

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 19 July 2023, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Vice-Chairman Cllr J Milne, Cllrs R Gardner, T lane and N Tomkins

Also Present: Clerk, West Northants Cllrs Morton and Lister and 1 member of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

	In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Cllr Milne took the chair	Action
33/2023	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr K White (Chair) and Cllr S Beeusaert	
34/2023	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
35/2023	Public Time No Representations from Members of the Public were received.	
36/2023	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 21 June 2023 and any matters arising It was unanimously agreed that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.	
37/2023	Reports	
a)	Chair – In his absence, Cllr White had submitted a report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Room draft Heads of Terms (HOT’s) had been received and although he had not heard from the Reading Room Committee, Cllr White requested that HOT’s be considered at this meeting. He had met with Stuart Coleman (Althorp) and is of the opinion that the Reading Room Committee are in agreement. Should the Parish Council be minded to agree, Althorp would then instruct solicitors to draft a new lease which would be received soon. • The meeting with S Coleman was very cordial and SC is trying to make things happen. He will attend the PC Meeting and answer any questions. • Please ask him to clarify the footpaths issue as he has a proposal for the footpath in the cow field behind back lane on the way to LB which has caused problems. • Althorp are also working on various unoccupied buildings and hope to bring the old shop in LB back to life next year. • Dog Waste Bins are part of the Footpaths issue and should be finalised so S Coleman should also be able to update on these. • The Chair also raised the issue of the Medieval Cross and expressed his opinion that as Althorp in the past owned the whole village this should be part of their estate. He believes they have no ownership records. The opinion is the Cross was there before Althorp but KW feels it became part of the estate as they acquired all the land. • Althorp have an interest in Miskin House as the garden at the rear is leased from Althorp. 	
b)	Clerk See appendix. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors noted that any resident was able to comment on the WNC Consultations e.g. Have your say on future waste services in West Northamptonshire deadline for comments 21 August 2023 	

<p>37/2023 (cont.)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Ward Councillors With reference to the Parish Council’s recent objection to a Planning Application, Cllr Lister indicated that had not received notification of when the Planning Committee Meeting would be held.</p> <p>Police A report had not been received. Councillors noted that Beat Busters had visited the Parish during the afternoon of Thursday 13 August, which although they were welcomed, it was felt that a visit during busier commuter times would have been more effective.</p>	
<p>38/2023</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Planning No new planning application had been received</p> <p>Updates for information</p> <p>(i) Councillors noted that a planning application for Network Rail for regrading the railway embankment had been received for the adjacent East Haddon Parish.</p> <p>(ii) In response to a resident’s enquiry about Planning Application WND/2022/0410 for a solar farm at Glassthorpe Hill and off Brington Road, Flore, Councillors noted that this had been discussed at their meeting on Wednesday 15th June 2022 (Minute29) and that it was proposed that the Parish Council questioned the suitability of Brington Road for construction traffic and to declare the Parish Council as an interested party in the community benefit fund.</p>	
<p>39/2023</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p>	<p>Environment</p> <p>Althorp Fencing adjacent to public footpaths In response to the Parish Council’s concerns about the footpaths, S Coleman (Althorp Rep.) explained that the Estate had been putting cattle in some of the fields and had moved the fencing to protect the cattle and walkers. The Althorp Newsletter would include updates of the fields affected as the cattle are regularly moved around the estate. It was also clarified that fencing of the footpaths had at times been carried out on tenanted land. Dog Waste Bins would be investigated. The Clerk was asked to include the issue on the September Agenda</p> <p>Medieval Cross It was reported ownership of the piece of land where the cross is located is difficult to prove; both the Church and Althorp Estate have confirmed it is not registered to either. The Clerk advised that Cllr White had confirmed he has contact details for English Heritage which will be followed up</p> <p>Miskin House The Clerk was asked to contact the owners using a number to be passed on by Cllr Milne and to follow up any powers that WNC may have.</p> <p>Car Park adjacent to the Church The Clerk reported that Althorp has asked both the Church and the Parish Council to consider adopting the car-park adjacent to the Althorp footpaths. The Church had advised that they have declined as the carpark is mainly used by walkers. The Parish Council discussed the issue with the Estate Manager and unanimously agreed that they were not minded to take the car park on and asked the Clerk to notify Althorp.</p>	<p>Althorp/ Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr White</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr Milne</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>40/2023 a)</p>	<p>Communication To receive update on website The Clerk advised that Cllr S Beeusaert had reported that the website was now live although some pages need to be updated; training has been arranged for next week.</p>	<p>Cllrs SB, NT and Clerk</p>
<p>41/2023</p>	<p>Play Area Equipment Cllr RG indicated he was happy to contacts companies to request quotes for the Play Area Equipment based on the wish list that has been produced. He would notify the footprint and 2 different budgets, prioritise the equipment for each budget and report back to the Parish Council. It was noted that when the costs have been ascertained then the Parish Council can investigate available funding.</p>	<p>Cllr RG</p>
<p>41/2023 a) b)</p>	<p>Community To receive update on lease for Reading Room Reading Room Heads of Terms (HOT'S) Minute 37/2023 Chairs Report (Above) refers The Parish Council discussed the HOT's, noted that the Reading Room Trustees had agreed these and unanimously agreed the draft Reading Room Heads of Terms. Rota for Publishing PC Agendas on Noticeboards The Councillors acknowledged that as the Clerk does not live locally, they should draft a rota for displaying Agendas and Minutes on Noticeboards. The Clerk clarified that 3 clear working days' notice is required for the publication of Agendas (Local Govt Act 1972). With regards to the Publication of Minutes, Draft Minutes may be made available for public inspection as soon as possible after the meeting, (Freedom of Information Act 2000). Councillors noted that once the training and logins for the new website were completed, then the Draft Minutes would also be included.</p>	<p>Cllr White</p>
<p>42/3023 a) b) c)</p>	<p>Finance Payments due in July (see appendix) These were approved with the exception of EON Brington Playing Field Invoice KIED0588-0017 which is in dispute. Bank Balance The Bank Balances at 30 June 2023 were noted as £35,999.44. Updates for Information The process of including the Clerk on the Bank Mandate is being progressed.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllr JM</p>

