

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 25th May 2022, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr S Beeusaert, Cllr T Lake, Cllr J Milne, Cllr N Tompkins

Also Present: Clerk, Colin Clayson and 3 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

		Action
11	To elect Chairman for 2022/23 It was proposed that Cllr White is chairman. He accepted.	
12	To elect Vice Chairman for 2022/23 It was proposed that Cllr Milne is Vice Chairman. He accepted.	
13	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies from West Northants Councillors	
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 the public asked about wastebins being installed. She was advised it would be covered later in the meeting. It was agreed that Colin Clayson could speak when the planning application was to be discussed.	
16	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 20th April 2021 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
17	Reports a) Clerk See appendix. It was also noted that an email had been circulated to the village about weekend M1 closures. b) West Northants Council There were no councillors present but they had updated the council at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday. c) Police The Beat Bus had been to the villages and had been well attended.	
18	Planning a) To consider a response to planning application WND/2021/0615 – Demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of detached dwelling and garage and relocation of existing access – Workshop and premises, East Haddon Road, Great Brington Developer Colin Clayson updated the council on the changes that had been made following site visit from planner. The council still have concerns about the long term protection of the site to prevent further development. It was proposed to object and to ask for removal of permitted development on the site and for the poplar trees, and any new tree being planted as part of the works, to be protected by TPO. There was also a query over why a property of this size and quality would have only a single garage. There was a discussion about the covenant. The main concern is to protect the church. The Parish Council had a suggestion about a restrictive covenant. The developer also suggested that, if willing, it could be passed to the Chantry. This needs further discussion. b) To consider a response to planning application WND/2022/0359 – construction of detached double garage - 8, Swedish Houses, Hall Lane, Little Brington There were no objections to this application	

c)	Updates for Information There were no further updates	
19	Community	
a)	To consider asking the Police for a speed survey in the villages It was agreed that this should be done to get data. Cllr Beeuseart to contact the police and let them pick appropriate positions. It was noted that residents on Main Street, Great Brington by the church felt that there was speeding in the mornings there.	SB
b)	To receive update on Reading Room Lease and approve next steps Cllr White has started discussion with Althorp and Heads of Terms have been sent. We are not happy with this as rent increases will be related to RPI. It was agreed that this is a critical village resource and is not a commercial enterprise. When ready the council will look to seek professional legal advice before signing the lease.	KW
c)	To consider repairs to Pavillion and approve next steps Quote had been received for some works to rendering internal and external and to replace some windows. It is hard to get alternative quotes due to the nature of the work. It was thought that there should be some greater improvements to the pavilion rather than piecemeal repairs. Cllr Lake to look into grants that may be available. Clerk to ask contractor to repair windows.	TL Clerk
d)	Updates for information There were no updates	
20	Environment	
a)	Updates for information There were no updates	
21	Communication	
a)	To consider use of social media and social media policy Cllr Beeusaert showed map plan for new website and this was discussed. Meeting tomorrow about this. It was thought that it would be good to have social media presence but that it could be something that we ask for volunteers in the village to help administer.	Clerk
b)	To consider the future of the Parish council There are currently only 5 councillors and 3 vacancies. All 5 councillors have full time jobs so there is restricted bandwidth for work that can be done. The council either needs more people to contribute, or what the council can do will be restricted. The council has to have 3 councillors present at a meeting to make decisions so there is not much wriggle room if someone is ill or has work commitments. It was noted that should councillor numbers fall below quorum (3) that West Northants Council would need to step in to continue running the council. This would come at a cost to the Parish Council and they would only ensure that statutory requirements were being met.	
c)	Update for further information No Further updates	
22	Finance	
a)	Reconciliation of Bank Balance (see appendix) Internal controller agreed the bank balance was reconciled.	
b)	Payments due in May (see appendix) These were approved	
c)	To certify that the council is exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (smaller authorities) Regualtions 2015 It was proposed that the council is exempt and the chairman and RFO signed the form	
d)	To approve External Audit Section 1 – Governance Statement The statements were read out and it was agreed that the council could say yes to all statements. This was signed by the chairman and Clerk	
e)	To approve External Audit Section 2 – Accounting Statement	

f)	It was agreed that the numbers were correct. This was signed by the chairman and clerk To receive Internal Auditors report and approve any actions The internal auditor was satisfied that effective policies and procedures together with systems to manage, monitor and control the councils business are in place. There were no suggestions for further action.	
e)	Updates for information There were no further updates	

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 15th June 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 25th May 2022

Clerks Report May 2022

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

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – Big Lunch Picnic is planned on Kimbells Field on 5th June. 2pm to late. See posters for more information.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – The annual Parish Meeting is on 23rd May, 7pm in the Reading Room. All are welcome. Come and see what is going on in the villages.

Bank Balance as end April 2022

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD		476.55
Value of cheques yet to clear		0
Reserve account balance YTD		27,590.67
Total		28,067.22

Cash Book

Opening Balance	21,371.94
Expenditure to Date	4,974.09
Income to Date	11,669.37
Total	28,067.22

Payments for approval in May

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Third Avenue Creative	BT	first 50% website development	1074.00	179.00
Third Avenue Creative	BT	logo design and guidelines	492.00	82.00
R&G groundworks	BT	Grass Cutting	405.60	67.60
Reading Room	BT	Room hire	56.00	0.00
Need the Loo Hire	BT	Portaloos for KF event	102.00	17.00
S Willis	BT	Clerk May	429.34	0.00
HMRC	BT	HMRC	49.60	0.00
N Tompkins	BT	Licence for Jubilee	21.00	0.00
D Renneau	BT	Items for jubilee celebrations	43.03	7.18
W. Higgins (Lounge Lizards)	BT	PA and Entertainment for jubilee	100.00	0.00
R Nisbett (Arm Music)	BT	Live music for Jubilee	325.00	0.00
Zest Marquees	BT	Marquee for jubilee	500.00	83.33

Total **3,597.57** 436.11

Income

West Northants Council		CIL monies - DA/2021/0105	829.37
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West Northants Council		Precept first 50%	10840.00
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Total **11,669.37**