

# *The Bringtons Parish Council*

**Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Reading Room, Great Brington**  
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**Present:** Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr J Milne, Cllr T Lake

**Also Present:** Clerk, West Northants Cllr Morton, 8 members of public

**Meeting Start:** 7.45pm

		Action
44	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Apologies from Cllr S Beesaert and Cllr N Tompkins	
45	<b>Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda.</b> None declared	
46	<b>Public Time</b> Member of Reading Room Committee asked about the Reading Room lease. Cllr White advised that he is chasing Althorp for a draft to pass to our solicitors. Member of the public advised she is working with the church and would like to put on a village fete like the one in Winnick. Family event to bring the community together. The Council support in principle and will check Public Liability insurance. The council was asked if they would reconsider a dog bin in Kimbells Field. The black bin is being used and it was thought this was not appropriate. Clerk to investigate. It was also asked about who is putting the black bin out. Clerk to check with resident who offered. Council was asked about vandalism at the Pavillion. Councillors advised they thought that the damage was unintentional. The Pavillion is on the agenda below. Member of the public contacted WNC about a potential grant for the pavilion and for daffodils but was advised this may not be funded. Lack of suitable housing in the villages was raised. The 2020 housing survey suggested that there was a need for more affordable housing for first time buyers. This is not part of the Parish Council 4 year plan as it is outside the brief of the parish council. There was an attempt in Back Lane but this was not taken up. The issue is the land value in the area. There was concern about a wall along the High Street in Little Brington and that it looks unstable. Clerk to contact resident to see if they are aware of ownership. The Council were asked if they have a Green Policy. The resident felt that if a tree is cut down it should be replaced. Within the conservation area permission for removing taller trees is needed and often a replacement is requested, but otherwise people are able to do what they want on private land. Cutting of hedges in Great Brington that overhang the footpath that was raised last meeting was queried. Clerk needs addresses.	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
47	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July and any matters arising</b> It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
48	<b>Reports</b> a) <b>Clerk</b> See appendix. b) <b>West Northants Council</b> Nothing to report c) <b>Police</b> Nothing to report.	
49	<b>Planning</b>	

<p>a)</p>	<p><b>To consider a response to Planning Application WND/2022/0592 - Construction of an American style barn for the establishment of an equestrian facility including manege, horse walker, wash bay and storage with associated landscaping and new hedging - Land off Blacksmiths Lane, Little Brington</b></p> <p>There were some concerns about the size and scale of the application in relation to what is already there. There is a concern over parking and traffic movements to the site bearing in mind that often there are horse boxes. There was also concern about the potential light pollution.</p> <p>Council proposed to object based on these concerns</p>	
<p>b)</p>	<p><b>To consider a response to Planning Application WND/2022/0658 - Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of single storey side extension, conversion of garage to habitable space and external render to existing property - Cornaway, Main Street, Great Brington</b></p> <p>There was confusion as there appeared to be 2 plans but the council had no objection to either.</p>	
<p>c)</p>	<p><b>Updates for Information</b></p> <p>Planning Application WND/2021/0872 – New Cross, Great Brington had been considered by the council before and there had been concerns over the plans. The concerns had been addressed and new plans had been forwarded to the council after the agenda had been published. The council had no objections to the new plans.</p>	
<p>50 a)</p>	<p><b>Community</b></p> <p><b>Updates for information</b></p> <p>There were no updates.</p>	
<p>51 a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p>	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <p><b>To consider signs for Back Lane to prevent parking on the verges</b></p> <p>Posts needed in the ground rather than on existing lampposts. Clerk to see if sign maker provides. Otherwise quote and proposed sign approved (once typo is changed).</p> <p><b>To receive Playground inspection report and consider next steps with regards to Little Brington Playing Field</b></p> <p>Except holes around the goal posts all items were deemed as low or very low risk. There was a quote to fill in wet pour where it was coming away at the edges. It was proposed that the whole area needed developing and this could be done as part of that. Cllr Milne also noted that the gate has issues opening and closing due to a hinge issue and that there is a picnic bench that could do with a new slat fitting.</p> <p>Clerk to find handyman for small items and to find ideas for development of the playground</p> <p><b>To consider next steps with regards to Pavillion on Kimbells Field</b></p> <p>There had been a donation from Althorp towards improvements on the Pavillion but this would not be enough for proposed plans. It was thought that any funds for village improvement should be used to improve the Reading Room rather than the Pavillion as it would be a bigger loss to the village if we were to lose that.</p> <p><b>To consider purchasing of daffodil bulbs for the village</b></p> <p>The proposal from a member of the public was to give each household bulbs to plant in verges. The council felt that there needed to be a co-ordinated approach. Some verges would need permission. Clerk to contact Gardening Club to see if it would be of interest or value for the council to purchase bulbs.</p> <p><b>Updates for information</b></p> <p>There were no further updates</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>52 a)</p>	<p><b>Communication</b></p> <p><b>To consider communications with regards to “Help For Households” campaign</b></p> <p>Clerk has already circulated some government information on help in the current cost of living crisis. Clerk to continue doing this as information comes through. Clerk is attending NCALC AGM and there is a session on what parish councils can do so will update if there are any other ideas after the event.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

b)	<b>Updates for information</b> No further updates	
53	<b>Finance</b>	
a)	<b>Reconciliation of Bank Balance (see appendix)</b> Internal controller agreed the bank balance was reconciled.	
b)	<b>Payments due in August and September (see appendix)</b> These were approved	
c)	<b>To consider taking the Civility and Respect Pledge</b> This is an initiative being run by sector leaders to try to reduce bullying in the sector. It was proposed to sign up to the pledge.	
d)	<b>To consider option to opt out of SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements</b> SAAA appoint an external auditor for parish councils every 5 years and will be looking at this for the next financial year. Parish Councils are able to opt out if they wish to find their own external auditor. It was proposed to stay with the SAAA arrangements	
e)	<b>To consider response to Local Government Boundary Commission consultation with regards to changing of unitary wards and councillor numbers</b> This has been prompted with the change to unitary council. There is a push to reduce the number of councillors and ensure all wards are of a similar population size. This consultation is asking if there are any villages we feel we should be in a ward with. The council are happy with the current ward and feel that they should stay in a ward with other rural communities.	Clerk
e)	<b>Updates for Information</b> Picture frame was shown with photos from the jubilee weekend which it was thought could be put up in the Reading Room. It was agreed that the resident could be reimbursed.	Clerk

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Items for the agenda to be received by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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

## Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Clerks Report September 2022

**VACANCIES** – There are still 2 vacant seats on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the clerk

**“Help for Households” Campaign** – There are 41 government schemes available to help with the cost of living crisis. You can view them all on a new dedicated website – [costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk](http://costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk)

### Bank Balance as end August 2022

#### Bank Balance

<b>Balance in Current Account YTD</b>	608.17
<b>Value of cheques yet to clear</b>	74.00
<b>Reserve account balance YTD</b>	23,540.74
<b>Total</b>	24,074.91

#### Cash Book

<b>Opening Balance</b>	21,371.94
<b>Expenditure to Date</b>	11,429.24
<b>Income to Date</b>	14,132.21
<b>Total</b>	24,074.91

### Payments for Approval August and September

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Need the Loo Hire	BT	Portaloo for KF event	<b>102.00</b>	0.00
S Willis	BT	Clerk August	<b>429.34</b>	0.00

