

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 16 April 2025, 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: The Clerk and Ward Cllrs Bignell and Morton and circa 9 members of the public.
Apologies: Cllr S Beeusaert
Meeting Started at 7.45pm

18/2025	Welcome and Announcements	Action
	The Chair welcomed members of the public including the new Councillors who will join	
	the Parish Council on the 6 May 2025.	
19/2025	To receive and approve apologies for absence	
	Apologies had been received from Cllr S Beeusaert.	Clerk
	These were agreed by acclamation.	
20/2025	Declarations of Interest	Clerk
	No Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda were received.	
21/2025	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2025	Clerk
	The Minutes of the 19 March 2025 meeting were approved subject to amendments to	
	be advised at Minute 07/2025 Reading Room Lease Update and Minute 14/2025	
	Play AreaX and would be signed at the next meeting; this was agreed by acclamation.	
22/2025	Public Participation	
	A resident advised that 2 pieces of Gym Equipment in Kimbells Field required	
	repairing and she would forward the details to Cllr Tompkins and the Clerk.	
	A resident asked if the Parish Council would be inviting local community groups to	
	speak at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Chair responded that it was an Agenda item.	
	• A resident asked for clarification of the reason for a new Parish Council mobile	
	phone and the Chair responded that it was an Agenda item.	
	• A resident asked why the Parish Council needed website support and the Clerk	
	responded that it was part of the website contract to update and review the website	
	content with the Clerk and to ensure the website security.	
23/2025	To Note Reports	
	The Councillors noted Reports from:	
	1. Chair – reported that the site of the dog-bin in Hamilton Lane would be	Althorp
	investigated by H Frampton of Althorp Estate as there was an issue about vehicles	Rep.
	using the Lane.	- 1-
	2. The Parish Clerk (at annex).	
	3. West Northamptonshire Council Long Buckby Ward – It was reported that the road	
	works at Gt Brington Road and the A428 towards East Haddon were not yet	
	completed and the Ward Councillors had submitted a video to the contractors	
	which identified the outstanding issues.	
	4. Northamptonshire Police –	
	 Cllr Tompkins advised that the Evergreens Club would contact 	
	Northamptonshire Police direct for a representative to give residents 1:1 basis	
	to advice on on-line Fraud and general fraud issues.	
	 The Clerk advised that the Daventry & Rural AGM Police Report had been 	
	received and highlighted the main points. (At Annex).	

