



**Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17 January 2024, Reading Room, Great Brington**

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Present: Cllr White (Chair), and Cllr J Milne (Vice Chair), S Beuesart, T Lane and M Roach.

Also Present: Clerk, Ward Cllrs P Bignell, C Morton and 2 members of public

Meeting Started at 7.45pm

		Action
79/2023	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting	
80/2024	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs R Gardner and N Tompkins were approved by acclamation.	
81/2024	Members are requested to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda. None declared	
83/2024	Public Time The Councillors heard representations from 2 residents in support of their Planning Application at Item 7 on the Agenda.	
84/2024	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 15 November 2023 and 6 December 2023 Following an amendment to add Ward Cllr Morton as having attended the meeting on 6 December 2023, Cllr T Lane proposed and Cllr M roach seconded that the Minutes for both meetings be signed as a true and correct records and this was agreed by acclamation.	Clerk
85/2024	Reports	
a)	Chair Cllr White reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He had met with representative from the Althorp Estate and it had been agreed in writing that Althorp would cut Kimbells Field and the playing field next to the school by the end of that week (19 January 2024);• He had chased Althorp Estate again for the written confirmation of their agreement for 3 dog bins to be installed by the Parish Council at sites agreed during a site visit in March 2023;• No response had been received from Althorp yet with reference to the Medieval Cross repairs following confirmation by WNC Highways (October 2023) that the landowners are the Althorp Estate;• No confirmation had been received from Althorp that the Parish Council could include the annotated Althorp Plan of Estate owned properties and trees, on the Parish Council website and he would contact Althorp for a response to these matters.• He had not yet received a response from Cllr Nunn (Leader WNC) in response to the issues he raised at their meeting in November 2023 and would follow this up;	Chair
b)	Clerk The Clerk's report was noted (see appendix).	
c)	Ward Councillors' Report: Cllr Bignell had submitted a report that had been circulated to Councillors which was noted. (see appendix).	
d)	Police Report No Police representative as present and report had not been received. Cllr S Beuesart was asked to request more police presence in the Parish.	Cllr S Beuesart

86/2024 Planning Applications notified by West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) after publication of the Agenda:

- a) The Council noted the following additional planning applications:
- i) 2024/0158/NMA Non material amendment to WND/2023/0062 at Church Farm Barns Steeple Lane Little Brington – No comments recorded.
 - ii) 2023/7963/TCA – Works to fell 1 x Pine Tree in Conservation Area at The Althorp Coaching Inn Main Street Great Brington – No comments were recorded.
- Notified Planning Applications**
- b) i) 2023/7765/FULL Applegarth Main Street Little Brington NN7 4HP for Alteration of position of vehicular and pedestrian access gates and replacement of two rear doors. Deadline for Comments to West Northants Council 30 January 2023
The Parish Council received a presentation from the applicants in support and after discussion, no comments were recorded.
- ii) 2023/7766/LBC Applegarth Main Street Little Brington NN7 4HP
Listed building consent for alteration of position of vehicular and pedestrian access gates and replacement of two rear doors. Deadline for Comments to West Northants Council 30 January 2023. After receiving clarification that WNC Heritage Section had inspected the property and their Impact Statement was available on the WNC website, no comments were recorded
- iii) 2023/7601/COND Church House Farm, Steeple Lane, Little Brington, NN7 4HN Conditions 3 - 3A [Site Characterisation] and 3B [Submission of Remedial Scheme]. Application of approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 3A & 3B of Planning Permission [2023/6271/PA]. [Change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling (Class Q)] - Discharge of Conditions.No comments were recorded.
- d) The Council noted the status of previous Planning Applications:
- i) 2023/227614/Full The Stables Main St Little Brington **Approved 21 Dec 2023** subject to conditions
 - ii) 2023/7703/FULL At 1-4 Wardles Close Great Brington NN7 4HU **Approved 2 Jan. 2024** subject to Conditions
 - iii) 2023/7678/FULL Orchard House 2 Fermoy Court Little Brington NN7 4JP **Approved 8 Jan 2024** Construction of 8-car garage, gym, sauna, steam room, storage and associated works ancillary to No.2 Fermoy Court subject to conditions.
 - iv) 2023/7651/FULL Orchard House 2 Fermoy Court Little Brington NN7 4JP **Approved 8 Jan 2024** Removing existing conservatory, new two storey rear extension subject to conditions.
 - v) 2023/7562/TCA Holly House 5 Brington Road Long Buckby NN6 7RW - Elder "sambucas" Fell and eco plug **Approved 18 Dec 2023**
- e) **Other Planning Matters**
No other planning matters were raised.

