

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 16th February 2022, Reading Room, Great Brington

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Present: Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr T Lake, Cllr J Milne, Cllr P Richardson

Also Present: Clerk, WNC Cllr Charles Morton, WNC Phil Bignell and 15 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

		Action
94	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies accepted for Cllr S Beeusaert and Cllr N Tompkins.	
95	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr J Milne advised he is a neighbour of property in item 99b	
96	Public Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a campaign to save Helen, the postmistress for the villages. She has been told to move to another round but doesn't want to. Fantastic response from the villages so far, could the Parish Council write also? Chairman advised he did write in as chairman and has received a response. - Verges. The potholes by the Green in Little Brington have been filled in and a post removed meaning that the Green is getting smaller. We have recently found out this is owned by Althorp and they are aware of the issues. - Bulbs in verges are starting to come up but there are some gaps, could the council purchase some for next year? - Bakers Cottage has been vacant for years. Althorp are currently trying to work out a strategy for the estate. - New Benches have arrived and the volunteer who is fitting them is waiting for better weather. There will be about a week between old ones being removed and new ones being fitted. - Colin Clayson gave update on planning application for East Haddon Road. Planner has asked for some changes to the build to make it look more traditional. These should be submitted in a couple of weeks. Covenant will be held by the Rectory and will pass to new owner when sold but planning conditions are strongest way to prevent further development of the site. He was asked if the orchard would be given to the village but the owner is not willing to do this. - Council were asked about new field caretakers. The Council are not thinking of replacing them at the moment. Member of public thought that vermin control was needed as lots of mole and rabbit holes. - Council were asked how website is going. Cllr Beeusaert is leading this and was not present to update. - Member of the public offered to repair the pole outside the pavilion. 	
97	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 19th January 2021 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
98	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clerk See appendix. b) West Northants Council Small grants are still available (£200 - £1000) must be for something specific. c) Police No report. d) Althorp 	

	<p>Cllr White had conversation with the estate manager. They want to be more engaged with the local community. Working on how to do this.</p> <p>It was asked if Althorp would buy the pub. It is believed that Althorp believe that the current asking price is too much.</p>	
<p>99</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider response to planning application WND/2021/0951 - Work to trees within a conservation area - Folly House, Whilton Road, Great Brington</p> <p>Clerk had spoken with officer who was awaiting site visit with tree surgeon. He is suggesting that the lime trees are not cut so harshly. It was proposed there was no objection to the application as long as the lime trees were only cropped as needed.</p>	Clerk
<p>b)</p>	<p>To consider response to planning application WND/2021/0872 - Part demolition of existing house and outbuildings. Construction of two storey side and rear extensions, single storey side and rear extension and balcony - New Cross Farm, Back Lane, Great Brington</p> <p>There was a discussion about the location of the property in the conservation area and how the plans would look from the road. It was felt there was too much building for the site. Heritage document does take conservation area into account but councillors still felt that the nature of the garage conversion was overbearing. Main concerns were with overdevelopment of the site, view across the conservation area harming the character, Too much glass to look like a farm house. It was proposed to object to the application quoting sections of the Conservation area report and Village Design Statement.</p> <p>Cllr Milne abstained from the vote</p>	
<p>c)</p>	<p>To consider response to planning application WND/2022/0053 - Listed Building Consent for replacement of failing leadwork and flat roof covering, localised replacement of roof tiles, repair or rebuilding of leaning roof gables, localised stonework repairs to elevations and copings, localised repointing to elevations, repointing to copings, replacement of chain link fencing (with matching) to the front boundary - Brington Primary School, Hall Lane, Little Brington</p> <p>There were no objections to this application</p>	
<p>d)</p>	<p>Updates for Information</p> <p>There were no further updates</p>	
<p>100</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Community</p> <p>To receive a recommendation from the working party on 4 year strategy</p> <p>Thanks were given to Dacotah, Sue and Sarah for their help. There are 6 main areas for projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Village environment – cleaning of signage and new signage, bins etc - Improvement of Little Brington Play area - Litterpick and clean – more support from the Parish Council - New website - Support for aging population, both financially and socially - Reading Room – this is a critical asset to the village <p>The group will continue to meet to pick up specific projects to recommend to council</p>	Clerk
<p>b)</p>	<p>To consider Reading Room lease renewal</p> <p>Cllr White has already mentioned this to Althorp who are drafting new lease suggestion. Parish Council will need to employ technical help once this comes to us. It has been suggested that Althorp look at the cost of the rent as part of this renewal</p>	
<p>c)</p>	<p>To receive update on Platinum jubilee celebrations and approve budgets</p> <p>First meeting will take place next week but the clerk is aware that things are getting booked up and asked for a provisional budget to allow booking of portaloos and any other deposits that we may need to pay to secure services for events. It was agreed to order 2 portaloos for the weekend and a provisional budget of £1000. This can be reviewed once plans have been made and quotations sought.</p>	
<p>d)</p>	<p>To receive update on Traffic in village</p>	

