



Minutes of the Parish Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 16 October 2024, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Cllrs K White, (Chair), J Milne (Vice Chair), R Gardner, M Roach and N Tompkins.

Also Present: Clerk, Ward Cllrs Bignell and Morton. Althorp Rep. and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr S Beeusaert and Ward Cllr D Lister

Meeting Started at 7.45pm

75/2024	Welcome and Announcements	Action
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
76/2024	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr S Beeusaert and Ward Cllr Lister and were approved by acclamation.	Clerk
77/2024	Declarations of Interest None received.	Clerk
78/2024	Public Participation	
	i.) A resident raised that there was a safeguarding issue with the high speed and volume of traffic in the morning and evenings at the School. Speeding traffic through the villages was also raised at the August Northants Police Drop In. The resident also advised that broken flashing traffic speed signs had been reported to West Northants Council. Following a discussion about various traffic issues, the Parish Council indicated that it would contact West Northants Police and request the Camera Van be located at peak times at the School. It was noted that the traffic survey was reviewed by the Parish Council at Minute 41/2024 on 19/06/2024.	Clerk
	ii.) A resident reported that the code on the Parish Council defibrillator had worn off and asked that it be replaced.	Clerk
79/2024	To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 18 September 2024 the Minutes of the 18 September 2024 were proposed by Cllr Milne and seconded by Cllr Tompkins subject to the words "Despite requests" in <i>Minute 69/2024 Request to consider supporting a request for a Christmas Event for Volunteers</i> being deleted, and signed as a true and correct record and this was agreed by acclamation.	Clerk
80/2024	To Note Reports The Councillors noted Reports from: 1. The Chair advised he had nothing to report. 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.	All

<p>81/2024</p>	<p>Reading Room Lease Update</p> <p>1. To receive an update regarding the request for a capital contribution from Althorp Estate. The Parish Council was awaiting a response from the Reading Room Management Committee with regard to the offer from Althorp Estate to carry out an Electrical inspection of the Reading Room building as reported in Minute 67/2024 of 18/09/2024. It was noted that once the new lease was finalised, a programme of ongoing repairs could be drafted by the Reading Room Management Committee.</p> <p>2. To receive an update of the progress of the lease negotiations following the 18 July 2024 meeting. The Parish Council had received a response from the Reading Room Management Committee accepting the Parish Council offer to take on the responsibility of the Rent to Althorp Estate, subject to this being acceptable to the Althorp Estate and it was noted that this required checking that it would not affect the new draft lease.</p> <p>3. Insurance The Parish Council were unable to consider a request to subsidise the Insurance costs of the Reading Room until they were known. Councillors also raised concerns about the Security of the Reading Rooms, noting prior discussions on the potential provision of audio-visual equipment and how this would affect any Insurance claim.</p>	<p>Chair/Vice Chair/ Althorp</p>
<p>82/2024</p>	<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. 2024/4153/Full At The Green, Great Brington, NN7 4JD to Replacement of all windows in the annex, removal of existing conservatory and replacement with a single storey flat roof extension with 2 no roof lanterns, installation of new PG tank and boiler, air source heat pump and PV panels Decision Date 25/10/2024. Action after reconsideration, it was resolved not to object to this application.</p> <p>Additional Planning Applications received after publication of the Agenda:</p> <p>b. 2024/4694/COND Land at Glassthorpe Hill Discharge of conditions for Maintenance of Water Drainage Scheme, Biodiversity Plan and hard and soft Landscaping Action it was resolved not to object to this application.</p>	
<p>83/2024</p>	<p>To discuss Actions from the NCalc eUpdate September/October 2024</p> <p>1. Draft Complaints procedure. Cllr White (Chair) proposed that the draft Complaints Procedure that had been circulated be adopted, this was seconded by Cllr Tomkins and agreed Unanimously.</p> <p>2. To consider compliance with the revised Procurement Act. The Clerk indicated that she would research the topic and advise Council of the requirements.</p> <p>3. May 2024 Parish Council election. Councillors noted the Parish Election in May 2025 and the Ward Councillor explained the that should no candidates come forward then any funds held by the Parish Council would be returned to the Principle Authority.</p> <p>4. To consider Parish Council Website next steps. Councillors noted that the statutory requirements of the Parish website. With regard to village news items this could be done via a Village Noticeboard page on the website or a link to other village publications. Any training and ideas for this would need to be discussed with the website contractor.</p> <p>5. To consider a Parish Survey or revised Parish Plan. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to postpone this until the new Council year.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Clerk/ Cllr Tomkins</p>