87/2024 Environment

a) To receive updates from the Althorp Estate

There being no rep from Althorp present to advise on outstanding matters, the Chair referred to his report at Minute 83/2024/a. Althorp

b) Reading Room Lease.

The Chair indicated he would be arranging a meeting with the Reading Room Trustees to discuss new draft Reading Room Lease and Cllr Milne indicated he would follow up receiving a legal check by a third party (Minute 72/2023/c refers) Chair
Cllr Milne

c) Councillors present advised that WNC be advised that there was no electrical equipment in the highway, such as streetlights, vehicle-activated speed devices, and other equipment. Clerk

88/2024 Consultations

West Northamptonshire Council launched Stage One Consultation for Community Governance Review Responses required by 31 January 2024.

Ward Cllr Bignell summarised that the consultation included a review of ward and parish boundaries, changing parish council names and that any proposed changes would not come into being until 2025.

Councillors discussed enlarging the Parish Boundary to include adjacent Parish Meetings and the Chair proposed that it be put forward that Althorp Parish Meeting be amalgamated with Brington Parish Council:

Seconded: Cllr J Milne

Agreed: Unanimous

Clerk

89/2024 Finance

a) To Note the Bank Balance at 31 December 2023

It was noted that the Bank Balance of the Current Account was £584.21 and the Savings Account was £37,682.20.

b) MS365 Costs

Cllr Beuesart proposed that the Back Up charge for MS365 content across Email/Share Point/One Drive at a monthly cost of 15p x 16GB =£2.40 per month be approved.

Seconded: Cllr J Milne

Approved: Unanimous

c) To Approve Payments made in December 2023 and January 2024 (See Appendix)

Proposed: Cllr J Milne

Seconded: Cllr K White

Approved: Unanimous

d) Draft Budget

Councillors noted the draft budget that was circulated at the meeting and following a discussion the Clerk was asked to amend budget lines referring to IT & Website Costs, Parish Improvements and Little Brington Playing Field and recirculate to Councillors.

Clerk

e) 2024-25 Parish Precept

It was noted that the Precept requirement was required to be submitted to WNC by 18 January 2024. Councillors also noted that the Precept of £21,680.00 had not increased for at least 2 years and following a discussion, the Chair proposed that the Taxbase calculations and Precept Return submitted to WNC be agreed at £23,210.00 which was an approximate increase of 7%.

Seconded: Cllr J Milne

Agreed: Unanimous

The Chair and Vice Chair then signed the WNC 2024-25 Estimated Precept form for submission to WNC.

Clerk

88/2024 Play Area Project

In his absence Cllr R Gardner had submitted an update to the Chair that advised he was still awaiting further quotes. The Councillors noted that once the draft budget had been agreed, quotes could be approved and funding bids for further phases could be made.

89/2024 To exclude members of the public from Item 13 "Communication" by virtue of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that there may likely be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the Council's business)

Proposed: Cllr J Milne, Seconded Cllr K White – Agreed Unanimously

90/2024 Communication

The Council noted verbal reports from the Chair and the Clerk

Meeting closed: 9.20 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 21 February 2024

Please advise items for inclusion on the January Agenda to the Clerk by 5pm Friday 9 February 2024.

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month except in August and December when there is no scheduled meeting.

Signed: *Keith White*

Dated: 21 February 2024

CLlr K White (Chair)

