



**Minutes of the Parish Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 19 February 2025, Reading Room, Great Brington**

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Present: Cllrs K White (Chair), R Gardner and M Roach.

Also Present: Clerk, Ward Cllrs Bignell, Althorp Rep. and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs J Milne, S Beeusaert and N Tompkins, Ward Cllr Bignell (for lateness) and Ward Cllrs Lister And Morton

Meeting Started at 7.45pm

123/2024	Welcome and Announcements	Action
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
124/2024	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs J Milne, S Beeusaert and N Tompkins, Ward Cllr Bignell (for lateness) and Ward Cllr Lister and were approved by acclamation.	Clerk
125/2024	Declarations of Interest No Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda were received.	Clerk
126/2024	Public Participation	
	A resident requested an update on Council's plan to mitigate speeding issues and was advised that the Parish Council was waiting for completion of the ring road by Sandy Lane as it was believed that much of the traffic is caused by this and once it was completed, the Parish Council would review the situation.	
127/2024	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2025 The Minutes of the 15 January 2025 meeting were approved and signed as a true and correct record; this was agreed by acclamation.	Clerk
128/2024	To Note Reports The Councillors noted Reports from: 1. The Chair advised he had nothing to report. 2. The Parish Clerk (at annex). With reference to the Little Brington Playing Field Lease, the Althorp Rep indicated she would check this. 3. West Northamptonshire Council Long Buckby Ward – Cllr P Bignell (at annex). 1. Northamptonshire Police – No report had been received.	Althorp Rep
129/2024	Reading Room Lease Update 1. Progress of the New Lease. The Chair reported that he and the Vice Chair were checking some Charity Commission details and when these had been answered satisfactorily, he anticipated the new Lease would be signed. 2. To receive an update to the Electrical Work and approve the required repairs Cllr Roache confirmed the issues that are required to be rectified. The Chair clarified that the Parish Council was only responsible to works included in the lease. Councillors noted that Richard Faulkner was the Althorp Estates preferred contractor.	

	<p>Subject to the Reading Room Trustees confirmation of Richard Faulkner’s company registration and qualifications, a proposal that a contribution of up to £1500.00 towards the costs of the electric works by the Parish Council was agreed unanimously.</p>	
<p>130/2024</p>	<p>1.To consider the following Planning Applications and Decisions and any additional application(s) presented after the publication of the agenda):</p> <p>a. 2025/0449/TCA at The Althorp Coaching Inn Main Street Great Brington NN7 4JA for Lombardy Poplars x 4 - removed to ground level and treated. Noted</p> <p>b. 2025/0570/FULL at Orchard House 2 Fermoy Court Little Brington for New store and toilet in new dwarf wall timber shed. Deadline for comments 13 March 2025.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to request an extension to the deadline to enable the matter to be discussed at the 19 March Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>2.To Note Previous Planning Application Decisions.</p> <p>a. 2024/5383/FULL at The Manse Chapel View Little Brington NN7 4HX -Withdrawn.</p> <p>b. 2024/5670/NMA at Workshop And Premises, East Haddon Road, Great Brington - Approved Subject to conditions.</p> <p>c. 2025/0330/NMA at Orchard House 2 Fermoy Court Little Brington NN7 4JP – Approved</p> <p>3. Other Planning Matters</p> <p>a. 2024/1421/LBC and 2024/1430/FULL Bumblebee Cottage 26 Main Street Little Brington for Extension of existing chimney stack to 1.6Mm above ridge, new clay pot to provide 1.8m from ridge to top of chimney - Appeal No. APP/W2845/D/24/33452532 Appeal Dismissed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>131/2024</p>	<p>Consultations from West Northamptonshire Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help shape the One West Northamptonshire Plan For further information, to view the Plan, and to provide views please visit: Help shape the One West Northamptonshire Plan Deadline midnight 20 February 2025. • Full Peer Review Details of the One West Northamptonshire plan and how to get involved can be found on the Council’s website. The full peer review progress report is also available on the website. • Recycling centres to open 7 days a week starting from 1 April, West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) will enter a new contract with FCC Waste Services, better known as FCC Environment, to manage all six recycling centres across the area –. More information about HWRCs can be found on our website. • Proposed 50mph Speed Limit - Roman Road, Little Brington Reference P2068 (Statutory) The change of speed limit requires a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) from end of 30mph limit on Roman Road to past the Cross Roads for Main Street Little Brington to: WNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk quoting Reference P2068 by Friday 28th February 2025. 	

