

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 15th April 2020, via video-conference
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Present: Chairman S Norey, Cllr J Bateson , Cllr K Bright, Cllr J Gardner, Cllr J Milne, Cllr K White,

Also Present: Clerk and 10 Members of the public

Meeting Start: 7.55

		Action
1/20.21	To receive and approve apologies for absence Everyone Present	
2/20.21	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr Norey declared interest in item 6a Cllr Gardner declared interest in item 10	
3/19.20	Members of the Public are invited to address the council Cllr Gardner addressed the council as a member of the public on item 10. Several houses on The Pound do not have off road parking and use a pull in which can take 4 cars however they do have to park partly on the verge. It has been suggested that part of the verge can be dug out and leveled with stone, with a contribution from the Parish Council. Member of the public asked where the possible locations for dog bin in Little Brington would be. She was advised on the verge at the end of the public footpath, or opposite on the corner of The Green. She suggested a 3 rd location of near the telephone box. Another member of the public thanked the council for adding the church maintenance to the agenda again. Last cut cost £160. The new war graves plaque will attract more people to the church. Could the Parish Council take on the grass cutting as part of their cutting contract? 3 Members of the public discussed planning application at 6a. Applicant advised windows had been moved and answered questions on parking. Other members of the public were still concerned over highway safety. Applicant advised that the planning officer seemed comfortable with the plans.	
4/20.21	To consider request from church for help towards churchyard maintenance Whilst the council appreciate this is an integral part of the village, the law states that we cannot provide funds. With the postponement of the elections, this leads to another year without qualification of General Power of Competence. Clerk to investigate if this can be done as part of our contract rather than giving funds directly to the church.	Clerk
5/20.21	To consider co-option of new councillor Terri Lake Terri Lake introduced herself and advised why she wished to be a councillor. It was proposed to co-opt Terri Lake to the Parish Council. She was welcomed. There is still a vacancy on the parish council should anyone else be interested in joining.	
6/20.21 a)	Planning To consider and approve response to planning application DA/2019/0976 (Amended) - Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained residential annexe including construction of single storey side extension to outbuilding (resubmission) - Manor Farmhouse, Main Street, Little Brington Whilst the plans show parking for 4 cars the applicant advised they thought it would be rare that 4 spaces would be needed on top of the 2 they already had. Highways had put in a strong objection and it was thought that these objections still stood. There also seemed to be a lot of ambiguity still in the plans as the applicant was saying one thing but the plans suggested something different.	

b)	<p>It was proposed that the council still object due to Highway safety, but make comment that should the planning authority be minded to approve there were some conditions that we would like to see added: removing permitted development rights, making clearer plans, lighting being on a sensor. Resolved.</p> <p>To consider response to Historic England consultation on adding the War Memorial to the National Heritage List for England</p> <p>The report seemed to be very comprehensive and it was thought there were no comments to be made other than to support the inclusion of the War Memorial onto the list.</p>	Clerk Clerk
7/20.21 a) b) c) d) e)	<p>Finance</p> <p>Reconciliation of Bank Balance See appendix. All OK with amendment to date</p> <p>Payments due in March / April See appendix.</p> <p>To approve insurance renewal quote. The Parish Council had entered a 3 year agreement, this was year 2 of the agreement. It was agreed to continue with the insurance.</p> <p>To consider if the Parish Council would like to subscribe to ACRE This is an organization that helps parish councils and community groups with help and advice. It was proposed to subscribe for 1 year.</p> <p>To approve bank mandate to remove former clerk from bank account and change address to that of new clerk Amendments approved. Clerk to circulate forms for signature</p>	Clerk Clerk
8/20.21	<p>To consider and approve what the Parish Council will do during the coronavirus outbreak As a Parish Council we would follow advice from NCALC as to how to operate (such as taking on virtual meetings). Play Equipment and Gym Equipment needed to be closed. Clerk to send out email. Notices to be put on gates. Thanks were given to the volunteers in the village who had been helping the vulnerable in this time by getting groceries or medicines.</p>	Clerk
9/20.21	<p>To consider and approve quotes for repairs to post and fences on Kimbells Field The fence around the field is a rabbit fence. The posts are going rotten but are still standing fine, but the rabbit fence is down in the top corner. Resident had offered to repair this part of the fence free of charge. It was approved to accept this offer. Weeds need to be sprayed regularly to prevent them pulling the rest of the fence down. A quote had been received to repair and repaint the knee high post by the pavilion for £26. It was proposed to approve this quote. Quotes had been received for a kissing gate by the 5 bar gate. It was thought that this was not needed and no further action required.</p>	Clerk
10/20.21	<p>To consider if the parish council can do anything about the verges at Back Lane. Highways had been asked about putting stones on the verge and they had advised as long as the carriageway way kept clear of stones this would be OK. There was a discussion about precedence with many areas in the village being short on off road parking, but it was felt this was a unique area. There are 2 options: 1 – to continue as is with parking linearly, or 2 – to encourage parking at a diagonal. The proposal is to dig out part of the verge and put down stones so that the verge can be maintained. The council proposed to support the works. A resident has offered to do the works if the parish council can make a contribution towards the stones. It was proposed to budget £650 for the project.</p>	Clerk
11/20.21	<p>To consider extra dog bin in Little Brington</p>	