	<p>6. To consider plans for Annual Parish Meeting May 2025 and “thank you” to local community. Following a discussion, this was deferred to a later meeting</p> <p>7. To consider a Village Hero Award for those who have helped the Community. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that Nominations be invited from Residents.</p>	All Clerk
84/2024	<p>Brington Parish Council Risk Assessment Register Review</p> <p>The Councillors noted minor amendments to the Risk Register and it was unanimously resolved to adopt the updated version.</p>	Clerk
84/2024	<p>Environment</p> <p>To receive updates from Althorp Estate:</p> <p>i) Cattle – These were still out in the fields however; the estate would be selling the cattle in the next 6 – 8 weeks.</p> <p>ii) Medieval Cross – The Chair circulated the Land Registry document dated 1968 confirming that the Medieval Cross and its site was in the ownership of the Althorp Estate since the 1400’s.</p> <p>iii) Cllr Roach advised he was still waiting for agreement from the Althorp Estate for the location in the Church Car Park for the new combined waste and dog-bin, that had been forwarded to them.</p> <p>To note updates from Parish Council</p> <p>i.) Damaged Parish Notice Board. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the quote from James Bird to produce a new replacement Notice Board Cabinet made from hardwood for £1050.00 as the sketch submitted be approved.</p> <p>ii.) Dog Waste Bins – 2 new dog waste bins had been ordered and received and Cllr Roach requested help in installing them. Following installation, the What3Words locations would be forwarded to the Clerk to notify the Waste Disposal company using the form they had supplied. Councillors noted that the annual costs of emptying a dog waste bin was £288.80.</p>	Clerk All
85/2024	<p>To Note West Northamptonshire Council Consultations</p> <p>The consultations were noted.</p>	
86/2024	<p>Finance</p>	
(a)	<p>Grant Awards</p> <p>i. A discretionary Grant of £350 to the Village Newsletter was agreed.</p> <p>ii. A discretionary Grant to the Gardening Club was deferred until a specific item/s for the award were identified by the Gardening Club.</p>	Clerk Cllr Tompkins
(b)	<p>Councillors noted the Bank Balance at 11 October 2024 of the Current Account at £45,363.17 and Reserve Account at £2,025.88</p>	
(c)	<p>To Note the Bank Reconciliation and Approve Payments made due in October 2024 (See Annex)</p>	
	<p>The Payments for October 2024 were approved and the receipts and Bank Reconciliation was noted.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr K White Seconded: Cllr Milne Approved: Unanimous</p>	

87/2024	<p>To consider excluding members of the public from Item 16 – “2. To consider Quotes for supply and installation of Play Equipment” 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 referring to the financial or business affairs of the Council)</p> <p>It was proposed and unanimously agreed that that the Play Area Equipment Project item be discussed without excluding members of the public.</p>	
88/2024	<p>Play Area Equipment Project Update</p> <p>i. Cllr Gardner indicated that the clearance work had not yet been completed and that he would chase the contractor.</p> <p>ii. Cllr Gardner summarised the quotes that had been considered by the Play Area Equipment Project Sub-Committee: The Company C quote was more expensive at £33,500 but the items were made of hardwood and an 18-year guarantee was included in the quote. The Company B quote of £23,687.00 included items made of softwood with an additional guarantee subject to inspection on an annual basis at extra cost. Cllr Gardner indicated that he would ask Company B to consider extending the warranty to match Company C without an annual warranty charge and if damage to the timber from strimming etc., would to affect this. It was also noted that Company C quotation was in excess of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) requirement to publish information about opportunities and awards, over certain value thresholds e.g. £30,000 on Contracts Finder (CFS). The Clerk was asked to investigate the Public Contract Requirements noting that these would be updated by new legislation in early 2025. It was noted that these quotes did not include removal of old equipment or skip hire.</p> <p>iii. Site Clearance of Existing Equipment Cllr Gardner stated that getting quotations may be quite difficult and volunteered to carry out the work on a voluntary basis if the cost of a skip and lorry load of top soil or other materials were paid for by the Parish Council. In view of the additional information that was requested, it was unanimously resolved that the Item be considered at the next meeting</p>	<p>Cllr Gardner</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Meeting closed: 21.10 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 20 November 2024

Please advise items for inclusion on the November Agenda to the Clerk by 5pm Friday 8 November 2024.

