

# *The Bringtons Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Reading Room, Great Brington**

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**Present:** Chairman Cllr P Richardsone, Cllr T Lake, Cllr N Tompkins

**Also Present:** Clerk, WNC Cllr D Lister and 5 members of public

**Meeting Start:** 7.45pm

		Action
<b>63</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Apologies accepted for Cllr K White, Cllr J Milne and Cllr S Beeuseart. As both chair and vice chair were absent it was proposed that Cllr P Richardson takes the chair for this meeting.	
<b>64</b>	<b>Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda.</b> None declared	
<b>65</b>	<b>Public Time</b> It was asked if the existing website could be made accurate as there is a lot of outdated information on there whilst we wait for the new one. One reason for getting a new one is that the old one is hard to update. Details will be looked at so correct information is on the new one. An update on the defibrillator was asked for. As the councillor involved was not present the council could not confirm but thought that it had been fitted. Subject of caretakers of the field was raised again. The role needs to be discussed with the person currently doing it to see how long the tasks take each month. Edwin Christmas the new estate director at Althorp introduced himself. There is a lot to do but he wants to engage with the villages. There is a small herd of cattle at Grange Farm and there is a pilot scheme with Land Gardeners to use compost from sustainable sources to improve the soil fertility. He was asked if one of the fields will be put to wildflower next year as had been suggested in the past. He was not sure but would check. He was also asked if the estate would provide Christmas trees for the villages. Again he would ask.	
<b>66</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and any matters arising</b> It was agreed the minutes were correct and could be signed. Re 61a – Clerk had contacted parishioner about benches but had no reply. He was present and said he hadn't received the email. Clerk to resent. Re 61b – 2 <sup>nd</sup> dog bin had been installed at the church car park Gigaclear will be installing the broadband on 26 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>67</b>	<b>To consider co-option of New Councillor</b> As the person interested in joining the council was not present it was proposed to defer to the next meeting.	
<b>68</b>	<b>Reports</b> <b>a) Clerk</b> See appendix. <b>b) West Northants Council</b> Strategic Plans are up for consultation and everyone is encouraged to take a look and respond. <b>c) Police</b> none	
<b>69</b>	<b>Finance</b> <b>a) Reconciliation of Bank Balance</b> See appendix. Bank balance confirmed by internal controller <b>b) Payments due in October</b>	

c)	See appendix. <b>Updates for Information</b> Clerk advised that budgeting would need to be considered in January meeting and for all to start thinking about what might need to be included above everyday spend.	
70 a)	<b>Planning</b> <b>Updates for information</b> Application for the Butchery discussed last time has confirmed that there has been an ecology report and a bat box is to be included.	
71 a) b)	<b>Community</b> <b>To consider a request from Brington Primary school to display vinyl infographic panel at the Spire</b> It is not really for the council to give permission. This would need discussing with land owner, Althorp and it may need a planning application. Clerk to respond <b>Update for information</b> no further updates	Clerk
72 a) b)	<b>Environment</b> <b>To consider caretaker role in Little Brington following the resignation of current caretaker</b> It was thought that this role, and the Great Brington one, should be linked to the village plan and may need revising. There needs to be a discussion with the Kimbells Field Caretaker to assess role. In the meantime Cllr P Richardson will take on duties in Little Brington <b>Updates for information</b> No further updates	PR
73 a)	<b>Communication</b> <b>Update for information</b> Several companies have been approached to quote for the new website. Date of next meeting will be moved 1 week to 24 <sup>th</sup> November	

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Items for the agenda to be received by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## Appendices to accompany the Agenda for 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Clerks Report October 2021

**BROADBAND AT THE READING ROOMS** – Gigaclear have set a date to install broadband at the Reading Rooms. Details will be advertised when complete.

**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

**DACT BUSES** – Monthly buses to Daventry and Northampton are back up and running. See the noticeboards or contact the clerk for

### Bank Balance as end September 2021

#### Bank Balance

<b>Balance in Current Account YTD</b>	10,944.63
<b>Value of cheques yet to clear</b>	1,357.13
<b>Reserve account balance YTD</b>	21,418.91

#### Cash Book

<b>Opening Balance</b>	19,382.81
<b>Expenditure to Date</b>	11,140.82
<b>Income to Date</b>	22,764.42

<b>Total</b>	31,006.41
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**Payments for approval in October**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>VAT inc</b>
R&G Groundworks	bt	grass cutting	<b>460.22</b>	76.72
DACT	bt	Membership fee	<b>15.00</b>	0.00
Reading Room	bt	Room Hire	<b>16.00</b>	0.00
Need the Loo Hire	bt	Portaloos for event on Kimbells Field	<b>90.00</b>	15.00
Thomas James	so	KF Caretaker	<b>20.00</b>	0.00
Mrs S Willis	BT	Clerk Oct	<b>423.31</b>	0.00
HMRC	BT	PAYE	<b>48.00</b>	0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,072.53</b>	<b>91.72</b>

Income

Kimbells Field Hire	100.00
Precept	10849.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>10949.00</b>