



Minutes of the Parish Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 18 September 2024, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Cllrs K White, (Chair), R Gardner, M Roach and N Tompkins.

Also Present: Clerk, Ward Cllrs Bignell and Morton. Althorp Rep. and 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs J Milne (Vice-Chair) and S Beeusaert and Ward Cllr D Lister and P Bignell for lateness.

Meeting Started at 7.45pm

61/2024	Welcome and Announcements	Action
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
62/2024	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs J Milne and S Beeusaert and Ward Cllr Lister and were approved by acclamation.	Clerk
63/2024	Declarations of Interest None received.	Clerk
64/2024	Public Participation	
	i.) A member of the public asked if Northampton would become a “15 Minute City” (an urban planning concept where everything a resident needed was within a 15 minute journey) and the Ward Cllr indicated that he wasn’t aware it would.	
65/2024	To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 18 July 2024 Subject to the words “Despite requests” being deleted in Minute 69/2024, Cllr Gardner proposed and Cllr Tompkins seconded that the Minutes be signed as a true and correct record and this was agreed by acclamation.	Clerk
66/2024	To Note Reports The Councillors noted Reports from: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Chair who advised that he had received a positive response with regard to the community fund of £20,000 to be paid annually for the 40-year lifetime of the project by EDF Renewables UK to be split between 3 parishes including Bringtons and be managed by a way of a liaison group with a representative from each affected Parish Council. This would be available on completion of the Solar Farm at Glassthorpe Hill & Land Off Brington Road Flore, probably in the Spring of 2025. He indicated that it was important the Brington Parish Council set out a strategy to ringfence this S.75 funding and to work with the other parishes on the details of how it would be managed.2. West Northamptonshire Council Long Buckby Ward – Cllr P Bignell (at appendix);3. The Parish Clerk (at Appendix);4. Northamptonshire Police – No report had been received although anecdotally, it was reported that the Drop In Session had been successful.	All

	The Councillors noted that there had been alarming break in recently and consequently ANPR cameras have been requested in the villages.	
67/2024	<p>Reading Room Lease Update</p> <p>1. To receive an update regarding the request for a capital contribution from Althorp Estate.</p> <p>It was noted that the Estate had offered offered to carry out an Electrical inspection of the Reading Room building. If any issues were flagged through the inspection, they would pay for the repairs, together with a replacement consumer board if required. The offer of looking into the electrics was the capital contribution from the Estate. These offers had been forwarded to the Reading Room Management Committee to consider. It was also noted that the Parish Council were keen to support the Reading Room as a viable community facility, and at the July meeting, had offered possible solutions to Reading Room Management Committee (Minute 54/2024 refers).</p> <p>2. To receive an update of the progress of the lease negotiations following the 18 July 2024 meeting.</p> <p>The Chair indicated that to date, the Reading Room Management Committee had not yet responded to the offer from Althorp Estates and the Parish Council, and therefore the lease negotiations could not currently be progressed.</p>	
68/2024 (a)	<p>To consider the following Planning Applications and Decisions and any additional application(s) presented after the publication of the agenda): (Planning Applications may be viewed at Planning application search - Planning register Planning register West Northamptonshire Council (planning-register.co.uk))</p> <p>a. 2024/4041/FULL at The Dutch Barn, 3 Folly Lane, Little Brington, NN7 4JR for the Construction of detached double garage. 2024/4041/FULL Deadline for comments 25 September 2024 following a request for an extension. Action It was resolved not to object to this application.</p> <p>b. 2024/4044/LDP At 3 & 4 The Green, Great Brington, NN7 4JD to Replace rotten timber windows to the front of the property with UPVC casement windows to the same look and finish 2024/4044/LDP (Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed)) Decision Date 25/10/2024. Action Following clarification that UPVC frames could be used, it was resolved not to object to this application.</p> <p>c. 2024/0672/MAO at Land North West Of, Upper High Street, Harpole Additional Information submitted for Outline Planning Permission (Major) for Hybrid planning application comprising: Full planning application for the demolition of existing buildings, erection of 100 dwellings including vehicular and pedestrian connection points, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, drainage and other associated infrastructure. Outline planning application (all matters reserved except for internal access) for the erection of 350 dwellings, public open space, pedestrian and cycle links, play area, drainage, landscaping, and all other associated works 2024/0672/MAO – Deadline for Comments extension to 24 Sept. 2024. Action It was resolved not to object to this application; however, the Clerk was asked to comment that the Parish Council was very concerned that the lack of supporting infrastructure had not been recognised; in particular, the surrounding roads already were well known accident black spots and this would be exacerbated with increased traffic levels.</p> <p>Additional Planning Applications received after publication of the Agenda:</p> <p>d.2024/4153/Full at The Green Little Brington for Replacement of all windows on annexe. Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey flat roof extension with 2no. roof lanterns. Installation of new LPG tank and boiler, air source heat pump and PV panels 2024/4153/FULL Action It was resolved not to object to this application.</p>	Clerk

