

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 19th October 2022, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Chairman Cllr J Milne, Cllr R Gardner, Cllr T Lake, Cllr N Tompkins

Also Present: Clerk, West Northants Cllr Bignell, Althorp Rep N Greenfield, 3 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

		Action
54	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies from Cllr S Beusaert and Cllr K White	
55	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
56	Public Time Member of the public advised she has lots of food and other stalls interested in the fete next June, and despite some interest from the village she needs more able bodies to help on the day. Nick Greenfield, security manager for Althorp introduced himself. Happy to give assistance at the fete. He has joined Brington Neighbourhood watch and eager to help where he can. He was asked about the church car park and he was unaware of any issues but will look into it and ask about installing a rubbish bin. Member of the public asked about including correspondence to and from the council in the minutes. Clerk advised that this is an outdated thing from the days when meetings were the only time letters would be seen by councillors. Today emails are sent in between meetings and items needing discussion are added to the agenda. Items of interest to the village are circulated via village email. It was asked if the council had made contact about the wall in Little Brington. Cllr Lake offered to see the residents to ask. It was asked about the overhanging Ivy in Great Brington. Many councillors did not feel that there was an issue. Cllr Gardner offered to speak to the owners. It was asked if the council should thank the volunteer of the village email by purchasing a gift or making it a paid role. Whilst her efforts are appreciated it was questioned that there were others that also volunteer services to the villages and where this would stop.	TL RG
57	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 26th September and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
58	Reports a) Clerk See appendix. Clerk also advised that a meeting had been had with a play equipment supplier and suggestions should be ready for November meeting for discussion. b) West Northants Council WNC offices at Lodge Road in Daventry will be closing in March to make savings of £500k. The council own these and are considering selling or leasing. Officers will move to other locations. There will still be some Face To face options in Daventry. To unify the Planning department officers will move to Towcester. Long term plan is to unify local plans and IT systems. c) Police Nothing to report.	
59	Planning a) Updates for Information	

	It was asked if there was an update on the Glassthorpe solar farm plans. It is thought this will go to committee in November or December. Cllr Bignell advised that 2 other solar farm plans had recently been refused.	
60	Community	
a)	To receive update on Lease for Reading Room Cllr White had advised that he was trying to get a meeting with Althorp estate manager to discuss. It was noted that the lease expires at the end of the year and whilst a new contract is preferable it may be needed to discuss an extension to allow discussions to take place.	
b)	Updates for information There were no updates.	
61	Environment	
a)	To Approve budget for daffodils to be planted in the villages Gardening club were very happy to do this and had asked if they could purchase bulbs they thought appropriate. It was proposed a budget of £200 - £250 should be offered.	Clerk
b)	Updates for information It was noted that the Nobottle sign is unreadable in the dark as it seems to have lost its reflective coating. Clerk will report to Highways. Clerk advised a delay in ordering signs for Back Lane as contact at the company had left and it has taken a while to find new person to speak to.	Clerk Clerk
62	Communication	
a)	To receive update on website As Cllr Beeusaert was not present full update could not be given. Hold up is that copy is needed. It has been suggested there is a working party to work on this.	All
b)	Updates for information No further updates	
63	Finance	
a)	Reconciliation of Bank Balance (see appendix) Internal controller agreed the bank balance was reconciled.	
b)	Payments due in October (see appendix) These were approved	
c)	To consider electricity supplier for street lights With current unstable prices the clerk had contacted a preferred supplier of NCALC to look at prices for the street lights with a hope that we can get best price and keep lights on. The suggestion is that it would be best to move to a contract to get the best out of the government scheme and to prevent prices raising over the coming years. Suggestion was for a 3 year contract but the council were not keen to lock in for that long. Clerk to go back and ask for other suggestions.	Clerk
d)	Updates for Information Clerk advised that budgets for 2023/24 would need to be discussed soon and asked councillors to consider any projects we may want to look at above our usual spend.	Clerk

Meeting closed: 8.40pm

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

Items for the agenda to be received by Friday 4th November 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 September 2022

Clerks Report October 2022

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

Cost of Living Support – There is a list of help and support available in the area on the West Northants Council website.

Applying for school for September 2023 – If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2023 it is time to apply for Primary school. Deadline for applications is 15th January 2022. If your child is currently in Year 6 the deadline for applications for secondary school is 31st October.

Bank Balance as end September 2022

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	555.70
Value of cheques yet to clear	210.25
Reserve account balance YTD	32,380.74
Total	32,726.19

Cash Book

Opening Balance	21,371.94
Expenditure to Date	13,892.96
Income to Date	25,247.21
Total	32,726.19

Payments for Approval October

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
C Whiley	BT	Jubilee Frame	78.00	13.00
Forde & McHugh	BT	Fixing street light	357.60	59.60
R&G groundworks	BT	Grass Cutting Sept	573.60	95.60
Reading Room	BT	Room hire	16.00	0.00
Npower	DD	Street lighting power	309.90	14.76
West Northants Norse	BT	Emptying of Church bin	360.00	60.00
Eon	BT	Electric Pavillion	33.31	1.59
S Willis	BT	Clerk October	429.34	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	49.60	0.00

Total **2,207.35** **244.55**

Income

West Northants Council		Precept 2nd 50%	10840.00
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Total **10,840.00**