Annexes

Clerks Report and Correspondence

Minute 80/2024 (b) refers

1.	<p>ANPR Cameras</p> <p>PC Louiza-May Rock advised that she believed the ANPR Cameras are put up based on incidents and demand in areas, this is normally on major routes. She advised that Parish Meeting purchased their own and suggested the Clerk contact them. Kelmarsh PM were contacted and it transpired that the current clerk is resigning in November. The previous clerk advised that the village receives planning gain money from the Kelmarsh windfarm each year and he was fairly sure that the cost of them came from that, but had no further information.</p> <p>PC Rock has cc'd PC Josh Tyers into her response as she is changing departments and he will be our contact going forward.</p>
2.	<p>Gary Payne of Keir confirmed on 01-10-24 that the comments from Brington Parish Council have been submitted to the Consultation re 40 and 50 mph Speed Limit Proposal for Roman Road, Nobottle - Reference: P2038.</p>
3.	<p>The organiser of the LITTLE BRINGTON open gardens contacted the Clerk to ask that next year - May 18th - they will be combining with some gardens in GB to have a BRINGTONS open gardens and they would like to utilise the cricket pitch for parking in GB.</p> <p>It was resolved that Parish Council would allow this free of charge.</p>
4.	<p>2024/0672/MAO at Land North West Of, Upper High Street, Harpole Additional Information submitted for Outline Planning Permission (Major) for Hybrid planning application 2024/0672/MAO – The comments were submitted to the WNC by email as the Planning Website for this item could not be accessed.</p>
5.	<p>Village Notice Board</p> <p>The carpenter recommended by Ward Cllr Morton, is working on a quote.</p>
6.	<p>Annual Audit – PKF Littlejohn (Govt. appointed Auditor) have finalised the annual audit and a notice to this effect was published on the noticeboards and website.</p>
7.	<p>R &G have strimmed the grass down at the Brington Churchyard but it proved quite a task given the length of the grass and will charge £380 plus vat to fully recover their costs.</p>
8.	<p>Remembrance Silhouettes and other street furniture available from British Legion Industries e.g.</p> <p>Unknown Tommy /Woman in War Silhouette Statue Right facing £200 each Inc. postage Unknown Tommy / Woman in War Silhouette Statue Left facing £200 each Inc. postage Unknown Tommy/ Women in War Silhouette Statue Pair (left and right facing) £350 per pair (£50 discount)</p>
9.	<p>Cost of election 2025 - the costs of the Local Elections to be held in May 2025 will be charged to parish and town councils in summer 2025 by WNC, so if councils have not been saving a quarter of the costs each year, they will need to make full budget provision in their 2025/26 budget.</p>
10.	<p>2 further dog waste bins have been ordered and delivered to Cllr Roach as requested.</p>
11.	<p>Bringtons-pc.gov.uk domain is due to expire on 14/01/2025 and the cost of renewal is £95.00 plus VAT for 2 years.</p>

Item 2 - Comments submitted to Highways WNC with comments from WNC at each item

40 and 50 mph Speed Limit Proposal for Roman Road, Nobottle - Reference: P2038

In response to the above, please find the comments from Bringtons Parish Councillors as follows:

1. Why leave a section of national speed limit for the short section to the East covering the Harpole turning and new housing?

Response - The eastern end will be a 30mph limit, this is covered under a separate Order for Sandy Lane. Please see attached. The consultation for this one is now at public and ends today (reference: P1981).

