



Minutes of the Parish Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 19 March 2025, Reading Room, Great Brington
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Present: Cllrs K White (Chair, J Milne (Vice Chair), S Beeusaert, R Gardner, M Roach and N Tompkins.

Also Present: Clerk and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Althorp Rep., Ward Cllrs Bignell, Lister and Morton, Cllr White (Chair) for lateness

Meeting Started at 7.45pm

01/2025	Welcome and Announcements	Action
	In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair chaired the meeting.	
02/2025	To receive and approve apologies for absence It was noted that Cllr White would arrive late.	
03/2025	Declarations of Interest No Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda were received.	Clerk
04/2025	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2025 The Minutes of the 19 February 2025 meeting were approved and signed as a true and correct record; this was agreed by acclamation.	Clerk
05/2025	Public Participation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident commented that the new dog bins looked very smart. A written submission had been received from a resident after the deadline of 7 working days prior to the Publication of the Agenda. It was noted however that many of the items in it related to items on the agenda. 	
06/2025	To Note Reports The Councillors noted Reports from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – reported at Item 07/2025 The Parish Clerk (at annex). West Northamptonshire Council Long Buckby Ward – No report received Northamptonshire Police – Cllr Beeusaert advised that the Police were willing to attend a community event such as the Evergreen’s Club or Saturday Breakfast Club and speak to residents on a 1:1 basis to advise on on-line Fraud and general fraud issues. Cllr Beeusaert indicated he would pass suggestions with dates and times to the Police. 	Cllr Beeusaert
07/2025	Cllr White (Chair) arrived 1. Reading Room Lease Update The Chair advised that the Parish Council had carried out due diligence with regard to a number of Legal issues and the Lease had been signed, subject to confirmation from Althorp Estates that the Original lease was subject to the 1954 Land and Property Act. In essence tenants (the Parish Council) were given a right to continuity of occupation by the Act but could agree with the Landlord to surrender that right, which has been done in the new lease. If the old lease was within the 1954 Act, the Parish Council was required to ask The Charity Commission for a surveyors valuation. Althorp Estates has since confirmed that the Original Lease was not subject to the Land and Property Act 1954 2. To receive an update to the Electrical Work Althorp Estates have confirmed that they will instruct Rich Faulkner to carry out the electrical works at the Reading Rooms.	Althorp Rep

	<p>3. Equipment.</p> <p>In response to question about the funding of a TV and screen, it was noted that this had been agreed in principle at Minute no 102f dated 22 March 2023.</p>	
08/2025	<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. 2025/0626/S73 for Variation of condition 2 to amend approved plans to include garage and workshop of planning permission WND/2022/0930 (Demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of single dwelling (resubmission)) Workshop And Premises East Haddon Road Great Brington NN7 4JF Deadline Extended to 22 March 2025. The Parish Council echoed the comments of the Heritage Officer and requested that if Planning Permission was granted, then the Permitted Development Rights be removed.</p> <p>b. 2025/0570/FULL for New store and toilet in new dwarf wall timber shed at Orchard House 2 Fermoy Court Little Brington NN7 4JP Deadline Extended to 22 March 2025. The Parish Council indicated that although they were not minded to object, it should be noted that the Plot was fully developed and no further applications should come forward.</p> <p>c. 2025/0861/COND for Discharge of Condition 4 (Lighting) of Planning Permission WND/2022/0410. (Change of use from agricultural land to solar farm and construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) development with a capacity of up to 49.9MW with associated infrastructure and planting).at Land At Glassthorpe Hill & Land Off Brington Road Flore Northamptonshire. Noted. It was also noted that the timing of the S172 funding on this application had not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>d. Notification of Tee Work at the Althorp Coaching Inn Main St Great Brington The Clerk was asked to contact the Applicant to ascertain the reasons for 14 mixed species trees to be felled.</p> <p>2.To Note Previous Planning Application Decisions. It was noted that outstanding Planning Applications were noted as “Pending” on the WNC Planning Website.</p> <p>3. Other Planning Matters None received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
09/2025	<p>Consultations from West Northamptonshire Council</p> <p>i. Employment, investment, and innovation the launch of new Economic Growth strategy has set an ambitious strategy to grow the local economy inclusively and sustainably with a focus on increasing productivity and skills. View the strategy on the West Northamptonshire Council website</p> <p>ii. 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day Communities across West Northamptonshire will come together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, marking the end of World War II in Europe on 8 May 1945. war. For more information on VE Day 80 events or guidance on planning a community celebration, including beacon lightings, visit the King’s Pageantmaster’s VE Day Celebration Guide.The Parish Council noted that the Village Beacon required replacing and this should be investigated and that Althorp be asked if they had events planned for the Victory in Europe Day.</p> <p>iii. WNC Tree and Wood Strategy New initiatives will be rolled out across West Northants to plant trees, increase biodiversity and support the growth of wildlife and insects following the area’s new Tree and Woods Strategy being published An action plan for the Tree and Wood Strategy will be published shortly and reviewed every five years. To find out more please visit the Council’s website. Please visit the West Northamptonshire Consultation Hub for more information about all consultation or engagement activities and how to have your say.</p>	<p>Clerk /Althorp Rep.</p>

