

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 21st October 2020, via video-conference
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Present: Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr T Lake, Cllr J Milne, Cllr S Norey, Cllr N Tompkins

Also Present: Clerk, and 5 Members of the public

Meeting Start: 7.45

		Action
59/20.21	To receive and approve apologies for absence No Apologies recieved	
60/20.21	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
61/20.21	Members of the Public are invited to address the council Member of the public had moved to the village this year and was interested in joining as a councillor. He introduced himself. Another member of the public was applicant of planning application in item 66 and was happy to answer any questions the council may have.	
62/20.21	To approve and sign the minutes of the annual meeting held 16th September 2020 It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed	
63/20.21	Clerks Report See Appendix.	
64/20.21	To consider Co-option of councillors to fill vacancies Stephan Beeusaert had approached the council to be a parish councillor. It was proposed that he be co-opted to the council. He was welcomed. Clerk to send welcome details and forms for completion.	
65/20.21	Finance a) Reconciliation of Bank Balance See appendix. Bank balance confirmed by internal controller b) Payments due in October See appendix. c) Half Year Budget Report This was tabled. It was noted that all items were on budget or under except street light electricity. Clerk to look to see if due to timings we may be paying 5 quarters worth this year. d) To receive External Auditors report and note any actions required The external auditor stated that in their opinion, based on the information provided, no matters gave concern and that regulatory requirements had been met. There was a comment about the dates of the notice of exercise of public rights as this was published on the first day on the notice and should be published before. This will be noted for next year. e) To consider Payroll Supplier pay increase Payroll supplier had notified the council that as of March 2021, prices would increase from £91 per year to £120. After comparison with other suppliers it was agreed this was still good value and it was proposed that the increase be accepted. Resolved	Clerk
66/20.21	To consider a response to planning applications a) DA/2020/0723 – Two Storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension – 1 Chapel View, Little Brington Applicant advised that neighbours and Althorp had been contacted and all seemed happy with the plans. It was proposed there were no objections to the application. b) DA/2020/0820 – Construction of detached garage (part retrospective) – Pilgrim Cottage, Nobottle Road	

	<p>There were no objections to the application</p> <p>There was a new member of the public, David Slack from Althorp. He was allowed to introduce himself. His aim is to build openness and be neighbourly to the surrounding villages.</p>	
67/20.21	<p>To consider storage at Kimbells Field for items stored at the Pavillion</p> <p>Several options had been tabled and one was picked which could possibly be kept without a lock. Clerk to Purchase.</p>	Clerk
68/20.21	<p>To consider response to government white paper Planning for the Future</p> <p>It looks like there is a desire by the government to move to a more European style of planning where certain types of development will be approved easily as long as it meets pre-approved criteria. There was concern that there will be a national algorithm used to establish how many houses are to be built rather than what each area needs. Cllr White to check proposed responses.</p>	Cllr White
69/20.21	<p>To receive update on survey for the village and approve next steps</p> <p>Draft questionnaire had been circulated before the meeting. The idea being that this should be quick and easy to complete and give us an idea of areas that are of value to the community so we can prioritise areas of improvement. This will then help us build a strategy. The council are keen to get a high response rate so we know that this is the view of the village. Paper and online surveys and house to house if needed.</p> <p>Councillors to give feedback to Cllr White before the next meeting</p>	ALL
70/20.21	<p>To consider a response to the Housing Needs Survey</p> <p>There were no real surprises despite the village changing a lot over the years. The response rate was very small but this was to be expected as only those that have an interest will respond. Main issue in the village is affordability of properties. It was proposed that the response to DDC notes we do not have any particular comment but we are disappointed with the sample size.</p>	Clerk
71/20.21	<p>A comparison of Brington Parish Council to other Parish Councils</p> <p>It was thought that the Parish Council should look to other parish councils for areas of best practice with regards to how the parish council communicates with the village and what services it offers. This includes revamping the website. It was thought that we should first see what comes out of the survey to see what the village sees as priorities</p>	
72/20.21	<p>To consider and approve a Parish Council representative on the Reading Room Committee</p> <p>It was proposed that Cllr Lake be the Parish Council Representative. Clerk to advise the committee.</p>	Clerk
73/20.21	<p>To consider communication on WW1 memorial tree and any actions the council wishes to take</p> <p>The sapling that was planted in Kimbells Field has been eaten and failed. It was suggested that it may be worth planting a semi mature tree to give it a better chance of survival. It was proposed that Althorp may want to donate a tree if the parish council pays for the removal and planting. Clerk to contact Althorp.</p>	Clerk
74/20.21	<p>To approve works on The Green, Little Brington</p> <p>The posts look good, but it looks like one has been removed. Cllrs Norey and Lake to refit. Clerk to contact arboriculturalist to see if any more works are needed on the tree.</p>	SN/TL Clerk
75/20.21	<p>To consider if the council can provide any support should there be a second lockdown</p> <p>There was lots of ad hoc help and the post office did a lot during the spring. The Parish Council used to have a list of vulnerable for when the weather was bad but this was stopped due to GDPR concerns. It was thought if needed the parish council could facilitate a volunteer network and could potentially put a financial value to this to help. Cllr Norey offered to speak to the Chauncery to see if there was anything they wanted to do. Councillors to discuss between meetings if needed.</p>	Cllr Norey
76/20.21	<p>To consider the website and communication with the village and what steps the council should take</p>	

It was felt this was discussed above under item 71
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Meeting closed: 9.05pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 18th November 2020.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 10th November 2020.

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 21st October 2020

APPENDIX

Clerks Report October 2020

DOG BINS – The clerk has met with Althorp and a location for a bin has been agreed, I am just awaiting permission from DDC.

ALTHORP BATH HOUSE – Daventry District council have undertaken a housing needs survey, we await the results. This will show what needs there are in the village and if they can be fulfilled on this site.

VACANCIES – The parish Council currently has 2 vacancies it can fill via Co-option. If you are interested in joining the parish council please contact the clerk for more information.

BROADBAND AT THE READING ROOMS – Gigaclear have made an offer and the clerk is in discussions with the Reading Room Committee and Gigaclear

Bank Balance as end September

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	563.73
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	26,925.40
Total	27,489.13

Cash Book

Opening Balance	10,504.14
Expenditure to Date	8,242.76
Income to Date	25,227.75
Total	27,489.13

Payments for approval in October

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
PWLB	DD	Loan payment	788.47	0.00
Arbolution Tree Services	BT	Emergency work to tree in Little Brington	770.00	0.00
R&G Groundworks	BT	grass cutting	436.22	72.72
PKF Littlejohn	BT	External Audit	240.00	40.00
Mrs S Willis	BT	Zoom and One drive subscriptions	32.76	4.80
Mrs S Willis	BT	Clerk Oct	426.51	0.00
HMRC	bt	PAYE	44.80	0.00
Thomas James	SO	KF Caretaker	20.00	0.00
Peter Leydon	SO	LB Caretaker	20.00	0.00
EON	BT	Lighting Power	248.92	11.85
Total			3,027.68	129.37

Income

Daventry District Council		Precept 2nd Half	10,840.00
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