24/2025	1. Reading Room Update	
24/2025	ii. To receive an update to the Electrical Work	
	Althorp Estates confirmed that Rich Faulkner had started the electrical works.	
	Cllr Roach (PC Rep on Reading Room Committee) clarified that once these were	
	completed, Rich Faulkner would investigate the other electrical issues and report if	
	further work was required.	
	The Acting Chair of the Trustees asked who would be paying for any extra work and	
	the response was that the Parish Council had agreed this at Minute 129/2024 of 19	
	February 2025 "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".	
	ii. H Frampton of Althorp Estates indicated that a report confirming the work had taken	
	place would be suppled to the Reading Room Trustees to forward to their Insurance	Althorp
	provider.	Rep
25/2025	1.To consider the following Planning Applications and Decisions and any additional	
-	application(s) presented after the publication of the agenda):	
	a.2025/0958/FULL at The Manse, Chapel View, Little Brington, NN7 4HX for Demolition	
	of existing dwelling and garage and construction of new self-build dwelling – Deadline	
	for comments extended to 21 April 2025. The comments were that it be useful to	Clerk
	know how long the work would take and all vehicles to be parked and held on site	
	otherwise no objections recorded.	
	b. <u>2025/1427/FULL</u> additional application received at 2 Hamilton Lane Great Brington	
	NN7 4JJ for Single storey front porch extension and installation of windows to ground	
	floor (lounge). No comments or objections were recorded.	
	2. Previous Planning Applications Outcomes - can be viewed at https://wnc.planning-	
	register.co.uk/	
	3. To note Planning related issues (if any) and additional Planning Issues presented after	
	publication of the Agenda.	
	West Northamptonshire Council advised it has received CIL (Community	
	Infrastructure Levy) payments from a development within the Parish, associated with	WNC
	planning application number WND/2023/0062. As a result, the Parish Council is due to	
	receive a CIL payment of £4543.71 from this development.	
26/2025	Consultations from West Northamptonshire Council	
	i. No notices of consultations had been received.	
	Please visit the West Northamptonshire Consultation Hub for more information about	
	all consultation or engagement activities and how to have your say.	
27/2025	Environment	
-	1. The Althorp Estate representative advised that the recent Festival had been well	
	attended.	
	2.The following update from the Parish Council was noted:	
	Medieval Cross	
	The Clerk had received a quote from one specialist stone mason, although the	Clerk/
	deadline of 30 April had not yet been reached, and was asked to request further	Cllr
	quotes from companies suggested by those present.	Tomplins
	It was unanimously decided to discuss this further when the new Council was in place.	
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28/2025 Annual Parish Meeting Planning Clerk The Clerk circulated a draft agenda to Councillors with timings and stated that several local community organisations had been invited to speak and she was still awaiting responses from some of those contacted. The Church and Evergreens Group were suggested and Cli Tomkins indicated she would provide contact details of the Evergreens. Clerk 29/2025 To Consider Purchasing a New Parish Council Mobile Phone and Contract Clerk 30/2025 To Consider Making a Discretionary Grant to the Gardening Club. Discretionary Grant 30/2025 To Consider Making a Discretionary amount to Bringtons Open Gardens to support DACT Bus transport for elderly and infirm residents for an event. This would take the form of paying direct for the bus service. The Clerk referred to Minute 85/(16/0/2025) when It was agreed that a discretionary Grant to the Gardening Club. Clerk the Gene Gardening Club. 31/2026 To Note the Bank Reconciliation and Expenditure to Date and Approve Payments made in March 2025 Clerk 82/2025 I. The Payments and Reconciliation and Expenditure to Date and Approve Payments made in March 2025 Clerk 83/2026 Do Note the Bank Reconciliation and Expenditure to Date and Approve Payments made in March 2025 Clerk 83/2026 Phay Area Equipment Project Clerk 82/2025 Phay Ever on 25 April – Earl Spencer had agreed to attend and the date was unanimously agreed by Councillors with a s		-	
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Meeting closed: 21.15pm

ANNEXES

CLERKS REPORT

1.	Gardening Club Grant – In response to a question from a resident about a
	discretionary grant to the Gardening Club, this was reported at Minute 86/2024 of
	16 October 2024.
2.	Parish Council Minutes – In response to a question from a resident about the style
	of the Council Minutes, members of the public do not have a right to force items
	onto the council agenda nor to insist on how matters are recorded in the minutes.
	Guidance about the Parish Council meetings is on the Council's website at
	Dec-2024-Public-Participation-at-Parish-Council-Meetings-Copy.pdf
3.	Website – The Clerk is meeting with the website contractor to develop some blog
	pages and other pages on the website, in early May.
3.	Damage to Brington Road – due to the Murphy Landslip project, Gt Brington Road
	and the A428 towards East Haddon requires repairs. Ward Cllr Bignell indicated
	that the February meeting that he was due to meet the contractors the next day
	and has now confirmed that the repairs have been carried out.
4.	Hamilton Lane Dog Bin – A resident has complained that the collection contractor
	was driving down Hamilton Lane and churning up the surface. The Contractor
	advised their vehicles have tracking devices and they had checked the data and
	there was no evidence of this. Althorp Estates advised that driving down the lane is
	not permitted . The Chair is conversation with Althorp Estates to resolve this.
6.	Annual Leave - The Clerk will be on Annual Leave from 22 April – 29 April 22
	September – 26 September and 8 December - 22 December 2025 Inclusive,
7.	Time Sheets – The Clerk's Timesheet for year 2024-25 has been submitted to the
	Chair and Vice Chair for review and had been approved.
8.	New Council Year – This starts on 6 May 2025.
9.	Planning Application TPO at Althorp Coaching Inn -The Clerk contacted the applicant
	requesting clarification of the need to fell 14 mixed species trees when they could be
	cut back or pollarded ; they responded that:
	" This application was submitted on advice from our arboricultural consultant and
	feedback from our neighbours at the premises. We will discuss your questions with our
	advisers. In the meantime, it might be worth making clear that we expect to manage
	the remaining hedgerow to provide enhanced habitat, biodiversity, and local amenity
	value in replacement of the trees".
10.	Possible Memorial Cross Works - Project Viability & Project Development Grants
	are available from the Architectural Heritage Fund (From Rural Services Network
	Funding News April 2025 as below).