132/2024	<p>Environment</p> <p>1. The following updates from Althorp Estate were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Horton-Fawkes has been appointed as Estate CEO; Nigel Childs is now Estates Director. • The Althorpe Literary Festival is taking place in April. • The Althorp Representative asked if the Parish Council would be interested in taking over the open area opposite the Medieval Cross which is currently used as parking for residents. <p>The Parish Council could not immediately see any benefit to the local community and requested more information on what would happen if it did not take this over.</p> <p>2. The following updates from the Parish Council were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medieval Cross – WNC Planning had confirmed that Planning Permission would be required for a permanent perimeter fence and repairs. • The Clerk was asked to contact at least 3 stonemasons and request specifications and anticipated costs of repair. 	<p>Althorp Rep</p> <p>Clerk</p>
134/2024	<p>To Consider a Representative for the Chantry Trust</p> <p>The Chair clarified the Chantry Trust constitution requirements and candidate for this was identified. Chair indicated that he would ask the Chantry Trust Chair to provide this person with further details .</p>	Chair
135/2024	<p>Finance</p>	
	<p>To Note the Bank Reconciliation and Approve Payments made in February 2025 (See Annex)</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Payments for February 2025 were approved unanimously.(At Annex) • The Bank Reconciliation was noted (At Annex) 	Clerk
136/2024	<p>Parish Path Warden Scheme -Enhancing Rights of Way Networks</p> <p>Following a discussion, the Clerk was asked to request an extension to the deadline and circulate the request for a volunteer to residents.</p>	Clerk
137/2024	<p>Play Area Equipment Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk confirmed that the Purchase Order had been sent to Rhino Play and that the order confirmation had been signed. It was anticipated that the work would start week commencing 17 March 2025. • It was noted that no changes to the specification were required. • It was noted that the Councillors and Clerk would clear the Play Area during the weekend of 8/9th March and that Cllr Gardner would arrange a skip for this. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
138/2024	<p>To consider excluding members of the public from Item 17 – “To consider Tenders received for the Landscape Maintenance Contract 2025-2028” by virtue the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 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 that the item be discussed in public as long as the details of the tenderers were not identified. Agreed unanimously.</p>	

139/2024	Landscape Maintenance Contract Renewal Following a discussion, it was proposed that the tender provided by R & G Landscapes provided Best Value and was approved for the Landscape Maintenance Contract 2025-2028 and this was agreed unanimously.	Clerk
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Meeting closed: 21.15pm

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LONG BUCKBY WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

1.	Devolution – a recent Government white paper was released outlining new Unitary authorities similar to Manchester and under Mayoral control. WNC expressed an interest of being part of this South Midland Unitary. However, four of the Councils have rejected the inclusion of WNC & NNC. MK & Luton attempted to go it alone and the Government rejected them due to being too small. This means WNC & NNC will not be part of this first wave of combined Unitaries. Also, the local elections in WNC will go ahead as planned on 1st May.
2.	Budget – the Government recently released their settlement figure to WNC and it was £144K greater than the proposed budget so no adjustments necessary and increase remains at 4.99%
3.	Roads – Work on Sandy Lane commenced early February with a completion date sometime in May. This will see the completion of ‘the road to nowhere’!
4.	Waste Recycling - Residents will soon be able to take their waste to recycling centres across West Northants 7 days a week offering a better service and value for money this spring. Starting from 1 April, West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) will enter a new contract with FCC Waste Services to manage all six recycling centres across the area. All centres will open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm from 1 April 2025. This new contract will ensure at least 95% of residual waste will be treated, significantly reducing the amount sent to landfill.

CLERKS REPORT

1.	Annual Meeting Training NCalc – Clerk has booked on Bitesize Parish Annual Meeting Training on 27 February 2025.
2.	Kimbell's Field Bookings – Booking confirmed by Rob Bayman (Motorcycle Event 31 May -1 June 2025), with some overnight campers. They have been asked to leave the area clean and tidy.
3.	Letter from Danielle Stone Northamptonshire Police Fire & Crime Commissioner. Re Community Payback Scheme as attached below.
4.	Parish Council Website - new page has been created for the Parish Notice Board, which can be viewed here: https://bringtons-pc.gov.uk/parish-notice-board/
5.	EON Electricity Agreement for The Cricket Pavilion expires on 26th Apr 2025.
6.	The Playing Field situated in Little Brington. Agreement date 6 April 1995. Term of agreement 21 years and a new lease needs to be negotiated from April 2026.

FINANCE REPORT

MINUTE /135/2024 REFERS

(a) Payments for Approving 19 February 2025

• Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary January		452.07	0
S Muir	BT	HMRC January		117.00	0
West Northants Norse	BT	Emptying Additional Bin Hamilton Lane	52IN-001131	402.96	67.16
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting Closing Balance	2305816	143.01	6.81
Yu Energy	DD	Street Lighting Closing Balance	2305818	15.89	0.76
Compete 366	DD	Auto-renewal for annual NCE 365 agreement on 17 th February 2025.	23260	565.92	94.32
Compete 366	DD	365 data backed up via Microsoft Syntex	INV-23177	3.98	0.66
Althorp Estates Reading Room O/S Rent	BT	Back dated Rent & VAT amounts on signing of Reading Room Lease	F230008,BF230009,3080.3209,3210,3211,3212,	2145.00	390.00
Third Avenue	BT	Website Support (3 Months)	INV2308	187.20	31.20
NCalc	BT	Planning Nuts and Bolts Course	INV-3796	50.40	8.40
EON Energy	DD	Kimbles Pavilion Electricity Invoice	KI-EA4D0588-0039	9.93	0.47
Rhino Play(SW) Ltd	BT	Play Area 50%	202082	14212.20	2368.70

(b) Receipts to Note

	Date	Detail	Invoice Total	
No Receipts				Nil

(c) Bank Balances & Reconciliation 13 February 2025

Nett balances as at 13/02/2025				
Bank Reconciliation				
Bank Balances		Cash Book		
Balance in Current Account YTD	1768.09	Opening Balance	35,837.59	
Value of payments yet to clear	0	Expenditure to date	-22,498.89	
Reserve Account Bank Balance YTD	36515.22	Income to date	24,944.61	
		Total		
Total	38,283.31		38,283.31	