The Chair reasserted that in the current circumstances the Council would need to prioritise its work and could not address everything.	
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75/2026	Recruitment of the Clerk/RFO It was unanimously agreed that the Council seeks to appoint an interim Clerk/RFO and it was decided that the Chair take the lead on this and report to the next full meeting or if necessary, call a Special Meeting	Chair
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Meeting Closed 8:15pm

BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to enable the Council to consider and resolve on proposals to co-opt new Councillors following the vacancies created on the 15th July 2026

BACKGROUND

Following the resignations of Councillors Roach, Beeusaert, Tompkins and White, four vacancies were subject to a formal notice of vacancy allowing for ten electors or more to seek an election to be held for the vacant seats. No requests were received. As a result of that, the Council may now proceed to appoint through co-option to the vacant places.

The opportunity to become a Councillor was advertised through the Brington News and a number of parishioners came forward. After discussion with each interested person, four have expressed their interest in being co-opted a Councillor. One of these is unable to be considered this evening and will be on the agenda at a future meeting.

A short personal public statement by each interested parishioner is attached.

PROPOSAL

It is **proposed** that the following electors be co-opted into membership by the Council :

Yasmin Draper, of Little Brington

Andrew Milne, of Great Brington

George Welsford, of Little Brington

and that, if approved, each be requested to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the earliest possible opportunity.

It should be noted that under local government law, any newly co-opted Councillors present at tonight's meeting cannot take part as members of the Council in tonight's meeting.

Cllr David Kennedy, 10th September 2026

Yasmin Draper

I have lived in Little Brington for 31 years. I have always taken an interest in what's going on in the Parish. Several years ago, I was a member of the village committee and more recently I have kept abreast with some of what is going on in the parish by reading the Parish Council agenda and minutes when these are published.

I have recently taken early retirement and feel now is a good time to volunteer as a Parish Councillor and become more pro-actively involved. I was previously working as a team leader in customer service and as such have good business and communication skills, which I believe that together with my interest in supporting the local community, can be put to good use working as a Parish Councillor.

George Welsford

My name is George Welsford and I am putting myself forward for co-option to Bringtons Parish Council because I care a great deal about the community in which I live and would like to play a more active part in supporting it.

I have strong ties to the local area and am keen to contribute my time, experience and enthusiasm to helping ensure that the Bringtons remain a great place to live, while representing the interests and concerns of residents.

Professionally, I work as a Sales Director within the electric vehicle and infrastructure sector. My role involves working with businesses, local authorities and other organisations on complex projects, bringing together different stakeholders and finding practical solutions. I believe this experience would be useful to the Parish Council, particularly when it comes to communicating effectively, working collaboratively, understanding commercial considerations and engaging constructively with outside organisations.

Closer to home, I am already actively involved in the local community, including organising and hosting regular live music events in the village. Through this I have met and spoken with a wide range of local residents and have seen first-hand the importance of our pubs, community events and other local institutions in bringing people together.

If co-opted, I would approach the role with an open mind. I would listen to residents, learn from the existing councillors and give my time willingly to the practical work of the Council. I would hope to bring a positive, pragmatic perspective and contribute to protecting what people value about the Bringtons while helping the Parish Council respond effectively to the challenges and opportunities the community faces in the years ahead.

Andrew Milne

I am 58 years old. I have recently moved to Great Brington with my wife Suzanne. We have moved from Church Brampton, where we had lived for 20 years and brought up our children. The youngest William is currently at university, returning home in the holidays. I have predominantly spent most of my working career in the construction industry, having a break from 1992 to 1997 working as a Police Officer in Northamptonshire Police Force. I have numerous business interests and Directorships in a wide spectrum of areas. These include construction, property development, travel, geotechnical, windows/doors and children's homes. My interests are my family, following rugby , travel and shooting.

I wish to become a Parish Councillor to be fully involved in the community. Over my working career I have gained a wealth of experience in a wide range of areas which I believe can be of benefit to the Parish Council. I am very used to working alongside and communicating with people from all walks of life. I would like to and be very willing to bring my skills and experience in shaping decisions of the community and be a voice for the people of the Parish.

CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,

16th SEPTEMBER 2026

Firstly, I would like to place on record my thanks to my fellow councillors for their diligent efforts and support since the Meeting of the Council on the 15th July and the Special Meeting held on 23rd July.

As outlined at that meeting of the 23rd July, immediate priorities for the Council have been to seek volunteers to be considered to be co-opted as Councillors, to make suitable interim arrangements to cover the duties of the Clerk/RFO, and to put new banking arrangements in place, following the departure of the former Clerk/RFO and the sudden resignation of four councillors including all our bank signatories, the Chair and Vice-Chair and the councillor who looked after our IT arrangements.