	Proposed: Cllr N Tompkins Seconded: Cllr Gardner Approved: Unanimous	
74/2024	Play Area Equipment Project Update	
	<p>Cllr Gardner indicated that the clearance work had not yet been completed and that he would chase the contractor. The Clerk confirmed that an invoice had not yet been received. Cllr Gardner also summarised 3 quotes that had been received:</p> <p>Company A provided the most detailed quotation with three options ranging between £45,585.00 and £51,087.00.</p> <p>Company B quoted £23,687.00 and supplied a comprehensive catalogue of other items should we wish to change or include extra items.</p> <p>Company C provided a plan including the items requested and their quotation making a cost of £33,500.00.</p> <p>It was noted that £18,000.00 had been earmarked for this project in the 2024-25 budget.</p> <p>Cllr Tompkins proposed that sub-committee be formed to consider the quotes in detail consisting of herself Cllr Gardner and Cllr White (Chair) to report their recommendations to the 16 October 2024 Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>This was seconded by Cllr Roach and agreed by all.</p>	Cllrs White Gardner and Tompkins

Meeting closed: 20.50 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 16 October 2024

Please advise items for inclusion on the September Agenda to the Clerk by 5pm Friday 4 October 2024.

Signed: *Keith White*

Dated: 16 October 2024

Cllr K White (Chair)

1.	Damaged Notice Board –following an inspection it was advised that the Noticeboard was beyond repair and a new one be purchased. Prices and styles were circulated to Councillors for their consideration. Item 12c refers.
2.	Grass Cutting of Verges by WNC – It transpired that WNC had cut the verges as requested.
3.	Road Closure - Part of East Haddon Road will be closed between 11-15th November to allow Anglian water to install an air valve. Further details can be requested from Michelle Budd of WNC on 03457 145145
4.	Kimbles Field -. Enquiry received from Sue Heyworth and Amanda Cook for hiring the field, waiting confirmation of dates.
5.	Newsletter - Article about Play Area included in the Newsletter.
6.	Dog and Waste Bins – The combined Dog Waste & General Rubbish Bin was delivered for assembly. Styles and prices of the remaining Post Mounted Dog Bin were circulated to Councillors for their consideration and following a response one was ordered and delivered.
7.	Northants Police Drop In – The Reading Rooms invoiced the Parish Council for the use of the facility, however for further drop in events, we need to decide if the Parish Council is willing to sponsor these.
8.	Local Nature Recovery Strategy – West Northants Council is looking for a Parish Councillor representative to be assigned by parish council to look into and update the parish council members about the strategy - see email below at (1).
9.	Clerk Training – the Clerk has booked onto NCalc Procurement training on the new rules of the Procurement Act 2023, which comes into force on 28 October 2024 and replaces the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
10.	Clerk Annual Leave - from 21 September to 29 September
11.	Daventry Home Start Request for Support
12.	<p>Consultations from WNC</p> <p>1. To All Parish Councillors in West Northamptonshire: You are invited to a consultation briefing on the new Tree Strategy for West Northamptonshire. West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) is developing a Tree Strategy that sets out how the council will manage existing trees and plan for new trees. The final draft is now ready for consultation prior to adoption in 2025, and WNC is holding two further workshops specifically for parish and town councils: Tuesday 24 September 2024, 1000 – 1130, Egerton Hall, Brackley https://www.northantscalc.com/event/west-northamptonshire-council-tree-strategy-consultation-2024-09-24-1186/register Tuesday 24 September 2024, 1400 – 1530, Zoom https://www.northantscalc.com/event/west-northamptonshire-council-tree-strategy-consultation-2024-09-24-1187/register If possible, please make your bookings by 12 noon on Friday 20 September 2024</p> <p>2. Give us your views on Pharmaceutical Needs We are carrying out some important research across the whole of Northamptonshire to find out how people feel about the current services they receive from local pharmacies. We would like people to tell us what pharmacy services they have locally available, what they need, and what is missing. This will help to identify gaps and give us the information we need to help us to commission improvements. This consultation closes midnight Sunday 6 October 2024.</p>