Appendices

Clerks Report and Correspondence List

Minute 83/2024 (b) refers

1.	<p>West Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2024/25 Consultation</p> <p>At their meeting on 12 December 2023, the Council’s Cabinet approved plans to consult on WNC's Draft Budget for 2024-25 and we are now seeking views on these proposals. This consultation closes midnight Tuesday 23 January 2024.</p> <p>Have your say</p> <p>If you would like further information on the proposals and to give us your comments, please visit West Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2024/25 Consultation.</p>
2	<p>2023-24 Audit – the Auditor has been in touch with possible dates for her to carry this out therefore the website needs updating with Audit documents and the bank mandate needs finalising.</p>
3	<p>In December a resident reported that when she had walked past Misikin House that morning, she noticed one of the cars had lost the cover and the rear window was smashed. Do we know if this has been reported to the owners?</p>
4	<p>A resident advised that the gazebo at 4 The Green had been reported to WNC Planning and has now been removed.</p>
5	<p>Kimbell's Field has been hired:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 4 May (all day) by Brian Warren for NGS Gardens Parking and 2. On 1 and 2 June for a vintage motorcycle event by Rob Bayman.
6	<p>Bringtons & Nobottle News - Once again, the DEADLINE for the above is <u>this coming Friday, 19th January by 9.00am</u> to: theoldbullpen@gmail.com</p> <p>Please advise any items for the Clerk to submit.</p>
7	<p>By-election to be held in Northampton next month - People living in West Northamptonshire Council’s East Hunsbury and Shelfleys electoral ward will be able to go to the polls on Thursday, 8 February to vote for a new councillor to represent their area. The election was prompted by a vacancy following the resignation of former WNC Councillor Suresh Patel. More information can be found at</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Electoral services</p> </div>
8.	<p>The road sign at Nobottle was apparently cleaned but they didn’t do both sides so this has been reported again.</p>
9.	<p>Members of West Northamptonshire Council’s (WNC) Taxi and General Licensing Committee will consider whether to approve a new draft policy designed to protect taxi and private hire passengers. The draft policy’s key aim is to ensure that drivers and vehicles meet high standards in protecting the public and providing a quality service. It has been through extensive consultation in recent months with many opportunities for the everyone, including the industry, to submit comments. More details at Taxi and Private Hire Draft Policy</p>
10.	<p>Althorp Estate have advised that they understand a payment made in March 2022 for rent had not been received although this was minuted at the time; Cllr Milne indicated he would investigate the Bank Statements at the time and advise.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding – Due to storm Hawk our agencies have been very active over the last few days. Kier have attended 245 incidents across our area relating to roads and trees. We also co-ordinated the evacuation of 2300 people at Billing Aquadrome. • Consultation season – there are numerous consultations currently in progress and would encourage individual Councillors to have their say. <p>1 Budget for 2024/5 – this is open until 23rd Jan before final budget goes to Cabinet 22nd Feb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Parish arrangements – again a chance to have your say on the range of proposals on the table, ranging from boundaries, number of Councillors and dissolving parish meetings. • A new online directory of services for children and young people in WN with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has been launched. The local offer website is a user-friendly online platform that brings together a range of information about services available. There is also communities online in Instagram, Facebook and X. • A new draft policy for Taxi services will be considered this week (w/c 15/01/23) to protect taxi and private hire passengers. This draft policy has already been through extensive consultation and should ensure passengers have a positive experience. In addition to this Taxi Marshalls patrol taxi rank in Northampton at weekends to again ensure safety of passengers. • The Pothole Pro machine which was acquired by WNC has recently entered service recently. This machine supplied by JCB is designed to repair potholes in 8 mins and will be used on roads in WNC. Its design delivers a “unique three in one solution” which reduces the number of staff needed for the job. The machine has teeth which breaks up existing surface and waste is swept away into a bucket. It then cuts back any edges so when material is laid it’s got a nice flat edge to seal the surface back to.
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Payments for Noting 15 December 2023

To Agree the following Payments:

Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT
S Muir	Clerk December 2023	609.66	-
		106.20	
HMRC	Income Tax December		-
S Muir	Expenses	76.88	
D M Payroll	Payroll Admin Inv 3159	60.00	
Yu Energy - Streetlighting Inv 01387775	Direct Debit	16.08	0.77
Yu Energy - Streetlighting Inv. 01387774	Direct Debit	132.53	6.31
Reading Room (Nov Meeting)	Inv 231105	16.00	

To Agree Payments 17 January 2024 (and any invoices received after publication of the Agenda)

Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT
S Muir	Clerk 31 January 2024	452.07	-
		152.40	
HMRC	Income Tax 31 January 2024		-
Yu Energy - Streetlighting Inv 01387775	Direct Debit	16.08	0.77
Yu Energy - Streetlighting Inv. 01387774	Direct Debit	132.53	6.31
	Electricity (£3.00 £0.15(VAT) £3.15)		
EON (Pavilion) Inv KI- EA4D0588-0025	Direct Debit - Credit Note	-116.68	
DACT Bus Trip Subscription	DACT/Mrs A Richley	£30.00	
Reading Room Inv 23102	6 December 2023 Council Meeting	£20.00	

RECEIPTS

Payee	Detail	Amount	VAT
B Warren (TBC)			
	Kimbell's Field Hire 5 May 2024	£50.00	-