	Cllr Norey advised that residents had picked up lots of dog mess and bags in the vicinity of Carriage Drive and proposed that a bin go on the street furniture on the verge, or opposite on the Green. It was proposed that signage is put up to remind people to pick up and monitor the situation	Clerk
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Meeting closed: 9.25pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 20th May 2020.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 12th May 2020.

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 15th April 2020

Appendix ref: Finance

Bank Account Reconciliation

APPENDIX

Bank Balance as end February

Opening Balance (Current Account)	1,112.02
Balance in Current Account YTD	1,606.49
Value of cheques yet to clear	0.00
Reserve account balance YTD	8,897.65
Expenditure to date (exc. VAT)	<u>30,804.53</u>

Payments for approval in March (yellow) / April

Date	Payee	Invoice Number	Statutory Power	Description	Cheque No	Total
20-03-20	PWLB		LGA.2003 S119	PWLB Loan 6 mnth replayment	dd	788.47
18.3.20	Arbolution tree Services	ATS5230	LGA 1972 S143	Works to Cedar Tree LB	BT	260.00
15.02.20	Eon	H1828CD1FD	PCA 1957 S3	Pavillion Electricity	BT	14.72
30.03.20	S Willis	March	S112, LGA 1972	Clerk March	BT	458.14
18.03.20	S Willis	March	S112, LGA 1972	Mobile phone and Top up	BT	14.99
28.01.20	Thomas James	March	S112, LGA 1972	KF Caretaker	SO	20.00
28.01.20	Peter Leyden	March	S112, LGA 1972	Caretaker	SO	20.00
18.03.20	C Whiley	March	OSA 1906 S10	Petty cash for Pavillion	BT	50.00
18.03.20	Came and Co	2915366	LGA 1972 S111	Insurance	BT	440.63
15.4.20	R&G Groundworks	115780	LGA 1972 S143	village mowing	BT	129.62
30.4.20	Mrs S Willis	April	S112, LGA 1972	Clerk April	BT	414.54
30.4.20	HMRC	April	S112, LGA 1972	PAYE	BT	43.60
30.4.20	Thomas James	April	S112, LGA 1972	KF Caretaker	SO	20.00

30.4.20	Peter Leydon	April	S112, LGA 1972	LB Caretaker	SO	20.00
15.4.20	RRMC	200302	LGA 1972 S111	Room hire for litter pick	BT	45.00
15.4.20	Northants CALC	inv-0346	S112, LGA 1972	Yearly subscription	BT	478.26
15.4.20	SLCC	MEM229312	S112, LGA 1972	yearly subscription (1/3)	BT	54.00

March Total 2066.95
April Total 1205.02

Clerks Report April 2020

DOG BINS – The clerk will be meeting with Althorp to discuss a suitable location once Covid 19 restrictions are lifted

KIMBELLS FIELD – The clerk will be meeting with Althorp to discuss the possibility of a kissing gate

ROADWORKS – There is a bollard down on the island near the church. Highways are aware and this is on their works list. For updates see Street Doctor

ALTHORP BATH HOUSE – A housing needs study is required by Daventry District Council and the process for this will be starting soon.

GRANGE FARM – No further developments. Awaiting response from Daventry District Council

FOOTPATHS – I have been informed that some footpaths have been closed, If you can contact me with details I can find out more.

HEDGE BY WAR MEMORIAL – Following the removal of the hedge a new beech hedge was due to be planted. Due to the covid 19 restrictions this hedge will now be planted in the Autumn