



**Minutes of the Parish Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 19 June 2024, Reading Room, Great Brington**

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Present: Cllr J Milne (Vice Chair), Cllr S Beeusaert, R Gardner, M Roach and N Tompkins.

Also Present: Clerk, Ward Cllr P Bignell (Late Arrival) and 5 members of public.

Apologies: Cllrs K White (Chair) and Ward Cllr C Morton

Meeting Started at 7.45pm

32/2024	Welcome and Announcements	Action
	The Clerk welcomed all to the meeting and explained that the first item business was to elect a Vice Chair, this item had been deferred from the previous meeting.	
33/2024	To Elect a Vice-Chair for the year 2024-25	
	A nomination had been received to elect Cllr Milne as Vice-Chair for the year 2024-25 Proposed: Cllr Beeusaert Seconded: Cllr Roach Carried Unanimously Cllr Milne then chaired the meeting in the Chair's absence.	
34/2024	Declaration of Acceptance	
	Cllr Milne signed the Declaration of Acceptance as Vice-Chair for the year 2024-25	Clerk
35/2024	To receive and approve apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received from Cllrs White (Chair) and Ward Cllr Morton and were approved by acclamation.	Clerk
36/2024	Declaration of Interest	
	Members to make any disclosable pecuniary interests declarations or personal interests they may have in the business to be transacted and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.	None Declared
37/2024	Public Time	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question regarding publication periods of Parish Council Meeting Agendas on Notice Boards, Cllr Tompkins and the Clerk confirmed they were displayed on the Notice Boards, Parish Council website and emailed to residents in accordance with the statutory notice period (3 clear working days). • A resident asked why the expenditure for the Play Area had not been minuted and the Clerk advised that Minute 15/2024 of 17 April 2024 referred. • A resident asked why the expenditure for the repair of the Cricket Pavilion Roof had not been minuted and the Clerk indicated that this would be reported in the Clerk's Report later on the Agenda. • A resident indicated that a waste bin in Kimbles Field was overflowing and the Clerk was asked to get this cleared. It was noted that although there wasn't a dog waste bin in the field, a notice directed dog walkers to the nearest one. • A member of the public asked if the traffic survey results were available and the Vice Chair indicated that this was an item later on the agenda. 	Clerk

<p>38/2024</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>The Councillors noted Reports from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West Northamptonshire Council Long Buckby Ward – Cllr P Bignell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West Northants Council Budget 2023-24 had an underspend of approx. £200,000; • The Sandy Lane Road closure had been partly removed and it was not clear when the final works would be completed. 2. The Parish Clerk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The combined Dog & General Waste Bin had been ordered with a 5–6-week lead time. Cllr Roach was thanked for accepting delivery at his home. It would then need to be fitted. • The July meeting had been moved to 18 July and this had been confirmed with the Post Office; • The Cricket Pavilion Roof had been repaired at a cost of £825 excluding VAT. 3. Cllr Gardner (on behalf of the Chair): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearance work had started at the Play Area; trees had been crown lifted, cut back at the Gateway to allow emergency vehicle access, and the grass had been mowed back to the Boundary. Levelling work and grass seeding and installation of the mesh fence where yet to be completed. 	
<p>39/2024</p>	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 17 April 2024 and 15 May 2024</p> <p>Cllr Milne proposed and Cllr Gardner seconded that the Minutes be signed as true and correct records and this was agreed by acclamation.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>40/2024</p>	<p>Reading Room Update</p> <p>Cllr Milne indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been recent correspondence with Althorp Estate about terms of rental provisions in the Lease, but otherwise most issues were substantially agreed; • The Parish Council Chair had asked the Reading Room Trustees (RRT) for financial information including Audited Accounts and a List of Trustees and was awaiting a response; • An invoice from Althorp Estate for Reading Room rent had been paid by the Parish Council on behalf of the RRT and the Parish Council were awaiting repayment from the Reading Room Trustees; and • Cllr Milne had met with lawyers who had reviewed the Draft Lease and gave a verbal confirmation of some of the issues he had raised but until the above information had been received from the RRT, this could not be progressed. 	
<p>41/2024</p>	<p>Traffic Issues in the Parish</p> <p>Councillor S Beeusaert reported the data from the traffic monitoring devices (see Annex) that showed that although the volume of traffic had increased, speeds of vehicles had not.</p> <p>Councillors noted that the survey was carried out when the A428 was closed at night and Sandy Lane was closed, which may have skewed the results.</p> <p>It was stated that Northants Police can only take action if vehicles are shown to be speeding.</p> <p>Councillors noted that:</p>	

