

The Bringtons Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 21st July 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, WNC Cllr P Bignell, Representative regarding plans near church, 2 representative from Althorp and 11 members of public

Meeting Start: 7.45pm

		Action
41	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies accepted for Cllr K White. Vice Chair Cllr J Milne took the chair	
42	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
43	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 16th June 2021 and any matters arising It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed.	
44	Reports	
a)	Clerk See appendix	
b)	West Northants Council West Northants Council are still at a settling in phase. For planning applications. Should the council feel that an application needs to go to committee rather than officer approval, council should contact one of the WNC councillors who will decide if it should be called in.	
c)	Police No updates to give.	
45	Finance	
a)	Reconciliation of Bank Balance See appendix. Bank balance confirmed by internal controller	
b)	Payments due in July See appendix.	
c)	To receive end of Quarter 1 budget report This had been reconciled by internal controller. No other comments to make at this time.	
d)	To consider Asset Register and approve and amendments Cllr Richardson had checked street light register and believes there is one missing. Changes to be made. There are 2 benches that are not on our register but it was thought these should be added so that they can be maintained. Benches by church and between the Great Brington and Little Brington to be added to the Register. Bollards on the Greens in the 2 villages also needed to be added. It was questioned if the new defibrillator should be added. This will belong to the school and it will be their responsibility. The council only provided a grant in funding.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
e)	To consider councillors as signatories on the bank account As Stuart Norey has now left the council he needs removing from the mandate and another needs to replace him. Cllr Tompkins offered to be added to the account. This was approved.	Clerk / NT
f)	Updates for Information No further updates	
46	Planning	
a)	Updates for information	

	No updates	
47	Community	
a)	To consider actions needed to reopen the pavillion, including refreshing paintwork, installation of play equipment box, installation of portaloo and any other matters of improvement The majority of work needed minimal funding but manpower. It was proposed that the Friends of the Pavillion group is reformed. Key was given to Christine Whiley. The group already have a small fund to use for buying paint. It was asked if the pavilion should be reworked for a toilet to be installed. This could be a longer term plan. Use of a Portaloo for the summer was discussed but it was thought it could be misused. It was agreed that the council could provide a portaloo if needed when the field and pavilion were hired.	FOP
b)	To consider process for use of the Pavillion by the public It was thought that a booking system is needed. This could work similar to the booking of the Reading Rooms. Clerk to get key to be left at the post office	Clerk
c)	Update for information no further updates	
48	Environment	
a)	To consider works needed to benches It was proposed that wood preserver is purchased and volunteer is asked to paint 3 benches that need it in Little Brington Playing Field and on Folly Road. Benches outside the church and between Little Brington and Great Brington need some repairs. It was thought it may be better to replace. Clerk to investigate options.	Clerk
b)	Updates for information No further updates	
49	Communication	
a)	To consider use of committees of the parish council It was thought that there needed to be some working groups. Some of these would come out of the survey and plans but it was thought that the website needed looking into. Cllr Tompkins and Cllr Beeuseart to look into this.	NT/SB
c)	Update for information No further updates	
50	To receive presentation regarding proposals for land near the church Presenter – Colin Clayson of Clayson Country Homes Ltd. Illustrations and plans were circulated. The plan is to take the industrial buildings and make them into stone built farm barns and convert to 1 dwelling on the same footprint. Access will be up the hill within the 30mph zone to be safer. There are plans to plant more trees. There have been concerns that this would open up the orchard for further housing. Current land owner doesn't want this and is willing to put covenant on land to prevent this. This is currently in discussion. There could also be planning conditions added that prevent trees being cut down. This would be outside the village boundary and would remain outside the village boundary. They do not want the plans to be controversial and are happy to take on comments.	
51	To receive presentation from Althorp about proposals for land behind the Bath House Presenter – Stephen Lucas of Lucas Land and Planning. This is seen as an informal consultation to see what issues may be brought to light. 2 plans were shown. Both had 7 units (4 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed 1 x 4 bed). Is there a need for slightly larger properties to allow room for home working? Housing Needs Survey suggested bungalows are needed but the conservation area is not the correct setting for this type of property. Trees will be maintained and given TPOs where needed and hedge will be added. Bat survey being undertaken to ensure correct planting. Access from Back Lane was discussed, as was pedestrian access behind the Reading Room. There will be space added for use by playgroup. This will be owned and maintained by the estate. There should be plenty of parking for houses plus others in the	

	village to take parking off Main Street. It is thought that some properties will be owned by Althorp and rented. Details to be confirmed with LPA. Issues and comments will be considered and plans redrafted. It was thought an extraordinary meeting may be needed when plans come back to the council. Current plans will not be circulated.	
52	Public Time One member of the public mentioned the footpath between Great Brington and Little Brington as being overgrown. This has been cut back recently but Little Brington end is still overgrown. Weeds are also growing through asphalt and making it difficult underfoot in some places. Maybe it could be a community event to cut the vegetation back. There are also a lot of overhanging trees between the villages. Another member of the public also noted that there needs to be good communication about meetings on the noticeboard. It was mentioned that agricultural vehicles seem to be speeding through the village.	Clerk

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 15th September 2021.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 7th September 2021.

Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 21st July 2021

Clerks Report July 2021

BINS – Quotes are being received for installation of rubbish bins around the village

BROADBAND AT THE READING ROOMS – Gigaclear have offered free access for 1 year at the Reading Rooms and we are in communication about installation.

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 June

Bank Balance	
Balance in Current Account YTD	621.64
Value of cheques yet to clear	0
Reserve account balance YTD	24,218.91
Total	24,840.55

Cash Book	
Opening Balance	19,382.81
Expenditure to Date	6,316.68
Income to Date	11,774.42
Total	24,840.55

Payments for approval in July

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Northants CALC	BT	Training Course - S Beeusaert	44.00	0.00
Compete366	DD	365 subscription	41.52	6.92
ICO	DD	Data Protection registration	40.00	0.00
Mrs S Willis	BT	Clerk July	423.31	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	48.00	0.00
Reading Room	BT	Room Hire	16.00	0.00
R&G Groundworks	BT	grass cutting	460.22	76.72
Thomas James	SO	KF Caretaker	20.00	0.00

Peter Leydon	SO	LB Caretaker	20.00	0.00
		Total	1,113.05	83.64