

# The Bringtons Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, Reading Room, Great Brington**  
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**Present:** Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr R Gardner, Cllr T Lake, Cllr J Milne,

**Also Present:** Clerk, WNC Cllr P Bignell, 2 representatives from Althorp and 4 members of public

**Meeting Start:** 7.45pm

		Action
94	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Apologies from Cllr S Beusaert and Cllr N Tompkins	
95	<b>Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda.</b> None declared	
96	<b>Public Time</b> Member of the public asking for help towards the village fete – haybales, bunting sign boards. Suggestions of who could help were given. Member of the public spoke on behalf of many in the village regarding Althorp preventing access on a route walked for decades. Can the parish council help.	
97	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and any matters arising</b> It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
98	<b>Reports</b> a) <b>Clerk</b> See appendix. b) <b>West Northants Council</b> Cllr Bignell advised that he was aware there was a planning application waiting to go to committee but he is not sure when this will happen. It doesn't look like it will be on the agenda for the April meeting. Boundary review under consultation. WNC changing from 93 to 76 councillors. Boundary changes and reduction to 2 councillors per ward. Spatial strategy has changed to forecast to 2035 so proposed plans for Long Buckby no longer being considered as already have allocated housing for the period. Budget is on target with 1 month left of financial year and should end in the green by year end. He was asked about the Highways contract. Condition of roads is very bad. There is an extra £3.6m in the budget for next year including central government funding. c) <b>Police</b> Nothing to update	
99	<b>Planning</b> a) <b>To consider and approve response to planning application WND/2023/0025 – construction of agricultural workers dwelling, triple garage and associated works – Land adj Kennings Farm buildings, Main Street, Little Brington</b> There was a long discussion about the application. It was proposed to object due to the application being outside the village envelope and whether the proposal qualifies as valid exemption. The council queried the need for such a large garage and ask if the application is permitted that there is restriction to prevent conversion to another dwelling later. There was also a concern about the access and ask that highways take a good look as it was felt there was limited visibility. b) <b>Updates for information</b> No further updates.	

<p><b>100</b></p> <p><b>a)</b></p> <p><b>b)</b></p> <p><b>c)</b></p>	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <p><b>To receive update on new bins</b> Chair had met and discussed this with Althorp and 3 sites have been proposed. These will be taken back to the estate with options of bins for approval.</p> <p><b>To consider correspondence regarding right of way on Althorp Land</b> Althorp are starting to ask walkers to stick to designated footpaths and refrain from walking elsewhere. This is due to their new organic farming processes. However there are a few areas where walkers have been walking for decades that are not official footpaths and this has upset villagers. Council are disappointed with the process by Althorp and the lack of engagement with the community. Parish Council could consider making an application to WNC to have these areas added to the definitive map. The council propose a discussion with Althorp about these areas. It was noted that there may be some people walking all over but the council and village are concerned with what have become established routes.</p> <p><b>Updates for information</b> Signs have arrived. Thanks were given to Cllr Gardner for installing them.</p>	
<p><b>101</b></p> <p><b>a)</b></p> <p><b>b)</b></p> <p><b>c)</b></p>	<p><b>Communication</b></p> <p><b>To receive update on website</b> Key councillors involved were not present so there was no update. Cllr White had been given some old photos that may be used.</p> <p><b>To mobile phone reception in the village and actions to be taken</b> It was thought that some suppliers provide a better service than others, and different parts of the village may be affected more than others. It was felt that without having a mast for each provider there was little the council could do. It was noted that the church offered to host a mast if wanted</p> <p><b>Updates for information</b> No further updates</p>	
<p><b>102</b></p> <p><b>a)</b></p> <p><b>b)</b></p> <p><b>c)</b></p> <p><b>d)</b></p> <p><b>e)</b></p> <p><b>f)</b></p> <p><b>g)</b></p>	<p><b>Community</b></p> <p><b>To consider requests for help at the village fete</b> This was discussed in public time</p> <p><b>To Consider date for annual public meeting</b> It was proposed to hold the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May</p> <p><b>To consider purchase of mugs for children of the village to celebrate the coronation</b> Mugs had been given for the jubilee. It was proposed not to purchase mugs</p> <p><b>To consider celebration for the coronation</b> It had been agreed not to hold a large celebration like for the jubilee as village fete was already being organized for a few weeks later. It had been proposed though that the field is used for an informal Big Lunch event and invite families to meet with friends and enjoy an afternoon together. It was proposed that the council would promote this.</p> <p><b>To receive an update on lease for Reading Room</b> Terms had been agreed in principle and chair is awaiting a Heads of Terms. Reading Room Committee member was not happy with the rent escalator proposed and asked if this could be revisited. Meeting to be arranged. Once draft lease has been received a solicitor will need to be instructed</p> <p><b>To consider request from Reading Room for Projector and Screen</b> Quotation for projector and screen, with installation had been received for approx. £4000. It was suggested that a large TV screen with HDMI use may be better. It was proposed the council agreed in principle but the correct technology needed to be installed.</p> <p><b>Updates for information</b> No further updates</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>93</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p>	

a)	<b>Reconciliation of Bank Balance (see appendix)</b> Internal controller agreed the bank balance was reconciled.
b)	<b>Payments due in March (see appendix)</b> These were approved
c)	<b>To consider a response to West Northants consultation on proposed ward boundaries</b> Council did not have any comments and were happy with the proposals. This is a slight change for current ward but not a great change.
d)	<b>To consider next steps following the resignation of the clerk</b> Clerk to update job description and person specification and advertise position. Salary scales to be checked. Councillors to be interviewed to be arranged.
e)	<b>Updates for Information</b> No further updates

Meeting closed: 9.05pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday **19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

Items for the agenda to be received by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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

## Appendix

### Clerks Report March 2023

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

**WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL CONSULTATION** – have a say on proposed changes to ward boundaries at the consultation at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

### Bank Balance as end February 2023

#### Bank Balance

<b>Balance in Current Account YTD</b>	993.47
<b>Value of cheques yet to clear</b>	0
<b>Reserve account balance YTD</b>	26,588.52
<b>Total</b>	27,581.99

#### Cash Book

<b>Opening Balance</b>	21,371.94
<b>Expenditure to Date</b>	20,540.19
<b>Income to Date</b>	26,581.99
<b>Total</b>	27,581.99

### Payments for Approval March

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
S Willis	BT	Mobile Phone Top up	<b>10.00</b>	0.00
Kier Integrated services	BT	Signs	<b>93.60</b>	15.60
Althorp Estate	BT	Rent Kimbells Field	<b>470.76</b>	78.46
BHIB	BT	Insurance	<b>449.05</b>	0.00
PWLB	BT	Loan Repayment	<b>788.49</b>	0.00
K Bright	BT	Daffodils	<b>49.45</b>	0.00
Reading Room	BT	Room Hire	<b>16.00</b>	0.00
NCALC	BT	Training SW	<b>45.60</b>	7.60
S Willis	BT	Clerk March	<b>457.20</b>	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	<b>56.40</b>	0.00

**Total**

**2,436.55**

**101.66**

Income

R Bayman		Kimbells Field hire	<b>50.00</b>
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