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Minutes of the meeting of the Brington Parish Council held on Wednesday, 17 May at the Reading Room, Great Brington.

Present: Cllr R Gardner, Cllr T Lake, Cllr N Tompkins

Also present: 6 members of public and Stuart Coleman from Althorp

Meeting start: 7.45pm

In the absence of the chairman and vice chairman, Cllr R Gardner took the chair.
In the absence of a clerk, Cllr Tompkins took the minutes, apologies!

11. To elect Chairman

Cllr White was proposed by Cllr Tompkins and seconded by Cllr Lake to be re-elected as Chairman.

12. To elect Vice Chairman

Cllr Milne was proposed by Cllr Lake and seconded by Cllr Gardner to be re-elected as Vice Chairman.

13. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr K White, Cllr J Milne and Cllr S Beeusaert.

14. Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda.

None declared

15. Public Time

Member of public requested help with transportation of hay bales for the Village Fete on 17 June.
Cllr Gardner confirmed availability.

Member of public thanked Cllr Milne for organising repair to leak in the pavillion on Kimbell's Field.
Member of public asked for update on approval of dog bin in Kimbell's Field. Council will confirm whether this is included in the list of new bins being discussed with Althorp.

Signed:.....

Dated:...../2023

16. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 19 April 2023 and any matters arising.
It was agreed that the minutes were correct and could be signed.

17. Reports

a Clerk

No clerk's report as awaiting appointment of new clerk

b West Northants Council

No councillors present and no report sent.

c Police

Nothing to update

18. Planning

a To consider actions required by Parish Council with regards to Medieval Market Cross

Cllr White will be following up on this with Historic England on his return to the UK. There was a suggestion to fence off temporarily but there was a concern about liability should any accidents occur.

b To consider if there are any actions Parish Council can take with regards to disrepair of Miskin House, Whilton Road

Cllr Milne had conducted a great deal of research on this and his plan of action was approved by Council. A neighbour spoke of a conversation he had historically with who he thinks is the owner, hopefully a Land Registry Search will confirm this.

19 Environment

a To consider impact of Althorp farming strategy and impact on public footpaths

It had been hoped that Garth from Althorp would do a presentation on this at the meeting but he was unable to attend. He will attend next month's meeting. There was some discussion about fencing off the areas containing livestock but this would be problematic as they are rotated frequently from field to field. A forward grazing pattern plan may be possible and could be then be posted on the website to help dog walkers plan their walk ahead of time.

20. Communication

a To receive update on website

The website is almost ready to go live.

21 Community

a To receive update on lease for Reading Room

Following a meeting with Cllr White, Althorp and the Reading Room Committee representative on 16 May, all seem happy with proposed lease and it is being presented to the Reading Room charity board. A solicitor has been approached to act on the behalf of the PC to review the lease once it is agreed and Heads are signed.

b To consider proposal from Reading Room for cinema room equipment.

It was agreed that the new Cinema Room equipment would not be purchased until the new lease is signed.

c To receive update on play equipment for Little Brington

Cllr Tompkins has received a long wish list from the children at the school which will be used as the base for a proposal from equipment companies.

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22. Finance

a Reconciliation of Bank Balance

Internal controller sent agreement that the bank balance was reconciled.

b Payments due in May

These had been agreed.

c To consider next steps with regards to recruiting a new clerk

A suitable candidate has been interviewed and will be offered the job. She has previous experience of the role.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7.45pm.

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

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Dated:...../2023