2. Why is nothing being done on the section to the West of Nobottle where the Brington and Flore turnings are and which we know in the latter case is an accident hotspot - we have always been told that there is a limit to what can be done to warn traffic of the junction when approaching from Flore but the speed of traffic on the Nobottle road is a factor I believe given lie of the land in both directions? Are any changes pending on that as I know we have had prior discussions on calming measures in those places? Calming traffic in the way proposed may just encourage people to "open up" once out of those restrictions in our section? In summary, I would extend a 50mph limit from the bend to the West of the Flore turning up to the new 40mph limit section approaching Nobottle.

Response - This point has been raised and agreed to be considered at the next speed limit panel meeting on 12th November.

3. What happened to the proposal to raise the limit on the East Haddon road from 40 to 50mph? This was recommended and approved I thought over a year ago but nothing has happened? This proposal just seems to highlight that inconsistency and an update/explanation would be helpful.

Response - We are unable to locate a record of this request, I am therefore unable to comment currently. However, if you have any further information, I will be happy to follow this up.

Parish Council Response – This was included in the Parish Council’s objection to Planning Application [2023/5314/FULL Field North East of Kennel & Cattery Hazel Tree House and North of the Brook East Haddon Road Great Brington West Northamptonshire NN7 4JL](#)

4. Surely it would make sense to extend it to incorporate the Flore crossroads as this seems to be an accident hotspot and would be an ideal opportunity to try and improve the safety there.

Response - Please refer to point 2 above.

5. Seems very odd, why stop the 50 at Nobottle Nursery when we have all the housing to be built at the Duston roundabouts just a mile further on.

Response - Please refer to point 1 above.

I hope this helps. If I have missed anything or something appears to be incorrect, please let me know and I will be happy to follow it up and provide further clarity.

Kind regards

KIER / WNC Highways

1.	A plan of key actions to improve air quality across West Northamptonshire is set to progress once approval of the plans is given by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). We know that improving air quality is of paramount importance to those who work and live in West Northants, and although levels within our area generally fall within Government limits, we know there is work to be done to improve them as we work towards cleaner greener communities for everyone.
2.	It's just one week until the newly reimagined Northampton Market Square fully re-opens! This is a historic moment for our community, and we can't wait to celebrate it with you. Join us on 19 and 20 October for a weekend of fun, flavour, and festivities. Explore a diverse range of offerings from local businesses and market traders, enjoy creative musical performances, and take part in family-friendly activities. Attendees can also look forward to a range of zones, each offering something unique for all ages and making this a true celebration of Northampton's rich heritage, culture, businesses, and local talent.

From: Cllr Phil Bignell

FINANCE REPORT

Minute 86/2024 c Refers

1. (a) Payments for Approval 16 October 2024

Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary October		452.07	0
S Muir	BT	HMRC October		113.00	0
S Muir	BT	Expenses October inc Printer Cartridges		79.80	6.55
R&G Landscape	BT	Grass Mowing	121151	132.40	794.40
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	2009259	5.21	109.39
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting	2009260	0.73	15.34
Compete 366	DD	365 Data Back Up	21979	0.36	2.16
PKF Littlejohn LLP	BT	2023-24 External Audit fee	SB20242824	252.00	42.00
West Northants Norse Ltd	BT	Annual litterbin emptying at Churchyard 2023-24	52IN-001081	402.96	67.16
Glasdons Uk	BT	2 x Dog Waste Bins	S1896336	640.51	106.75
Village Newsletter	BT	Discretionary Grant	Minute No 86/2024 a	350.00	
EON Energy Credit Note	DD	Kimbles Pavilion Electricity Invoice	K1-EA4D0588	27.51	

1. (b) Receipts to Note

Income	Date	Detail	Invoice Total
West Northants Council	29/09/2024	Sept. Precept Payment	11605.00
		Total £	11605.00

2. Bank Balances & Reconciliation at 16 October 2024

Bank Reconciliation at 11 October 2024

Bank Balance		Cash Book	
Balance in Current Account YTD	2025.88	Opening Balance	35837.59
Value of cheques yet to clear	0	Expenditure to Date	13241.51
Reserve account balance YTD	45363.17	Income to Date	24792.97
Total	£47,389.05	Total	£47,389.05