

**NOTES** of a Brant Broughton & Stragglethorpe Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, West Street, Brant Broughton on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.38 pm.

**Present:** Cllr M. George – in the Chair, C Goodge ; J. Salmon ; K. Salmon and S Swain. There was one member of the public present.

**26/06: Apologies** – Cllrs Early and Hollingworth who were on holiday – it was resolved to accept their apologies. Also D/C L Hagues whose newsletter had been circulated.

**26/07:** There were no **Declarations of interest**.

**26/08: Minutes** of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 had been read, were approved and it was resolved that they be signed.

**26/09: Highways and footpaths** – there had been an accident at the crossroads on 10.4.26 with a lorry and car involved. There had been other accidents nearer the Leadenham turn.

#### **26/10: Planning**

25/1539 – New dwelling & garage at land to north of Meeting House Lane – withdrawn.

26/0098 – New sign at Church Yard, Stragglethorpe – approved.

26/0141 – Demolition, extensions and new vehicular access – 100 High Street, BB – pending consideration.

26/0114 – retrospective application re Barns at Stragglethorpe - approved with conditions.

26/0338 – Single storey extension and oak porch at 116A High Street – pending consideration.

26/0460 – regularization of works at 118 High Street – pending consideration.

26/0471 – Single storey extension and alterations at 10 Maltkin Lane – no objections.

**26/11: Flood alarm system:** Cllrs George and Goodge attended online training on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 pm. Councillors present completed the form with contact details, for the flood forum. Discussion took place as to whether to call a public meeting with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum but as residents had provided support for others when necessary (for example when properties were flooded) it was agreed that a list of emergency contact numbers would suffice. Clerk will get a list together and circulate for approval and this will then go on the website, in noticeboards and in Three Villages and a Hamlet magazine.

**26/12: Tree on village green:** Chris Clay of NKDC had said he felt no further work was necessary at this stage, to the tree where the bough had broken. Cllr Swain said that in the cherry tree with the bird box, birds are nesting in the tree itself (just above the bird box) and it is hollowed out – Clerk to ask Chris Clay if this will need attention.

**26/13: Stragglethorpe Information Board:** Chair gave an update on possible sites for the moving of the Stragglethorpe information board. Discussion took place and it was resolved that she will contact Highways for approval to site the board on our preferred site on Church/Cross Lane. Highways will send a representative to inspect the site and Chair will meet them there if possible. She will update Council on 11.6.26.

**26/14: New email addresses:** It is believed all Councillors have now set up their new email addresses but this will be confirmed at our June meeting.

**26/15: School PTA grant:** Cllr J Salmon went to the school to see the cookery classes in progress and it was evident that the children thoroughly enjoyed the class. Cllr J Salmon thanked the PTA for their invitation.

**26/16: Financial:**

- a. It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliations as at 31.3.26 and 30.4.26. The bank balance at 30.4.26 was £33,618.33.
- b. Clerk gave her short report on the finances at the year end and we came in on budget apart from £700 which was spent on tree works.
- c. Clerk had got quotes from two insurers – Zurich and CAS. CAS could not compete with Zurich who had quoted £352.47. If we take out a 3-year agreement this will reduce to £320.50. Resolved to remain with Zurich and take out a 3 year agreement.
- d. Clerk had put forward figures for the Scribe accounting system (£249 as a one off set up fee) and £396 p.a. It was resolved to agree to this.
- e. It was resolved to sign the AGAR Certificate of Exemption 2025-6.
- f. Clerk confirmed that the Internal Auditor had given an unqualified report. Council went through the AGAR Annual Governance Statement 2025-6 and it was resolved to sign same.
- g. It was resolved to sign the AGAR Annual Accounting Statement.
- h. It was resolved to pay the Internal Auditor £53.50 as per her invoice.

**26/17: Councillors** then agreed to get an updated email list for parishioners. Clerk to email existing people on the list to check they wish to remain on it and a note to go out on Facebook and in Three Villages and a Hamlet magazine to see if anyone else wishes to join the list. Cllr Goodge will organise this.

**26/18: Date of next meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.15 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Agenda items for June meetings by 1<sup>st</sup> June please.