e)	<p>Email had been received regarding large vehicles in the village. These were of a tractor. Council felt that in a rural community surrounded by farms it was expected that this would happen from time to time.</p> <p>Update for information no further updates</p>	
101	<p>Environment</p> <p>a) To consider steps the council can take regarding state of verges in the village Clerk had approached clerk at Harlestone for information on signs they have used. This has improved the areas, some better than others. The main issue is that the village was not built for cars. It was felt that we would not want too many signs as we would like to keep rural nature of village. It was proposed to target Back Lane. Wording to be confirmed outside the meeting and clerk to obtain quotes for 6 notices. It was noted that permission may be needed.</p> <p>b) To consider repairs to pole outside Pavillion Cross pole on knee high fencing to front of pavilion is broken. It was also noted that the vertical posts are starting to rot too. It was proposed that the whole thing is replaced. Clerk to ask for quotes</p> <p>c) To consider repairs to Kimbells Field gate Clerk to ask for quotes</p> <p>d) To consider update on bins and approve associated costs Map with location of bins to be sent to Althorp for approval. New bins also attract emptying cost from WNC. This is £288.80 per year per bin.</p> <p>e) Updates for information Clerk is still trying to get response regarding memorial cross from agencies she has contacted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
102	<p>Communication</p> <p>a) Updates for information The Defibrillator was going to go to the front of the school but there are now works taking place (see planning application above) so cannot be fixed until this work is completed. It was asked about attaching this to a listed building. Cllr Lake to speak to school to see if there are alternative locations.</p>	<p>TL</p>
103	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Reconciliation of Bank Balance (see appendix) This was confirmed by the internal finance controller</p> <p>b) Payments due in February (see appendix) These were approved</p> <p>c) To consider if the council would like to sponsor an edition or 2 of the village newsletter Printing costs are approximately £175 per issue. It was proposed to sponsor 2 editions.</p> <p>d) To consider funding for future renovations to the Pavillion There are several items that need doing to make it better inside. List to be drawn up and forwarded to the council for consideration</p> <p>e) To consider quotes for catering for the litter pick 12 March Quotes had been obtained for food van to provide catering. Members of the group organising the litter pick felt this was unnecessary and that tea and cakes is all that is needed. Council to make a financial contribution</p> <p>g) Update for information None</p>	

Meeting closed: 9.15pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 16th March 2022.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 8th March 2022.

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

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Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 16th February 2022

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.

BENCHES – New benches have now been delivered and will be installed soon.

DEBFIBRILATOR AT SCHOOL – We have discovered issues with location and alternatives are being discussed.

Bank Balance as end January 2021

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	444.87
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	25,921.30
Total	26,366.17

Cash Book

Opening Balance	19,382.81
Expenditure to Date	15,833.45
Income to Date	22,816.81
Total	26,366.17

Payments for approval in February

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Npower	DD	Street Lighting	151.01	0.00
Compete366	dd	365 subscription	41.52	6.92
Broxap	BT	2x Benches	1239.60	206.60
Reading Room	BT	Room Hire	16.00	0.00
Compete366	dd	365 subscription - yearly	492.48	82.08
Mrs S Willis	BT	Clerk February	423.11	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	48.20	0.00
Total			2,411.92	295.60