44/2024	Environment (i) Councillors noted the update from Althorp Estates: a. Some trees had been taken down in Kimble's Field and these would be replaced at some point; b. The Estate wish to keep Althorp Parish Meeting and not include this in the Brington Parish Council boundary; (ii) A resident had asked the Parish Council to cut the verges and the clerk is checking with WNC if this is their responsibility.	
45/2024	To consider reviewing the Parish Council's Financial Regulations	
(a)	Councillors noted that the Financial Regulations were required to be reviewed and in addition, the Parish Council could, under Local Government Act 1972 section 111 and section 137, lawfully issue grants under its statutory powers. It was agreed that a policy was required for Parish Council Grants in excess of £500. 1.The Councillors received a draft copy of the Revised Financial Regulations that had been obtained from N Calc and it was proposed by Cllr Milne that these be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed by all. 2. The Councillors received a draft copy of the draft Grants Policy and Application Form and it was proposed by Cllr Milne that these be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Beeusaert and agreed by all.	
46/2024	Audit Report, Annual return and Governance Statement	
	The Councillors noted the Audit Report and Approved the Governance Statement and AGAR Annual return, which Cllr Milne (Vice Chair) and the Clerk signed. It was noted that the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability return for year end 31 March 2024 would be displayed on the Parish Council noticeboards and website. Proposed: Cllr N Tompkins Seconded: Cllr Gardner Approved: Unanimous	Clerk
47/2024	Communications and Consultations	
	The appointment of Cllr H Gifford as the new Chair of West Northants Council was noted.	
48/2024	Finance	
(a)	Councillors noted the Bank Balance at 19 June 2024 of the Current Account at £1684.06 and Reserve Account at £42116.67. This included receipts of the VAT Claim 2023/24 of £1249.95 and Bank interest of £141.11.	
(b)	To Note the Bank Reconciliation and Approve Payments due in June 2024 (See Annex)	
	The Payments were approved and the receipts and Bank Reconciliation were noted. It was also noted that the Clerks Expenses included an on line payment for the new Combined General and Dog Waste Bin of £855.18 plus VAT. Proposed: Cllr J Milne Seconded: Cllr Gardner Approved: Unanimous	

Meeting closed: 8.50 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.45 pm on Thursday 18 July 2024

Please advise items for inclusion on the June Agenda to the Clerk by 5pm Friday 6 July 2024.

Signed: ...*K White*..... (CHAIR)

DATED: 18 July 2024

Annexes

Traffic Survey

Minute 41/2024 refers

1. Date Up: 24/06/2022 Date Down: 01/07/2022

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Traffic Survey Report

Location: Main Street, Great Brington Description: 30mph repeater near No60
Date Up: 24/06/2022 Date Down: 01/07/2022 Number of vehicles in survey: 9630
Posted Limit: **30** Exceeding Limit **883** NPCC threshold: **35** At or Exceeding NPCC:
132 *85%: **30** 85%: **28**

Motorbikes Cars LGV's HGV's

mph

Detailed information

* The 85th percentile speed is the speed, which 85% of the vehicles are not exceeding. Road speed limits are commonly determined by the 85th percentile, given that 85% of drivers will drive at or below a speed that is comfortable for the given road conditions. Due to limitations of equipment used the classification of vehicles cannot be guaranteed as 100% accurate. All other parameters are deemed to be correct at the time recorded.

Facing: Into village towards Post Office mph GPS:
Vehicle average: 25mph 85%: **30**mph Count: 1616
85%: **30** mph 85%: **25** mph Count: 186 Count: 336
Count: 7492

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2. Traffic Survey Report

Date Up: 08/05/2024 Date Down: 15/05/2024

Location: Main Street, Great Brington Description: 30mph repeater near No60
Date Up: 08/05/2024 Date Down: 15/05/2024 Number of vehicles in survey: 12975
Posted Limit: **30** Exceeding Limit **678** NPCC threshold: **35**
At or Exceeding NPCC: **70** *85%: **28** 85%: **28** **Motorbikes Cars LGV's HGV's**
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Facing: Whilton Road / St Mary's Church mph
GPS: Vehicle average: 24mph
85%: **29**mph Count: 4366
85%: **27** mph 85%: **27** mph Count: 1463
Count: 304
Count: 6842

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FINANCE REPORT

Minute 48/2024b refers

(a) Payments

Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary June		452.07	
S Muir	BT	HMRC June		113.00	
S Muir	BT	Expenses	As receipts	956.65	149.69
R&G Landscape	BT	Grass Mowing	120765	483.60	80.60
R&G Landscape	BT	Cricket Pavilion Roof Repair	120766	990.00	165.00
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	01730331	15.89	0.76
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	01730330	109.53	5.22
Althorp Estates	BT	Invoice from 2021 not submitted by Althorp (Minute109/2024b refers) - Rent	14264	470.74	78.46
N Calc	BT	Annual Subscription	INV-3575	612.82	46.40
Compete 366	DD	Azure NCE Plan Consumption for previous April 2024	INV-20068	£1.84	0.31
Compete 366	DD	Azure NCE Plan Consumption for March 2024	INV-19740	£1.36	0.23
Compete 366	DD	Azure NCE Plan Consumption for March 2024	INV-20704	£1.86	0.31

(b) Receipts

Income	Date	Detail	Invoice Total
Bank Interest	03/06/24	Barclays Bank	141.11
Vat Refund	24/05/24	HMRC June	1249.95
		Total £	1391.06

c. Bank Balances & Reconciliation at 19 June 2024

Bank Balance		19 Jun-24	Cash Book	
Balance in Current Account YTD		1684.06	Opening Balance	35837.59
Value of payments yet to clear			Expenditure to date	-5032.92
Reserve Account Bank Balance YTD		42116.67	Income to date	12996.06
			Total	43800.73
Total		43800.73		