1.	Northamptonshire Police is launching an eight-week push to drive down crime in Northampton town centre ahead of the re-opening of the historic Market Square. Traders are set to return to the site on 20 September, with a big event to celebrate the Market Square's reopening set to take place across 19 and 20 October. The revitalisation of the Market Square was not just about enhancing the physical environment but also about bringing significant community benefits.
2.	We'd like to hear people's views on the development of the WNC Local Transport Plan. The plan has been developed with key stakeholders and details a range of proposals to help shape transport across the area up to 2045. People can have a say via our online survey or look out for in-person events taking place online or at locations across West Northants.
3.	People who keep poultry or captive birds are being reminded by the West Northamptonshire Trading Standards Team to register their flock with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). Currently, it is only compulsory for anyone who keeps 50 or more birds to register their flock. From 1 October, new requirements will be introduced meaning anyone who keeps birds outside will have to register them - regardless of how many they own.
4.	The WNC Revenues and Benefits team is currently working on a massive service transformation that will bring together the accounts of over 180,000 households, 12,000 businesses and 30,000 housing benefit claims onto a new single software system. The move to the new single system next week paves the way for the Council to make the service much more efficient and cost-effective for residents whilst helping to save taxpayers around £360,000 – and will also improve the performance of the service. The Council's Revenues and Benefits team is currently working on a massive service transformation that will bring together the accounts of over 180,000 households, 12,000 businesses and 30,000 housing benefit claims onto a new single software system. The move to the new single system next week paves the way for the Council to make the service much more efficient and cost-effective for residents whilst helping to save taxpayers around £360,000 – and will also improve the performance of the service.
5.	Proposals have been unveiled for a new crematorium in West Northamptonshire to address the increasing need for cremation services across local communities. The state-of-the-art and sustainable new facility would be built on land at Wantage Farm, in the Round Spinney area of Northampton. With existing crematoria within the area operating above their capacity, the new facility will meet local need, reduce waiting times and improve the service for bereaved families. On average, 80 per cent of people opt for cremation over burial, and the new facility at Round Spinney, will relieve pressure on the other existing crematorium in West Northants.

From: Cllr Phil Bignell

1. (a) Payments for Approval 18 September 2024

Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary September		452.07	0
S Muir	BT	HMRC September		113.00	0
Reading Room	BT	Hire of the Reading Room Great Brington for Northants Police Drop In	240802	16.00	0
Glasdon	BT	Green Dog Bin and Post	SI893605	320.26	53.38
R&G Landscape	BT	Grass Mowing	121056	360.00	60.00
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	01929929	101.09	4.81
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	01929928	15.95	0.76
Compete 366	DD	365 Data Back Up	21749	2.24	0.37
EON Energy Credit Note	DD	Kimbles Pavilion Electricity Invoice Amount £114.35	KCR-EA4D0588-0008	(57.39)	

1. (b) Receipts to Note

Income	Date	Detail	Invoice Total
Barclays Bank	02/09/2024	Bank Interest	141.50
		Total £	141.50

2. Bank Balances & Reconciliation at 16 September 2024

- i. Current Account £3414.18 Reserve A/C £33,758.17
- ii. £3000 Transferred to Community Account on 8 September 2024

At 5 September 2024		Cash Book	
Bank Balance			
Balance in Current Account YTD	3305.39	Opening Balance 31/3/24	35837.59
Value of payments yet to clear		Expenditure to date	-8911.59
Reserve Account Bank Balance YTD	36616.67	Income to date	12996.06
Total	39922.06	Total	39922.06

3 (a) Payments Noted 21 August 2024

Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary August		452.07	
S Muir	BT	HMRC Month Ending 5 Sept. 2024		113.00	
ICO	DD	Data Protection Fee due 04/08/24 DD	Letter	40.00	TBA
R&G Landscape	BT	Grass Mowing	120961	360.00	60.00
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	01861938	96.87	4.61
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	01861939	15.40	0.73
Luna Commercial	BT	Picnic Benches Kimbles Field	SI - 438	780.00	130.00
Compete 366	BT	Azure NCE Plan consumption for the previous calendar month	INV-21457	0.17	
EON Energy Credit Note	DD	Kimbles Pavilion Electricity Invoice Amount £10.03	KCR-KI- EA4D0588- 0033	(47.36)	

(b) Receipts Noted

Income	Date	Detail	Invoice Total	
Kimbles Field Hire	11/08/24	Bob Peters Cricket Parking	50.00	
		Total £	50.00	

4. Bank Balances & Reconciliation at 01 August 2024

Current Account £ 2336.95 Reserve A/C £ 36616.67

Bank Balance		At 01 August 2024		Cash Book	
Balance in Current Account YTD	2336.95	Opening Balance 31/3/24	35837.59		
Value of payments yet to clear			-9880.03		
Reserve Account Bank Balance YTD	36616.67	Income to date	12996.06		
Total	£38953.62	Total	£38953.62		