Meeting closed: 08.40pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday **21 September 2023**.

Items for the agenda to be received by Friday 8th September 2023.

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

Signed: Cllr K White (Chair): *K White*

Dated: 21 September 2023

1. Proposed Increase in rent for field – Letter from Althorp received 14 July and passed to the Chair.
2. Grass Cutting at the Churchyard – R&G have been reminded and sent a plan of the area.
3. Wickstead Play Ground Inspection – Order confirmation 1263596 / 42256 £158 inc VAT (£132 nett) to be carried out in 8-10 weeks or earlier if someone available.
4. Planning Application 2023/5314/Full Field North East of Kennel and Cattery – comments submitted by 23 June.
5. Speaking at a Planning Committee in July –the Planning officer was contacted for details but no response received
6. School Transport Review WNC- Approved at 11 July WNC Cabinet Meeting Cabinet Decisions 11th-July 2023
7. 68 Main Street, Great Brington, NN7 4JB - Removal of Ash email received from Michael Venton Landscape Planning Officer: Planning Department (Daventry Area) and circulated.

Cllr James Milne investigated and I have emailed the following response

“I have circulated your email to the Parish Councillors who have investigated and their view is that seems ok and without requirement for further consents. This has clearly evolved over time and in the absence of an immediate risk or road safety issue, The Parish Council think it is usual to do heavy hedge removal work after 1/9 and outside bird breeding season to avoid breaching Wildlife and Countryside Act but we feel Althorp will be mindful of balancing these risks and suggest we just note that this is for them to manage and time works accordingly. I will also report this response to them at our meeting next week.”

8. Annual Elector Canvas- all households in the area will shortly be receiving a canvass communication from WNC. This is a legal requirement enabling the council to maintain a current and precise Electoral register. Being on the register is essential for adults to be able to exercise their right to vote in elections and referendums.
9. Thank You At the Parochial Church Council meeting the PCC Secretary was asked to circulate a ‘Thank you’ to all who helped with the recent village fete. Over £4k was raised and has been generously donated towards upgrading the path to the Church porch from the west gate to help make it more wheelchair accessible.
10. Kimbells Field Hire Agreement Following recent price increases it would be timely to add a review of the provision of a Portaloo to a later agenda as currently it seems to be FOC, but the hire cost to the Council starts from £95 plus Vat.

Minute 47a of 21 July 2021 refers:

“47 a) It was asked if the pavilion should be reworked for a toilet to be installed. This could be a longer term plan. Use of a Portaloo for the summer was discussed but it was thought it could be misused. It was agreed that the council could provide a portaloo if needed when the field and pavilion were hired”.

10. WNC Consultations (on Agenda)

- Community Governance Review
Closes 18 August 2023
- Have your say on future waste services in West Northamptonshire
Closes 21 August 2023
- Draft Library Strategy
All responses following the consultation, which is planned to begin in September, will be considered and will help to shape a final version of the strategy to then be considered by West Northamptonshire Council’s Cabinet this autumn.

The draft Library Services Strategy can be viewed here. For more information on the library services in West Northants, visit the libraries webpage

11. The Clerk had received an email referring to EDF Energy Planning Application (Minute 38/2023 b) above refers)

“EDF Energy Renewables has brought forward plans for land at Glassthorpe Hill and off Brington Road, Flore, to be turned into a solar farm. The site covers an area of approximately 239 acres and consists of ten agricultural fields which are currently in mixed use of arable and pastoral grazing.

Is the Parish Council aware of this?”

COUNCILLOR 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 30 June 2023

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	£544.16
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	£35,455.28
Total	£35,999.44

Cash Book

Opening Balance	£25,230.57
Expenditure to Date	£3,212.46`
Income to Date	£13,981.33
Total	£35,999.44

Payments for Approval July 2023

Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT
Third Avenue	Logo for Website	410.00	82.00
Third Avenue	Website Hosting	895.00	179.00
S Muir	Clerk June	289.44	
S Muir	Clerk July	424.20	
HMRC	Income Tax June	34.20	
HMRC	Income Tax July	106.20	
Reading Room Hire	Inv 230703	24.00	
ICO Data Protection Fee	Direct Debit	40.00	
Eon -Brington Playing Field	Inv KI-EA4D0588-0017	567.68	113.54
Eon -Streetlighting Inv 01190669	Direct Debit	14.77	0.74
Eon -Streetlighting Inv01190668	Direct Debit	95.22	4.76
R&G Landscape Maintenance	Inv 119887	300.00	60.00
DM Payroll Services	Inv 2922	60.00	

Total

Income

Danny Savage	22-23 July 2023	50.00
Kimbells Field Hire		

Total

