

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 16th June 2021, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Chairman Cllr J Milne, Cllr S Beeusaert, Cllr T Lake, Cllr P Richardson, Cllr N Tompkins

Also Present: Clerk, Representative from EDF renewables, WNC Cllr C Morton and 6 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

		Action
29	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies accepted for Cllr K White. Vice Chair Cllr J Milne took the chair	
30	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
31	Members of the Public are invited to address the council Member of the public said it was sad that the Pavillion was looking like it needed repair again after all the work that took place a couple of year ago. This is mainly due to it not being able to be used during covid. Items need repainting, weeding etc. Is it possible to look at installing a toilet, even if just for summer months? Also nice to have a celebration when completed. Clerk to investigate whose responsibility weeding is and costs to be brought to next council meeting. It was asked about broadband to the Reading Rooms. Clerk has been trying to contact Gigaclear but is not having messages returned. Councillors met with Althorp about proposals for Bathhouse. They will be amending plans for fewer properties and more parking. We await to see new plans. Once Althorp feel they are in a position to apply for planning permission plans will be available to everyone to comment on. It was asked why the defibrillator in Little Brington will be installed at the school and not more centrally. This was discussed at the last meeting. The school had come to the council asking for help with funding. They have a special scheme to get a preferential rate. At the time there was nowhere else in the village that would be suitable.	Clerk Clerk
33	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 28th April 2021 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed. Caretaker is happy to water tree and will advise the clerk if needs help with this through extra equipment.	
34	To receive presentation from EDF Renewables about proposed Solar Farm between Flore and Upper Heyford Frances Nicholson of EDF Renewables was present to give brief presentation on plans and answer questions. Plans of the area in question were circulated to the council and members of public present. This is early days consultation and plans will change based on feedback and land survey results. Final plan expected to request planning permission in Oct / Nov. The site is 100 hectares but approx. 88 hectares will have panels. No trees or hedgerow will be removed and some will be added. The plan is to be there for 35-40 years. It was asked if it would be visible from Roman Road between Daventry and Bringtons. It was not known for sure, but there may be a glimpse. There will be flood risk assessments to see the impact of the panels will have on the area. Landowners will be leasing the land to EDF. There was a discussion about why on green land and not the warehouses that are being built close to the M1 nearby. It was not yet known what fencing would be proposed for this area. Frances was thanked for her time.	

<p>35 a) b) c)</p>	<p>Reports Clerk See appendix West Northants Council No updates to give Police We are still waiting to hear names of officers who will cover this area. When we do we will invite them to a meeting</p>	
<p>36 a) b) c)</p>	<p>Finance Reconciliation of Bank Balance See appendix. Bank balance confirmed by internal controller Payments due in June See appendix. Zoom subscription to be cancelled Updates for information No updates</p>	
<p>37 a) b) c)</p>	<p>Planning To consider and approve new footpath Warden Current footpath Warden Sue Smith stood down at the Annual Parish Meeting. Richard Bunce, who lives in Whilton but walks the footpaths offered to be Footpath Warden. All approved. Clerk to Contact Highways with his details. To consider response to Consultation on proposed Solar Farm in item 34 It was thought this is a fact finding mission. Council to log that there needs to be more information on visibility from Bringtons. It was unclear about land management - will there be wildflowers growing in between the panels or sheep grazing? Also more information needed on screening Cllr S Beeusaert leaves. Update for information Developer would like to present to council in July about plans for developing site on edge of village.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>38 a) b) c)</p>	<p>Community To consider actions needed for gate to Kimbells Field It was felt that it would be better to replace the gate than to try to repair. Clerk to obtain supply and fit quotes for next meeting To consider offer from resident to paint benches in the village Resident was thanked for generous offer. It was noted that the bench outside the church needed repair. Clerk to check asset register to confirm which benches belong to the council. The council will then decide which benches need painting and will supply the paint needed. Update for information no further updates</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>39 a) b)</p>	<p>Environment To consider whether the council would like to participate in the Queens Green Canopy project for the Jubilee There is a scheme prompting planting of trees for the 2022 platinum jubilee celebrations. Council thought this would be nice to do but we are limited to where a tree could be planted as we do not own any land. It was thought it would be nice to do and make an event of it. Woodland Trust has offers on trees, clerk to investigate. Updates for information Dog bin at church has lots of litter around it. Althorp asked the council if we could provide litter bin, Council have agreed but waiting to have confirmation from Althorp as to which bin they would like. Maybe the dog bin could be removed and replaced with a litter bin?</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>

	There are also many “Slow Down – Horses” signs that have been put up. It was questioned if these were legal. Clerk to contact Highways	
40	Communication	KW
a)	To consider next actions following survey results It was thought that there needs to be a working group set up to start some initiatives. However without Cllr White being present, who has led the project to date, the council were not sure where we were with this	
b)	To consider new format for agenda and minutes New format agenda has been used and clerk asked for feedback on this and minutes. It was thought this was good for the moment but may change if there is a rebranding with a new website.	
c)	Update for information All councillors should now have access to outlook emails and Teams via 365. Cllr Beeuseart can help reset passwords should anyone have issues logging in.	

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 21st July 2021.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 13th July 2021.

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 16th June 2021

APPENDIX

Clerks Report June 2021

BINS – Dog Bin has been delivered for installation at the avenue of trees. Althorp will install soon. We are also working with Althorp to add extra bins around the villages.

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

BATH HOUSE DEVELOPMENT – Althorp have contacted the Parish Council with some ideas of what they would like to do with the land. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss pros and cons of proposals. When Althorp have firm plans these will be available for the public to comment on.

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

PARISH PLAN – Following the results of the village survey the parish council is looking to put together a 4 year strategy. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact the clerk

Bank Balance as end May

Bank Balance

Balance in Current Account YTD	635.33
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	26,218.91
Total	26,854.24

Cash Book

Opening Balance	19,382.81
Expenditure to Date	4,152.99
Income to Date	11,624.42
Total	26,854.24

Payments for approval in June

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Compete366	DD	Transfer to office 365	1320.00	220.00

R&G Groundworks	BT	grass cutting	460.22	76.72
Brington Primary School	BT	Defbrillator and cabinet	1078.19	0.00
Reading Room	BT	Hall Hire	48.00	0.00
EON	BT	Electricity pavillion	10.06	0.48
Compete366	DD	365 subscription	41.52	6.92
Mrs S Willis	BT	Zoom subscription	14.39	2.40
Thomas James	SO	KF Caretaker	20.00	0.00
Peter Leydon	SO	LB Caretaker	20.00	0.00
Mrs S Willis	BT	Clerk June	423.11	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	48.20	0.00
		Total	3,483.69	306.52

Income

HMRC		VAT refund	784.42
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