

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 15th February 2023, Reading Room, Great Brington www.bringtons-pc.gov.uk email:clerk@bringtons-pc.gov.uk

Present: Chairman Cllr J Milne, Cllr S Beeusaert, Cllr R Gardner, Cllr T Lake

Also Present: Clerk, 1 member of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

	In the absence of Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr J Milne took the chair	Action
84	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies from Cllr K White and Cllr N Tompkins	
85	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
86	Public Time Representative of Reading Room Committee asked about the lease and how many years it was to be for. She also advised that the WNC grant they applied for last year had not been successful as the funding had been given to groups in the towns. She asked if the council would consider purchasing screen and projector for the use of the Reading Rooms. This would be used by users of the room and would open up to new use and potential Film nights. Details will be sent to the clerk to enable the council to discuss next month	
87	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 18th January 2023 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
88	Reports a) Clerk See appendix. Clerk also advised she had been told that Back Lane signs should have been sent but it appears that they had been kept at the supplier as a collection. These should be delivered this week. b) West Northants Council No councillor present and no report c) Police Timings of Beat bus were discussed again. PC has been invited to parish meetings. Reports are available on Police website.	
89	Planning a) To consider and approve response to planning application WND/2023/0062 – conversion of former agricultural building to residential use – Church Farm Barns, Steeple Lane, Little Brington It was believed there was a class Q consent on this building as part of the larger development of the area. Environmental reports were old and it was queried if these are up to date, or if the recommendations had been implemented. It was proposed there were no objections assuming the environmental surveys are valid and previous conditions have been implemented. b) Updates for information No further updates.	
90	Community a) To receive update on Lease for Reading Room Lease is currently with Charles Spencer for comment. Rent has been agreed at rates for years 1 – 3 and then at inflation. We have suggested a cap and collar on inflation and awaiting response. Old lease is not fit for purpose and we are still awaiting a new draft, which is landlords responsibility to provide. b) Updates for information	KW

	There had been only 1 response to the request for ideas for celebrating the coronation, and this was to gift a mug to the children. Clerk is investigating options.	
91	<p>Environment</p> <p>a) To receive update on new bins Map of options has been sent to Althorp. Clerk to investigate bin options. Meeting with Althorp and chair has been arranged for March to discuss.</p> <p>b) To consider correspondence regarding wall in Little Brington This was brought to the councils attention at the end of last year and the resident had been contacted. Since then some of the wall has been removed and it is thought this is not as much of a hazard as it was. However there is now exposed soil which could cause a landslip if there is heavy rain. Clerk to contact resident advising of concerns raised to the council and asking if there is a plan to restore the wall</p> <p>c) To consider climbing wall for playing field It was thought this was a nice idea and could be done as part of larger development. There is a lack of grant opportunities to parish councils at the moment. Clerk to follow up with school to get feedback on ideas from children and parents.</p> <p>d) Updates for information No further updates</p>	<p>clerk</p> <p>clerk</p>
92	<p>Communication</p> <p>a) To receive update on website Still waiting on content and photos. There is a meeting with the developer tomorrow. A message to be put in next newsletter for photographs so we have plenty to rotate. Cllr Beeuseart to recirculate what each councillor was going to provide for the site.</p> <p>b) Updates for information No further updates</p>	
93	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Reconciliation of Bank Balance (see appendix) Internal controller agreed the bank balance was reconciled.</p> <p>b) Payments due in February (see appendix) These were approved</p> <p>c) To consider moving March Meeting 1 week to March 22nd It was agreed to move the meeting from 15th to 22nd March.</p> <p>d) Updates for Information Clerk advised that electricity supply for the street lights has now been transferred to the new supplier.</p>	

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday **22nd March 2023**. (please note change from usual schedule)

Items for the agenda to be received by Friday 10th March 2023.

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

Appendix

Clerks Report February 2022

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

Bank Balance as end January 2023

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	1,659.32
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	27,388.52
Total	29,047.84

Cash Book

Opening Balance	21,371.94
Expenditure to Date	19,024.34
Income to Date	26,700.24
Total	29,047.84

Payments for Approval February

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Npower	dd	Street lighting power	85.70	4.08
Altorp	BT	Rent Little Brington field	120.00	20.00
Reading Room	BT	Room Hire	16.00	0.00
Northants CALC	BT	Training	45.60	7.60
Compete366	DD	Office 365 licences	552.96	92.16
Lexis Nexis	BT	Arnold Baker Book	131.99	0.00
S Willis	BT	Clerk February	457.00	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	56.60	0.00
		Total	1,465.85	123.84