

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17th February 2021, via video-conference

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Present: Chairman Cllr K White, Cllr S Beeusaert, Cllr T Lake, Cllr J Milne, Cllr S Norey, Cllr P Richardson, Cllr N Tompkins

Also Present: Clerk, Gwen Rhys of Office of National Statistics

Meeting Start: 7.45

		Action
111/20.21	To receive and approve apologies for absence All Councillors present	
112/20.21	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
113/20.21	Members of the Public are invited to address the council No members of the public present	
114/20.21	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 20th January 2021 It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed	
115/20.21	Clerks Report See Appendix.	
116/20.21	Presentation regarding Census 2021 Gwen Rhys, Community Engagement officer at Office of National Statistics gave details of Census 2021. Census gives snapshot of the country at a particular point and is used to help shape policy and provisions needed in different areas. This year the census is to take place 21 st March. Ads will ramp up over the coming weeks and information will start to hit doorsteps next week. For the first time digital will be the first option for most. Those finding digital hard can have help from family members or friends or can ask for a paper copy. Surveys should take about 10 minutes to complete. For those not responding field staff will be knocking on doors reminding people. They will have PPE and will have ID. They will not ask for money. If anyone asks for a charge please report. Clerk will share any communication she receives on website and via Brington news email. Gwen Rhys left the meeting	
117/20.21	Finance a) Reconciliation of Bank Balance See appendix. Bank balance confirmed by internal controller b) Payments due in February See appendix. c) To consider grass cutting quotation for 2021 Prices and number of cuts are the same as last year. No complaints about the work for the last year. It was agreed that next year the council would go out to tender for a 3 year contract. Resolved	
118/20.21	To consider Parish Council IT systems and approve next steps Trial seemed to work, but we were unable to test emails as needed to transfer access via host. Shared document system works well. Either we do this ourselves or we use a company who will help us migrate. 2 quotes had been received for companies to help with migration. Costs for 365 was the same for both, but support costs and initial set up costs varied. There is a Microsoft help for ongoing support if needed so there was a query about paying for this kind of support past initial set up. Clerk to get more information on the 2 companies and circulate on email for decision on which company to use to be decided based on results. Cllr Norey to contact resident about options for website. Resolved	Clerk SN
119/20.21	To consider and approve location for new oak tree	

	Oak Tree planted in Kimbells Field has failed. Althorp have offered new oak as replacement. School did not want to have the tree at the school. It was proposed that the tree is planted at the other end of Kimbells Field, with proper protection from animals and potentially a fence to prevent damage from mowers.	Clerk
120/20.21	To consider responses from Village Survey and approve next steps 47 paper responses received which is a good response. The electronic survey has only just been released so it was proposed that the deadline is extended to 25 th February to allow more responses. Cllr White and Cllr Norey to then consolidate responses from 2 forms for discussion at next meeting.	KW/SN
121/20.21	To consider a new litter bin at the church carpark Several options from DDC but all seem very urban. Clerk to look for wooden bin that would better suit a rural environment. There was a query about whether this would still be an issue when lockdown is over and the footpaths are used less. It was thought that there has always been an issue here to a degree. Clerk given authority to order bin up to £300 including installation costs.	Clerk
122/20.21	To consider location of new bin in Little Brington Whist it was felt there is a need for a dog bin, DDC prefer to install litter bins as any waste can be put in them. It was thought the ideal location would be just inside the gate on Carriageway Drive. Clerk to investigate wooden litter bin with lid and check that Althorp are happy for a bin to be located there.	Clerk
123/20.21	To receive update on elections in May 2021 and approve council actions Elections are to take place on 6 th May. DDC are promoting postal votes, but polling stations will be open with extra covid secure procedures. The parish council has 8 seats and there will only be an election if 9 or more people stand, otherwise the people standing will automatically be elected to seats. Clerk to advertise how to stand for election.	Clerk
124/20.21	Updates from Councillors: a) Highways (Cllr White) Cllr White has made a FOI request for repairs on Top Road as it seems this is constantly repaired but not resurfaced. He has also contacted NCC Cabinet Minister for Highways to discuss results. There was a discussion about the fact Top Road used to be salted but doesn't seem to be anymore. This used to be classed as a red route but is not any more b) Planning (Cllr Tompkins) Cllr Tompkins has spoken to a builder who is acting on behalf of owner of land on Slash Hill / East Haddon Road, who would like to build a single dwelling in keeping with the area. Councillors advised that planning applications for this site in the past have not been approved due to the lack of provision of a footpath to link it to the village. Highways feel this is important due to the unsafe bend. It was asked if there was any update on the pub, but no-one was aware of any news c) Grants / Police (Cllr Beeusaert) No updates on grants, first need to see results from survey. He has registered as Police representative and awaiting details after new system is in place to enable him to get to know police officer for the area. He will attend a meeting held by PCC next week d) Community (Cllr Lake) No community news but has received complaints about parking on The Green in Little Brington. Due to weather this has become a muddy mess. Posts that were put there to prevent parking have been removed. It was thought this is Althorp land, as such Cllr White will speak to Althorp and ask them to speak to residents.	KW

e)	Also 2 residents in Little Brington have expressed an interest in volunteer speed gun to catch speeding through Little Brington. Clerk advised that these schemes need lots of people signing up to them. Communications (Cllr Norey)	
f)	Nothing to update, will look into the website Environment (Cllr Richardson)	
g)	Nothing to update until results of survey come in Finance (Cllr Milne)	
	No update. There was a discussion about funds rolling over from this year to next to spend on projects raised by the survey.	
	A member of the public had sent in a poster they thought could be put up around the village and along footpaths about not picking up after your dog. Council felt that the poster was too wordy and that people would not stop to read it. Clerk to contact DDC environmental dept to ask for advice or signs that can be put up instead.	Clerk

Meeting closed: 9.25pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 17th March 2021.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 9th March 2021.

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 17th February 2021

APPENDIX

Clerks Report February 2021

DOG BINS – Bin has been delivered for installation at the avenue of trees. Althorp will install soon.

ALTHORP BATH HOUSE – Following the publication of the Housing Needs Survey, Althorp have some ideas about what they would like to build on this land and a meeting with the Parish Council is being arranged to discuss this.

BROADBAND AT THE READING ROOMS – Gigaclear have made an offer and the clerk is in discussions with the Reading Room Committee and Gigaclear. This is on hold until a time when the Reading Rooms will be able to be used regularly again.

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES – the clerk has received more information on the items discussed at the meeting in January. This will be added to ideas brought forward from the survey for further discussion.

Bank Balance as end January

Balance in Current Account YTD	748.30
Value of cheques yet to clear	146.80
Reserve account balance YTD	21,434.49
Total	22,035.99

Opening Balance	10,504.14
Expenditure to Date	13,704.99
Income to Date	25,236.84
Total	22,035.99

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Mrs S Willis	BT	Clerk February	426.71	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	44.60	0.00
Thomas James	SO	KF Caretaker	20.00	0.00
Peter Leydon	SO	LB Caretaker	20.00	0.00
Mrs S Willis	BT	One drive and Zoom Subscription	18.37	0.00
The Defib pad	BT	New defib pads and battery	93.00	15.50
Shire Lumsden Ltd	BT	Printing of Survey	60.00	0.00
Survey Monkey	BT	Online Survey	99.00	0.00

