

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 20th April 2022, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Chairman Cllr J Milne, Cllr S Beeusaert, Cllr T Lake, Cllr N Tompkins

Also Present: Clerk, WNC C Morton, Althorp representative and 2 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

		Action
1	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies accepted for Cllr K White. It was noted that Cllr P Richardson has resigned from the council. He was thanked for his work during his time on the council.	
2	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr N Tompkins declared an interest in item 9a	
3	Public Time Member of the public asked about works to the pavilion. More quotes are needed as the council must get more than one quote for work. There had been an email circulated about dog mess in the fields. It was asked what was happening with bins. We are working with Althorp and the lady from the Dairy is keen to get bins and signage too. It was also asked about the Reading Room Lease. Cllr White had met with Althorp but no other councillor was aware of the outcome. Representative from Althorp advised that he believed Heads of Terms had been sent to Cllr White. It was asked why this PC is not making the most of grants available. It was explained that we need projects with details and costings before we can apply for grants. Once we have projects we can see what is available.	
4	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 16th March 2021 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
5	Reports	
a)	Clerk See appendix.	
b)	West Northants Council West Northants council has now been going for 1 year and all seems to be going well. The area took in 400 Afghans, 200 of which have now been rehomed out of the hotels. The Highways contract is being negotiated. In planning there is a plan to amalgamate to Towcester with their planning system (up to now Daventry system is paperbased) However there is a shortage of planners that has delayed this (this is a national problem). Finances for 1 st year of the council are good. He agreed that there are plenty of grants out there but it is knowing what you want and where to go.	
c)	Police The Beat Bus will be in the villages tomorrow. The council were only made aware of this this afternoon. Cllr Beeuseart will attend.	
d)	Althorp There is a new estate manager starting in May that will be under Edwin Christmas. They are still finding trees on footpaths that fell down in the storms so if anyone is aware of any to let the estate know and they will get them cleared.	

	<p>He was asked about the old bakers in Little Brington. They are currently considering options. It was noted that the issue that residents have is that in the past it has looked abandoned. There is now a rota for empty properties so any issues will be picked up and rectified.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider a response to planning application WND/2022/0208 - Construction of agricultural building with access track and hardstanding - Land to East side of East Haddon Road, Great Brington</p> <p>It was proposed there were no objections to this application</p>	
<p>b)</p>	<p>To consider a response to planning application WND/2022/0227 - Demolition of existing single storey extension. Construction of 1.5 storey side extension - 8, Swedish Houses, Hall Lane, Little Brington</p> <p>It was proposed there were no objections to this application, however the council wished to ask if there could be a condition that the materials are consistent with the property and surrounding properties.</p>	
<p>c)</p>	<p>Updates for Information</p> <p>There were no further updates</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Community</p> <p>To receive update on medieval cross and consider signage</p> <p>Clerk advised she had met with a representative from Historic England and a member of Brington History Society. The cross does have some issues but there needs to be a consideration as to whether adding grouting, or replacing old grouting would do more harm than good. If there were to be any works it would be subject to a approval due to it being listed.</p> <p>It was felt that it is important to advise that this is an important historical monument and it was asked if the council would consider signage.</p> <p>Historic England had said they would send over a report so it was thought it was best to wait for the report before making any decisions.</p>	
<p>b)</p>	<p>To receive update on jubilee celebrations and approve any actions</p> <p>Plans in place for a Big Lunch in Kimbells Field on Sunday 5th June. It had been asked if the mowing contractor could do a cut the week before and collect. He has suggested a more cost and time efficient way would be to do weekly cuts for the month prior to the event. This was agreed.</p> <p>There had been a request from the School for some supplies to help with items they were doing for the event. This needs to be within the budget agreed by council. The committee to consider at the meeting next week.</p> <p>Althorp do have the cage for the beacon so we can now look to plans for lighting this on the Thursday evening.</p> <p>Cllrs Tompkins and Beeuseart to arrange bar offline.</p>	<p>Jubilee comte</p> <p>NT/SB</p>
<p>c)</p>	<p>Update for information</p> <p>Defibrillator has been fitted at the school. There is access via the small gate out of school hours.</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Environment</p> <p>To consider checking of playing fields following the resignation of Cllr Richardson</p> <p>Cllr Milne offered to do this.</p> <p>Member of the public suggested there may be a member of the public who would like to do this.</p>	<p>JM</p>
<p>b)</p>	<p>Updates for information</p> <p>No further updates</p>	
<p>112</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>To consider update on Website</p> <p>Council had gone out to tender and selected a supplier who then retracted their offer. Another supplier was approved at the March meeting. Following a conversation with the company it was found that the offering was not as flexible as first thought and that there would be charges for changes. Cllr Beeuseart spoke to the original supplier and asked if they would reconsider. They would be happy to proceed.</p>	<p>SB/NT</p>

b)	<p>On asking NCALC for advise pricing of NCALC recommended supplier was given and quotes received were similar for set up and ongoing but it was felt that out preferred supplier had a more flexible offering.</p> <p>It was proposed that the council restart talks with Third Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Tompkins did not participate in the discussion or vote having declared an interest.</p> <p>Update for further information</p> <p>No Further updates</p>	
10	<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 April (see appendix) These were approved</p> <p>c) To receive year end budget review Spend vs budget for the year 2021-22 had been circulated. Mostly items were on budget or under with a couple of exceptions. On the whole the year ended just under budget.</p> <p>d) Update for information Clerk is just about to start the audit process</p>	

Meeting closed: 8.35pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 18th May 2022.

Items for the agenda to be received by Friday 10th May 2022.

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

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 20th April 2022

Clerks Report April 2022

VACANCIES – There are still 3 vacant seats on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the clerk.

NEW RECYCLING SERVICE – small electrical items can be recycled and collected on black bin days. Place the item in a standard carrier bag and place on the lid of the bin. More information can be found at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/waste

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – plans are being made for a great weekend of fun. Keep a look out for more information on noticeboards and email. If you are interested in helping out with the day please contact the clerk.

LONG MILE RUN – We are keen to revive the Long Mile run on the weekend of the jubilee celebrations. Anyone who is interested in organising this please contact the clerk.

Bank Balance as end March 2022

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	950.64
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	20,421.30
Total	21,371.94

Cash Book

Opening Balance	19,382.81
Expenditure to Date	21,114.76
Income to Date	23,103.89
Total	21,371.94

Payments for approval in April

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
M Roach	BT	Materials for fitting benches	123.87	0.00

BHIB	BT	Insurance	407.51	0.00
Zest Marquee	BT	Deposit for Marquee for jubilee	150.00	0.00
Npower	DD	Street lighting power	413.71	19.70
R&G groundworks	BT	Grass Cutting	360.00	60.00
Reading Room	BT	Room hire	48.00	0.00
SLCC	BT	Membership (invoice shared with HPC)	62.00	0.00
Paws4thought	BT	Jubilee mugs	599.25	0.00
Altorp	BT	Hire of Little Brington Field	120.00	20.00
D Renneau	BT	Various items for jubilee party	298.63	0.00
S Willis	BT	Clerk April	502.70	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	67.80	0.00
PSB Electrical	BT	Fitting of Defib in Little Brington	936.00	156.00

	Total	4,089.47	255.70
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Income

B Warren		Kimbell's Field Hire	50.00
NCALC		AMP grant	237.08

Total	287.08
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