10/2025	Environment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There were no updates from Althorp Estate. 2. The following updates from the Parish Council were noted: Medieval Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk had contacted 3 stonemasons and requested specifications and anticipated costs of repair. • One company advised that “they would be happy to provide a price for the work they would recommend to the cross. They can arrange a price for some fencing if required, but given that the Historic England Scheduled Monument listing mentions architectural deposits in the ground in the surrounding area, buried features and a 1 meter boundary around the archaeological features, it may not be straight forward getting permissions. However this may be something the Parish Council may have already considered or even discussed with HE. https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1018840?section=official-list-entry The team would carry out a site visit and prepare some costs for the works they would recommend.” 	Clerk
11/2026	Annual Parish Meeting Planning Following a discussion it was agreed that the date for the Annual Parish Meeting would be 21 May 2025 at 6.45pm with the May Parish Council Meeting starting at 7.45pm. This met with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972. Community Groups would be invited to give a brief 3 minute update of the their organisation’s activities during 2024-25. It was noted that only registered electors of the Parish were permitted to speak and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting.	Clerk
12/2025	Proposed Parish Council Meeting Dates 2025-2026 The Parish Council Meeting Dates 2025-2026 were noted as the third Wednesday of each month and no meeting in August and December. (At Annex)	
13/2025	To Note the Bank Reconciliation and Expenditure to Date and Approve Payments made in March 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Payments and Receipts for March 2025 were approved unanimously.(At Annex) • The Bank Reconciliation was noted and the Bank Balances were agreed by the Vice Chair (At Annex) • The Council’s expenditure, year to date at 17 March 2025 was noted. .(At Annex) 	Clerk
14/2025	Play Area Equipment Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was announced that the National Lottery Awards for All Bid had been successful and the Parish Council had been awarded £15000.00 for the project. • Cllr Gardner was thanked for all the work he had done in preparing the area which has saved the Council several thousand pounds. • The installation work had started on 17 March 2025 and was anticipated to be completed on 20 March 2025; Cllr Gardner agreed to sign the works off on completion. • It was noted that until the grass had grown sufficiently under the tower element, safety mats were required under and around this piece of equipment for health and safety reasons, otherwise it would not be able to be used. As it would be impossible to keep users (children) from using it after completion and allow the grass to establish, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Councillors, had authorised the purchase and fitting of the mats to meet these Health and Safety requirements. The extra cost of this was £1300 and £1385 to be completed by 22 	Clerk

	<p>March 2025. This would enable the tower component to be compliant. This expenditure was agreed by acclamation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council discussed a date for an Opening Event with Earl Spencer being invited to attend. Friday 25 April at 3.30pm was suggested and Cllr White indicated he would contact the Althorp Estate accordingly and that the Clerk would contact the school when the Earl had confirmed. Sundry items for this, including a Plaque acknowledging the Awards for All funding, would be ordered. 	Cllr White/ Clerk
15/2025	<p>Volunteer Award</p> <p>Completed nomination forms had been received by the Clerk and these would be shared with Parish Councillors.</p> <p>When the winner had accepted, the result would be announced at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
16/2025	<p>To consider excluding members of the public from Item 17 – “To consider Quotes received for Annual Insurance Premium” 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). Having received further advice from the Clerk, it was proposed and agreed unanimously that the item be discussed in public.</p>	
17/2024	<p>Annual Insurance Renewal 2025-26.</p> <p>It was noted that four companies had been asked to quote for a revised Policy to include the new Play Equipment and the Memorial Monument. Two companies, Clear Councils Insurance and Zurich Insurance had responded by the deadline.</p> <p>Cllr Milne proposed that the quote of £596.00 from Zurich Insurance be approved subject to confirmation of the Public Liability Cover. This was agreed unanimously.</p>	Clerk

Meeting closed: 21.15pm

Signed:*Keith White..*

Dated: 21 May 2025

Keith White (Chair)