Item 10 - Project Viability & Project Development Grants – the Architectural Heritage Fund (From Rural Services Network Funding News April 2025)

The Fund is offering grants of up to £15,000 to help assess the viability of historic building projects, and up to £20,000 towards development work to progress plans for historic buildings.

- Project Viability Grants: These grants should help you to establish whether a project is viable. Work will probably focus on understanding the condition of the building, how it might be used, and whether that intended use is appropriate for the building and likely to be sustainable.
- Project Development Grants: Project Development Grants can cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating your project and taking it towards the start of work on site.
- To qualify, an organisation must have established that the end use of the project is likely to Brington Parish Council

be viable and have decided to take the project forward.

 Applications are assessed at monthly grant decision meetings. This grant programme is supported by funding from Historic England.
 England | The Architectural Heritage Fund (ahfund.org.uk)

Daventry & Rural AGM Police Report 2025

Daventry Town and surrounding area

PS Greg HARRISON continues to manage the team responsible for Daventry Town and its largest surrounding villages including Long Buckby, West Haddon and Crick. We are based at Daventry Police station and supported by the 24/7 response policing team also based at Daventry providing emergency response to the district.

Operation fragment

PS Josh ELLARD works on The Grange Estate as part of a partnership operation to tackle specific issues within the area.

Operation Fragment was originally established in response to the increase in youth related ASB, Criminal Damage and violence occurring on the Southbrook estate in Daventry. Following a successful year of working in the Southbrook area, focus shifted to The Grange Estate, also in Daventry. The geographical area of The Grange is similar to the Southbrook.

A similar model has and will be used within The Grange to try and improve the lives of the residents living in the area.

From the start of Operation Fragment, one of the key elements of success was always trying to get the community to talk to the police and engage more regularly. We have a number of mechanisms to communicate, including via the Northamptonshire Talking Application, a dedicated email inbox and face-to-face as we patrol on foot around the estate.

The key element to Operation Fragment is the partnership working. Representatives from the following agencies and groups meet monthly to monitor progress:

- West Northants Council
- Daventry Town Council
- YOS
- Fire (arson reduction)
- Housing (Futures / Bromford/ Southern)
- Community Safety Partnership (WNC)
- ASB officer (WNC)
- Community Development Team (WNC)
- Police (including local PCSOs)

Issues regularly discussed include Anti-social Behaviour, drug dealing, fly tipping and associated environmental issues, upcoming events in the communities and school inputs. Understandably, the police focus on all of the crime reports from the community, but we are often the eyes and ears who are out and about in the area the most. Therefore, we can report back to our partners on areas where they can come in and improve things.

Daventry Rural – North and West

PS Lewis JUDD oversees the wider rural areas, including Woodford Halse and Weedon, as well as the northern rural district covering Brixworth, Moulton, and the surrounding parishes. The team operates from both Daventry police station and our Brixworth office, ensuring a strong presence across the area. We are well-supported by the force's rural crime team, which has now expanded to six police officers and a police sergeant, who are dedicated to targeting the offences that have the greatest impact on our rural communities and farming sector.

Key Achievements and Initiatives:

Enhanced Patrols and Community Reassurance:

This year has seen an increase in reported crimes, particularly thefts of and from motor vehicles in Moulton, Overstone, and Boughton. Officers have been conducting high-visibility patrols in these areas to prevent offences and reassure the community that we are addressing their concerns. Numerous arrests have been made, and stolen vehicles have been recovered and returned to their owners. The vast majority of these offences are committed by offenders from surrounding counties and more metropolitan areas. Increased efforts are being made to liaise with these forces and adopt a joint approach to prevent further victimization. We encourage anyone with a keyless entry or high-powered vehicle to research simple theft prevention devices, such as faraday bags, which block the key's signal and make the car harder to steal.

Intelligence-Driven Actions: •

Officers continue to act on intelligence provided by the community to disrupt offending and act where possible. Notable examples include a series of burglaries in Brixworth, resulting in the arrest of three suspects, one of whom has been sentenced to prison, while the other two are awaiting court appearances. We have also had success in disrupting organized crime groups active in the area. Successful drug warrants executed at Justin Park and Boughton resulted in the recovery and destruction of more than 500 cannabis plants and the remand of two individuals to prison.