NEW COUNCILLORS

Following the meeting of the 23rd July, the opportunity to volunteer was advertised and we had a good level of interest. I met with all interested residents, usually with another councillor present, and I am pleased to say that a number of residents are willing to be put forward for co-option tonight.

CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO)

Following discussions with Northamptonshire Association of Local Councillors and with all councillors I have appointed an interim Clerk/RFO and this decision is on the agenda to be confirmed by all the Council tonight. It is proposed that the Council accepts an offer of assistance from Allison Greaves, Clerk of Kingsthorpe Parish Council. Allison is extensively experienced and fully qualified. In addition, some duties will be performed by councillors or volunteer residents (where this can be allowed) rather than the Clerk in order to make best use of the hours that Allison can work for us.

BANKING AND FINANCES

It has proved long-winded to achieve full transfer of our two bank mandates to new signatories, but this is being achieved. We have access to the main bank accounts with the Unity Trust Bank. We are having to resubmit the mandate change to Barclays and hopefully this will be resolved within a short time period. However, in the past this process has taken months.

I would like to put on record our appreciation of the suppliers who have not been promptly paid because we did not have access to the accounts. Payments will shortly be in order.

I.T. ARRANGEMENTS

With the assistance of former Councillor Stephan Beeusaert management of the Council's ICT has been passed over successfully and measures put in place with Compete 365 so that in the case of this happening again matters can be expedited quickly.

Access to manage the Council's website has been established and new arrangements for managing the website internally are being set up. The plan to review the value for money and effectiveness of the website agreed at the June meeting of Council are proposed to be deferred until there is capacity to do that in due course. This is covered elsewhere on tonight's agenda.

FINALLY

I would like to thank parishioners for their patience. We have started the process of adopting a more open and inclusive Council on which all councillors are kept abreast of issues between meetings, and we are going to be improving communication with all parishioners as well. It is intended that this will be a new team with an inclusive ethos.

Looking ahead we face a lot of work building that team and setting plans and budgets, whilst addressing the governance failures identified by the Council and its auditors. Unfortunately, the financial disturbance caused by recent resignations may not be regarded well by the auditor but we will work to show that the Council's standards have improved by the financial year end. The continued forbearance of parishioners will be appreciated.

David Kennedy, Chair, Brington Parish Council

10th September 2026

MEETING OF BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS BY THE CHAIR

PROVISION OF KIMBELL'S FIELD FOR PARKING

After consultation with all Councillors, the Chair authorised the use of Kimbell's Field free of charge for parking for the funeral of a longstanding and loved local resident whose funeral was being held at St Mary's and wake afterwards at the Fox / Althorp Coaching Inn in August.

This ensured that the Parish was welcoming to mourners and that parking on roads was significantly lessened.

Proposal: The Council is requested to record and ratify my decision.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CLERK / RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO)

After consultation with all Councillors, the Chair appointed Allison Greaves as interim Clerk and RFO on a self-employed basis with effect from 7th September 2026. Terms have been agreed with Allison Greaves which are within budget and these will be confirmed under the confidential part of tonight's meeting.

Proposal: The Council is requested to record and ratify my decision.

Cllr David Kennedy, Chair, 11th September 2026

BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, MEETING OF 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING MATTERS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Following the resignation of the former Clerk/RFO and of 4 Councillors on the 15th July, significantly reducing the capacity of the Council and introducing administrative complications, I have conducted a review as Chair of matters outstanding from previous Council decisions.

This report seeks Council approval on decisions about moving forward on these matters.

CONTEXT

As noted, the Council has more limited capacity than it had before July 15th. This requires tight prioritization. With interim Clerk/RFO support, and as new Councillors are inducted and develop their knowledge and activities, our capacity will improve and we will also look to work with volunteers willing to generously offer the time to work alongside the Council where this is possible.

PRIORITIES

The Council needs to prioritise certain key areas of work. These include:

- Implementing the agreed Financial Management plans and ensuring that issues raised by the Auditor are addressed as planned
- Establishing budget priorities and setting the budget and (tax) precept for 2027/28
- Recruiting a permanent Clerk/RFO
- Recruiting and inducting new councillors as working as a team
- Improving communication within the Council and with the Parish community

To address these we need continued support from parishioners.

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

I have reviewed Council decisions going back six months and the following is a list of ones that are still current and what I now propose as the way forward on these decisions.

ITEMS FROM THE 15th JULY MEETING OF COUNCIL THAT WERE NOT CONSIDERED

Item 10 : Wickstead Play Equipment

To note cancellation charges of £2,808.88. This may be used as a credit towards alternative play equipment purchased with Wickstead Play Equipment. To make any decisions where appropriate.

