

**.Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 28th April 2021, via video-conference**

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

Also Present: Clerk, David Slack of Althorp, 2 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.45

		Action
1/21.22	To receive and approve apologies for absence None received	
2/21.22	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
3/21.22	Members of the Public are invited to address the council It was asked if the new tree in Kimbells field was being watered. It is but this needs to be continued over the summer. Clerk to investigate options and see if the caretaker is able to take ownership of this. Member of the public advised that a piece of gym equipment was broken and that she had informed Sunshine gyms as within warranty. Clerk advised that she had been aware and had already asked the manufacturer to take a look. It was asked about putting up dog signs. Cllrs White and Tompkins were going to look at the best places for them.	Clerk KW/NT
4/21.22	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 17th March 2021 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed	
5/21.22	Clerks Report See Appendix. Clerk also advised that a wooden post on the Green in Great Brington had been knocked over and that several others were loose. It was agreed she would look into getting these secured.	Clerk
6/21.22	Report from Althorp There is a leak to a pipe on Carriage Drive, there may need to be some excavation work to fix this. It seems that there are lots of people knocking over the bollards at the church and these are being replaced. There is a rumour that the pub in Great Brington has sold but this has not been confirmed. The Althorp Dairy is up and running on Grange Farm with 45 Jersey cows. Once settled and tidied up it is hoped that this can become an educational facility. There are plans to move the estate office to Grange Farm this year. He had been past the village green in Little Brington and had only seen the van parked but it is on his watch list. The old shop was discussed, it was agreed that even if the gate could be fixed and weeding then the place would look a lot better.	
7.21/22	Finance a) Reconciliation of Bank Balance See appendix. Bank balance confirmed by internal controller b) Payments due in April See appendix. c) To receive budget report for 2020-21 year end Spend against budget for year end was tabled. All areas within or close to budget except grass cutting, however church cutting had been added after budget drawn up. Reserves to be passed to this year and new projects	

d)	To consider request to help fund defibrillator to be located at the school in Little Brington It was thought this was a good idea. Cllr Beeusaert had looked to see if any funding available and believed that there were options for the school to bring the price down. He will discuss options with member of public. Once actual figure is known the council will consider contribution.	SB
8/21.22	To consider planning application DA/2021/0156 - Listed Building Consent for strengthening of existing timber floor structure to accommodate load from new floor standing storage cabinets and shelving by adding new joists between the existing. All existing joists and floorboards to be retained. - The Chapel Studio, Chapel View, Little Brington There were no objections to this application Resolved	
9/21.22	To consider planning application DA/2021/0105 - Conversion of redundant barns and addition of a single storey extension to create a single dwelling house (revised scheme) - Barns at Church House Farm, Steeple Lane, Little Brington There was a discussion about whether it was a good idea to have 1 larger house rather than 2 smaller ones, and also about the design. It was proposed there were no objections to the application. Resolved	
10/21.22	To approve moving of council emails to office 365 A third quote had been received from a company with a more robust balance sheet and whilst slightly more expensive than the other 2 it was thought it was better to go with a more established company. It was thought that the council needs the correct tools. Resolved	Clerk / SB
11/21.22	To receive results of Parish Survey and agree next steps High level summary of results was tabled and discussed. This will be used as a basis for a council plan for the next 4 years. Cllr White to pull figures together for Annual Parish Meeting on 26 th May. It is important to have a Parish Plan so that everyone knows what the parish council is there for and what they are doing. It was thought it was important to have good relationships with West Northants Councillors (once elected) and other key partners such as Police. Cllr White to circulate details of other councils with good parish plans or websites to use as inspiration. Councillors may meet informally to discuss options and get to know each other better.	All
12/21.22	To agree dates for meeting with Althorp with regards to proposed development in Great Brington It was agreed that the meeting should be onsite. This would be an information gathering exercise and to discuss concerns that some of the plans may have. Councillors to advise dates and clerk to contact for meeting.	
13/21.22	Updates from Councillors: a) Highways (Cllr White) No updates b) Planning (Cllr Tompkins) No updates. c) Grants / Police (Cllr Beeusaert) No Updates. d) Community (Cllr Lake) No updates e) Communications (Cllr Norey) Not present f) Environment (Cllr Richardson) Channels with Althorp have been opened up and there is discussions about the Heronry to make sure the nests are being protected. g) Finance (Cllr Milne) No update.	

Meeting closed: 9.25pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 19th May 2021.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 11th May 2021.

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 28th April 2021

APPENDIX

Clerks Report April 2021

BINS – Dog Bin has been delivered for installation at the avenue of trees. Althorp will install soon. We have also asked Althorp and West Northants Council about locations for further bins and we are awaiting a response from them.

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.

ELECTIONS 2021 – Only 6 people stood to fill 8 seats on the Parish Council, so these people have been elected uncontested and will take their seats on 10th May. Elections for West Northants Council and PFCC will take place on 6th May.

OLD SHOP, LITTLE BRINGTON – Althorp are aware this needs attention but the costs to do this are higher than the return, however it is planned to do something with this this year.

Bank Balance as end March

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	448.32
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	18,934.49
Total	19,382.91

Cash Book

Opening Balance	10,504.14
Expenditure to Date	16,358.17
Income to Date	25,236.84
Total	19,382.91

Payments for approval in April

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
R&G Groundworks	BT	grass cutting	334.85	55.82
Northants CALC	BT	yearly subscription and internal audit	529.88	0.00
SLCC	BT	yearly subscription	55.33	0.00
Thomas James	SO	KF Caretaker	20.00	0.00
Peter Leydon	SO	LB Caretaker	20.00	0.00
Mrs S Willis	BT	Clerk April	423.31	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	48.00	0.00
Mrs S Willis	BT	Onedrive and Zoom	18.37	0.00

Total **1,449.74** **55.82**