Ongoing Crime Management: •

Officers on the team continually manage a crime workload allocated from the response teams, who may not have the same amount of time to devote to investigations. We see many offences involving dogs being dangerously out of control and encourage dog owners to consider obedience training and using a lead when walking around other people due to the unpredictable actions of dogs.

Community Engagement:

Our community support officers are a key visible presence in the villages, keeping updated with the thoughts and feelings of the community. We strive to attend events that provide opportunities to engage with the public and understand what matters most to them. The PCSOs also maintain close working relationships with schools, care homes, and colleges in the area, addressing safeguarding concerns and building lasting relationships from a young age. Please take the opportunity to speak with any member of the team if you see them, they will be more than happy to address and concerns you have or offer crime prevention advice. We will be continuing to utilize the Beat Bus and plan in police surgeries across the area throughout the year.

Road Safety: ٠

Road safety remains a paramount priority for our team, with increased efforts dedicated to the detection of offences and the education of the public regarding road risks. Unfortunately, we have once again witnessed a number of fatal road traffic collisions across the district. A key contributing factor in most of these incidents has been one of the "Fatal Four" road traffic offences: speeding, driving under the influence of substances (alcohol or drugs), not wearing a seatbelt, and mobile device use.

In collaboration with the force's Safer Roads Team, which is responsible for the mobile speed camera van, our enforcement officers are equipped with handheld speed detection devices. Additionally, we utilize the extensive Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) network to proactively stop uninsured vehicles and remove them from the road.

If you would like to be kept up to date with crimes and police activity taking place on the local area we would encourage you to sign up for our community messaging service - <u>https://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk</u>

Should you wish to discuss a particular issue that is of concern to you or meet a member of your Neighbourhood policing team then please contact us using our team inbox: NeighbourhoodTeamDaventry@northants.pnn.police.uk **Brington Parish Council**

PLEASE DO NOT REPORT CRIMES VIA THIS EMAIL ADDRESS

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in a number of ways.

This includes ringing 101 or online at Northans.police.uk

Northants Police's new website offers a reporting system for:

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incidents

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village
- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

The above reporting tool can be reached via: <u>https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/</u>

USEFUL LINKS

- Northamptonshire Police Website: <u>http://www.northants.police.uk/</u>
- Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary: <u>https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax</u>
- Useful link for all matters related to driving: <u>http://think.direct.gov.uk/</u>
- This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams: https:// www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/
- Trading Standards Advice and help for consumers: West Northants Trading Standards Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously about crime: <u>https://crimestoppers-uk.org/</u>
- Fearless a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime: <u>https://www.fearless.org/</u>
- Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch: <u>https://www.ourwatch.org.uk</u>
- Report to West Northants Council Fly tipping, dog fouling, Litter, noise pollution and other issues: <u>West Northamptonshire Council</u>
- West Northants Council Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours: <u>https://www.ricsfirms.com/residential/legal-issues/boundaries/rics-consumer-guide-boundary-disputes/</u>

Thank you from Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Teams

FINANCE REPORT

(a) Payments for Approval 16 April 2025

Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary April		741.76	0
S Muir	вт	HMRC April		261.69	0
		Lunchtime APM Boosting	4399		
NCalc	BT	Attendance		12.00	2.00
NCalc	BT	Northants CALC Membership: YE 31 March 2026	4310	642.32	48.60
		365 data backed up via Microsoft	23822	3.98	0.66
Compete 366	DD	Syntex			
Third Avenue	BT	Website Support (1 Month)	2333	62.40	10.40
R & G 121583			121583		
Invoice Date		Gang Mow, Triple Mow and			
31/03/2025	BT	Village Greens		249.60	41.60
		Second & Final Payment of 50%	202110		2368.70
Rhino Play	BT	for Play Equipment & Installatoin		14,212.20	
EON Energy	DD	Kimbles Pavilion Electricity Invoice	KI-EA4D0588-0039	9.93	0.47
Althorp		Rent at Playing Fields at Little Brington from 06/04/2025 to	3603		
Estates	BT	05/04/2026		120.00	20.00
Rhino Play(SW)		Final 50% Invoice – waiting credit note	202110	14212.20	2368.70
Ltd	BT	so should be less			

(b) Receipts to Note Total

	Date	Detail	Invoice Total	
		Nil		Nil

(c) Bank Reconciliation at 31 March 2025

Cash Book	
Opening Balance	35,837.59
Expenditure to date	-42,812.59
Income to	40,172.68
date	
Total	
	£33,197.68
-	Income to date