Proposal: It is proposed to not make any decision on payment to Wickstead at this point but to review the matter and report further at a future meeting

Item 11 : To note the resignation of the Clerk and make any decisions required

The acquisition of an interim Clerk/RFO is elsewhere on tonight's agenda. Recruitment of a permanent Clerk/RFO will be on a future agenda

Item 12 : Finance and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

This matter has been added to the agenda of tonight's meeting

Item 14 : Household Survey

- a. To note the draft survey by Cllr Kennedy and make any decisions required
- b. To agree the start and end for the survey to be sent out
- c. To agree the budget for the project

Proposal: that the Council remains committed to carrying out a household survey when capacity allows and will consider this matter at a future meeting

Item 15 : Pensions Policy

Proposal: that this policy be brought back to the Council when it considers the recruitment of a permanent Clerk/RFO

Item 16 : Correspondence Received

Correspondence had been received as follows:

"We used to have an emergency plan for the villages which contained a list of those more vulnerable in an emergency situation (kept with their permission). We used to occasionally use this list in cases of severe weather e.g. prolonged snow to check all was well or whether they had any needs. I just wondered if the PC has updated the plan in recent years and considered any action in view of the significant hot weather to ensure the safety of the residents of the village."

Proposal: that the Council reviews the plan and its arrangements, taking any necessary steps to update it, in liaison with WNC emergency planning, with a view to have updated the plan before the deep winter period.

It should be noted that residents were communicated with about any requests for assistance during the heatwaves and residents were invited to keep an eye on neighbours who may have needs. Updating the plan will provide more structure, but will need to be underpinned by all members of the community playing their part.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES IN SUMMARY FORM

Council Website

It was agreed at our June meeting that the website would be reviewed and the options for reducing the cost and the content of the website and bring it back to Council. This was delegated to Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Beeusaert.

Proposal: that Cllr Beeusaert be replaced on this project either at this meeting or the next, and it be recognised that the review will take a little longer than was originally hoped.

Remembrance

It was agreed at our May meeting that we would once again support the Act of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday jointly with St Mary's. It was agreed to apply for a for a road closure and to invite Earl Spencer or a representative of the Lord Lieutenant to attend as in 2025.

At the time of writing it is not clear whether the Council did apply for a road closure or invite Earl Spencer. Action is being taken to ensure this has or will now happen.

Rent Increase at Kimbell's Field

This matter remains to be considered at a future meeting as we do not appear to have established how the increase has been worked out by Althorp.

Proposal: that a further request be made to Althorp Estates to clarify the calculation of the increase.

Reading Room

The Council issued a proposal to the Reading Room to document the way the Council and the Reading Room will work together taking due account of the Council's liabilities and responsibility as the leaseholder for the Room, and the Council's funding of the rent, and the Council's ongoing desire to see the Reading Room flourish. A response is awaited from the Reading Room.

Proposal: that the Chair writes to the Reading Room and requests a response with a view to entering into an agreement for the payment of ongoing rent on behalf of the community going forward ahead of financial decisions for 2027/28.

House on Whilton Road

It was agreed at our May meeting that contact would be made with the owner of this property, if possible, to find out what is going on with the property.

Proposal: that further attempts be made to contact the owner and to discuss the matter with WNC

Former Shop, Little Brington

This matter was raised at our May meeting, and as explained we understand that Althorp do not at present have a budget for repairs.

Proposal: that this property remains on a checklist of issues that we will seek to be kept aware in discussion with Althorp

Welcome Packs (for new residents)

It was agreed at our meeting in March that this would be looked into and reported back upon

Proposal: that the Newsletter team be asked if they would be willing to consider what would be involved in producing and disseminating, and keeping up to date, a new welcome pack, and report back to the Council at their convenience.

Cllr David Kennedy, 10th September 2026

BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

PARISH COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT SCRUTINY PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Internal Audit Scrutiny Panel ("the Panel") is to undertake an objective review of the Internal Auditor's report for the financial year ended 31 March 2026, together with the Council's response to the findings, and to provide recommendations to Full Council on any further actions required to strengthen governance, financial management, internal controls and accountability.

The Panel shall act in an advisory capacity only and shall make recommendations to Full Council.

It shall not exercise delegated decision-making powers unless specifically authorised by Full Council.

2. Objectives

The Panel shall:

- a) Review the findings, recommendations and conclusions contained within the Internal Audit Report.
- b) Review the Clerk's responses and evidence of actions already taken.
- c) Assess whether the recommendations of the Internal Auditor have been adequately addressed.
- d) Identify any outstanding risks, weaknesses or areas requiring further improvement.
- e) Consider whether existing policies, procedures and controls are sufficient to prevent recurrence of the issues identified.
- f) Produce a report for Full Council setting out:
 - Findings;
 - Areas of agreement with the Internal Auditor;
 - Actions already completed;
 - Outstanding actions;
 - Recommendations for further improvements;
 - Proposed timescales for implementation.

