

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 18th January 2023, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Chairman Cllr J Milne, Cllr R Gardner, Cllr T Lake, Cllr N Tompkins

Also Present: Clerk, West Northants Cllr C Morton, 3 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.50pm

	In the absence of Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr J Milne took the chair	Action
74	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies from Cllr K White, Cllr S Beeusaert and West Northants Cllr P Bignell	
75	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
76	Public Time Member of the public asked on behalf of fete committee for church fete if the council insurance would cover the day as Church Public Liability won't. Outside vendors will have their own. Clerk to check. She also asked if there were any wooden signs that could be used nearer the time to advertise. The council were not aware of any. Member of Reading Room Committee to hear update on lease and asked if she could speak during the item if needed.	Clerk
77	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 16th November 2022 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
78	Reports a) Clerk See appendix. Clerk also advised she had been told that Back Lane signs had been printed. Cllr Gardner advised they had not yet arrived. There was a query about some parking and it was proposed that Althorp are asked about potential used of Grange Park for overnight parking of residents. b) West Northants Council All are pleased to hear that the plans for Assylum seekers in hotels in the area have been abandoned. These need to be placed in or near towns that have the appropriate facilities. Budget is currently open for consultation. He was asked about potholes. He is aware this is still an issue and it has been raised with the contractor. c) Police Beat bus was in the village in the week, the council are unsure if this was well attended or not. All thought that timing is tricky for working people.	
79	Planning a) To consider and approve response to planning application WND/2022/1000 - Construction of stable block consisting of 4 stables and 2 tie up areas, outdoor riding arena, winter turnout area and concrete yard. Amendments to parking arrangements – Strawberry Fields, Blacksmiths Lane, Little Brington There were no objections to this application, but concerns over drainage to be commented on. b) Updates for information No further updates. It was asked if there was an update on Flore Solar Farm, but this has not been considered by Planning Committee yet.	
80	Community a) To receive update on Lease for Reading Room	

	<p>Despite many emails and message left there has not been a response from Althorp. We are now out of term but continuing to run as normal. Committee member advised that usually they pay invoice in advance but there has not yet been an invoice for Q1. They need clarity so they know if they should be making improvements.</p> <p>It appears that there may be a new agent at Althorp.</p> <p>b) To consider support for summer fete The council proposed that the fee for hiring of Kimbells Field would be waived to support the village event and that they would provide Portaloos. Should there be anything else the council can help with they will consider when asked.</p> <p>c) To consider marking King Charles III coronation It was thought it would be nice to mark. With village fete already arranged for 17th June it was wondered if another was wanted in early May. It was suggested that it may be nice to have a gift for the children to mark the occasion, and the school designing tea towels was suggested. Clerk to put newsletter notice to see if anyone wishes to run an event.</p> <p>d) Updates for information There were no updates.</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>81</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Environment</p> <p>To receive update on play equipment for playing field 3 separate quotes have been received, all coming in at a similar cost. It was thought that some suggested items may be a little young and we may want to look at equipment for older children. It was proposed proposals be pulled together and ask the children what they prefer. It was also noted that the grass is rough around the edges and could do with clearing and reseeding as part of the works.</p> <p>Updates for information No further updates</p>	
<p>82</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>To receive update on website Main site has been built and beta site has been sent to councillors. All thought this looks good. There is an issue with getting photos of good enough quality. Clerk to chase on Design Statement team and to contact WNC about photos used in Conservation area report. It was advised that there are villagers who are part of a photography group who may be able to help. Cllr Tompkins to contact. If not the supplier has offered photographer for £100 and all images will be owned by PC. It was proposed to take up this offer if needed. Just a few items to complete before we can go live.</p> <p>Updates for information No further updates</p>	<p>NT</p>
<p>83</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Reconciliation of Bank Balance (see appendix) Internal controller agreed the bank balance was reconciled.</p> <p>Payments due in December / January (see appendix) These were approved</p> <p>To consider renewing DACT subscription There is a subscription of £30 to use the bus. It was proposed that this is renewed.</p> <p>To consider purchase of Charles Arnold Baker Book This is used by the clerk to ensure the council is working within the law. Current copy needs updating. It was proposed to purchase the book</p> <p>To consider Street Lighting Contract Council is currently on out of contract rates which is now very high. Proposals for 2 or 3 years had been offered which were very similar. It was proposed to take the 2 year contract.</p> <p>To consider budget and Precept for 2023/24 Details of the budget were discussed and provisions for inflation included. It was proposed that the budget be set at £24,450 to include provisions for the new playground. The Budget was set at an</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

e)	increase of 8% (current inflation rate) at £23,415. The difference between budget and precept will be met by council reserves. Updates for Information No further updates
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Meeting closed: 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 16th February 2023.

Items for the agenda to be received by Friday 4th February 2023.

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

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 18th January 2023

VACANCIES – There are still 2 vacant seats on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the clerk

PHOTOS – The Parish Council are looking for photos of the village or village events that could be used on our new website. If you have any that you would like to share please forward to the clerk

Bank Balance as end December 2022

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	594.33
Value of cheques yet to clear	74.00
Reserve account balance YTD	29,888.52
Total	30,482.82

Cash Book

Opening Balance	21,371.94
Expenditure to Date	17,663.33
Income to Date	26,700.24
Total	30,408.85

Payments for Approval December / January

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
S Willis	BT	Clerk December	678.88	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	112.00	0.00
DM Payroll	BT	Payroll Admin	60.00	0.00
Northants CALC	BT	VAT Recovery Process	81.00	81.00
Eon	BT	Electric Pavillion	94.94	1.38
R&G groundworks	BT	Grass Cutting	258.00	43.00
Eon	BT	Electric Pavillion	28.56	1.36
Npower	dd	Street lighting power	250.91	11.95
Reading Room	BT	Room Hire	16.00	0.00
HCI Data Ltd	BT	Domain name renewal (2 yrs)	102.00	17.00
S Willis	BT	Clerk January	457.00	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	56.60	0.00
Total			2,195.89	155.69