3. Scope of Review

The Panel shall review matters arising from the Internal Audit Report, including but not limited to:

- Business continuity arrangements.
- Banking and financial controls.
- Budget monitoring and reserve management.
- Governance arrangements and Committee structures.
- Minute-taking and record management procedures.
- Employment practices and overtime management.
- Lease and contractual management processes.
- Internal control arrangements.
- Councillor training and development.
- Any other matters directly arising from the Internal Audit Report.

The Panel shall not reinvestigate individual personnel matters or make findings relating to the conduct of individual employees.

4. Membership

The Panel shall consist of [3–5] councillors appointed by Full Council. Where practicable:

- Members should not have direct responsibility for the matters being scrutinised.
- The Chair of the Panel shall be elected by the Panel at its first meeting.
- The Clerk shall provide administrative support but shall not be a member of the Panel.

The Panel may invite officers, councillors, professional advisers or other relevant individuals to provide information or clarification.

5. Powers

The Panel may:

- Request documents relevant to the review.
- Seek factual clarification from the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Councillors and professional advisers.
- Review Council policies, minutes, financial reports and supporting records.
- Make recommendations to Full Council.

The Panel shall not:

- Instruct the Clerk/RFO directly.
- Commit Council funds.
- Exercise powers delegated to Full Council or any Committee.
- Conduct disciplinary or grievance investigations.

6. Working Arrangements

The Panel shall:

- Meet as required to complete its review.

- Conduct its work in an open, fair and evidence-based manner.
- Consider both the Internal Auditor's findings and the Council's responses.
- Focus on learning, improvement and good governance.

Meetings may be held in private where confidential information is being considered in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

7. Reporting

The Panel shall submit a written report to Full Council containing:

- A summary of its review.
- Evidence considered.
- Conclusions reached.
- Recommendations for action.
- Proposed implementation timescales.

The report shall be presented to Full Council for consideration and determination.

8. Duration

The Panel shall be established as a time-limited working group and shall cease to exist upon completion of its final report and acceptance of that report by Full Council, unless Full Council resolves otherwise.

9. Review of Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference may be amended by resolution of Full Council at any time.

BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, MEETING ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

FINANCE REPORT

Purpose of Report

To note the financial position of the Council and to agree planned payments

Context

As members are aware, the Council moved from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank in June/July this year. The Council maintains an account with Barclays for residual purposes, but the main accounts are now with Unity Trust.

Following the resignation of the bank signatories on both accounts, we have established a new mandate with Unity Trust and are able to make payments from those accounts.

However, the process of establishing a new mandate with Barclays is taking longer and is currently at a bit of a stalemate. As members will be aware we have had problems with mandate changes at Barclays in the past.

Without authorised access to Barclays, the information in this report is necessarily incomplete.

Bank Balances (as at 10th September 2026)

Unity Trust Account 1	£	17,501.00
Unity Trust Account 2	£	4,954.16
Barclays Account	Currently unknown	

Please note that these balances do not include payments agreed at the Council on the 15th July 2026 but delayed due to mandate changes as explained above.

It is proposed that these balances be noted.

Payments and Receipts

As noted above, without authorised access to Barclays we are unable to list payments made from Barclays or any income received. The following are payments that are required to be made from the Unity Trust Bank Account 2 that have been invoiced to the Council and are not covered by Direct Debit.

Payee	Invoice Number	Gross £	VAT £	Net £	Description	Legal Power
Third Avenue	2604	62.40	10.40	52.00	Website Support, July 2026	LGA 1972 Section 142
Third Avenue	2616	62.40	10.40	52.00	Website Support, August 2026	LGA 1972, Section ` 42
RG Grounds Maintenance	122926	384.67	64.11	320.56	Grounds Maintenance, July 2026	Highways Act 1980, Section 96

RG Ground Maintenance undertook no work during August, so no invoice for that period has been received.

Pay Award

The National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services has agreed a 3.3% increase in pay rates and allowances applicable from 1st April 2026. NALC have informed us of the revised annual salaries and hourly rates for clerks. As we contract under NJC terms, these rates apply retrospectively to the former Clerk as from 1st April. I have received a request for back pay of the increase from Rachael Ball.

I recommend that the Council agrees to this payment in accordance with contract as soon as possible. The exact figure paid including necessary tax and National Insurance to be notified at the next Council meeting.

Budget

Members are asked to note that budget discussions to set the budget and precept for 2027/28 will be agenda items at the October and November meetings with a view of having the budget completed before Christmas.

David Kennedy, Chair, 11th September 2026