CLERKS REPORT

1.	<p>Landscape Maintenance Contract Renewal</p> <p>The cutting schedule was confirmed as:</p> <p>Kimbells Field - Every 2 weeks during cutting season. Approx 16 cuts per year but maybe more depending on growing.</p> <p>Church Cemetery mow – hill side only Not to be cut until bulbs have finished flowering. May need a flail cut as first cut of season. To be cut once a month during cutting season. Mow/strim the bank in July. Mow/strim the bank in August and in September and all the long grass. Mow/strim the bank in September and all the long grass.</p> <p>Verges These are cut by West Northants Council.</p>
2.	<p>Road Closure - Kier are intending on carrying out carriageway repair work on the Brington Road in Whilton and the Whilton Road in Gt Brington.</p> <p>To undertake this work safely will require that the road will be closed for up to 5 days at off peak times, and it is expected that the works will commence on the 24th March 2025.</p> <p>The closure and diversion can be viewed here https://one.network/?tm=142356952</p>
3.	<p>Damage to Brington Road – due to the Murphy Landslip project, Gt Brington Road and the A428 towards East Haddon require repairing. Ward Cllr Bignell indicated at the February meeting that he was due to meet the contractors the next day and would raise this with them and update the Parish Council accordingly. However to date, no response has been forthcoming and the Clerk will chase this.</p>
4.	<p>Hamilton Lane Dog Bin – A resident reported that there had been further damage to the surface of the lane from West Northant Norse drivers and this had been reported.</p>
5.	<p>Mature Drivers Roadshow – Northants Police are running their next popular Mature Drivers Road Show on 7 May 2025 at the Holiday Inn Corby. They would appreciate this being rolled out to members and other organisations you feel may be interested. To be held at the Holiday Inn Corby. Book your Free tickets via Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/northants-mature-driver-roadshows-4099083</p>
6.	<p>Flashing Speed Sign at School- reported to Highways 9 March, previously reported 24 October 2024, still not working.</p>
7.	<p>Parish Councillor Post Election Training – Online or Face to Face</p> <p>Post elections NCALC get inundated with requests for whole council development sessions. Having a whole council development session benefits your council by all councillors hearing the same thing at the same time and can also help with team building. Contact the Clerk if you are interested.</p>
8.	<p>Garden Waste Collections – a reminder that Residents across West Northamptonshire can now sign up for optional ,chargeable garden waste collections from April 2025. The annual subscription charge for the fortnightly service from April 2025 to the end of March 2026 is £60 per bin and can be made online at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste</p> <p>Residents can sign up for an annual Direct Debit to save having to remember to renew every year. Find out more about our garden waste service</p>
9.	<p>Chantry Trust Rep – A nomination has been received and the Parish Council will formally discuss this at its next meeting.</p>

Usually 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm unless notified.

DAY	MONTH
Wednesday	16 th April 2025
Wednesday	AGM and Election of Chair and Vice Chair At 6.45 21st May 2025 (required to be held within 14 working days of Election Date.(LG Act 1972) Followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.45
Wednesday	18 th June 2025
Wednesday	16 th July 2025
Wednesday	No meeting in August*
Wednesday	17 th September 2025
Wednesday	15 th October 2025
Wednesday	19 th November 2025
Wednesday	No meeting in December*
Wednesday	21 st January 2026
Wednesday	18 th February 2026
Wednesday	18 th March 2026

*Unless urgent items come forward

FINANCE REPORT

MINUTE /13/2025 REFERS

(a) Payments for Approval 19 March 2025

Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary March		452.07	0
S Muir	BT	HMRC March		117.00	0
S Muir	BT	Clerk Expenses		123.04	0
Compete 366	DD	365 data backed up via Microsoft Syntex		3.98	0.66
Third Avenue	BT	Website Support (1 Month)	INV2316	62.40	10.40
Althorp Estates		Rent for Reading Room 25/03/25-23/06/25	3421	234.00	39.00
Althorp Estates		Rent at Kimbles Field 25/03/2025 to 24/03/2026	3427	638.40	106.40
EON Energy	DD	Kimbles Pavilion Electricity Invoice	KI-EA4D0588-0039	9.93	0.47
Zurich Insurance	BT	New Insurance Policy inc Employers & Liability	543024835	596.00	
Rhino Play(SW) Ltd	BT	Grass mats for Axford Towers	QU-4201r1	1,560.00	260.00
Rhino Play(SW) Ltd	BT	Installation of grass mats for Axford Towers	QU-4202	1662.00	277.00

(b) Receipts to Note

Date	Detail		Total
R Bayman	03/03/2025	Kimbles Field Hire May/June	£ 100.00
Bank Interest	03/03/2025	Gross Interest	£ 128.07
Awards for All	14/03/2025	Play Area Funding	£15,000.00

(c) Reconciliation 16 March 2025

Nett balances as at 16/03/2025				
Bank Reconciliation				
Bank Balance		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	

(d) Expenditure to date 17 March 2025

Brington Parish Council Expenditure to 17 March 2024	2024/25 ANNUAL BUDGET £	2024/25 ACTUAL at 17/03/2025 £
RECEIPTS		
Precept	23,210.00	23210.00
Grants/Donations		
Bank interest		434.66
VAT claims	1,000.00	1249.50
Kimbles Field Rent	500.00	150.00
Awards For All – Lottery Funding		15000.00
Total receipts	24,710.00	40044.16
PAYMENTS		
Audit Fees (int & ext)	250.00	210.00
Subscriptions (NALC/CPRE/SLCC)	500.00	600.00
Bank Charges	-	-
PWLB Loan		-
Insurance	-	457.28
Clerk Salary Inc PAYE	6,500.00	7073.20
Clerk Expenses	500.00	440.71
Phone / Office (incl cllr training & IT)	500.00	420.00
Election Expenses	-	
Electricity	2,500.00	1410.60
Grass Cutting Dog Waste Bin Emptying	3,500.00	4007.60
Chairmans Allowance	-	0.00
Newsletter	-	380.00
LB Field	500.00	100.00
Kimbells Field Improvements	1,000.00	1475.00
Village events / groups	1,000.00	280.00
Parish Improvements	4,000.00	2563.20
LBPF Improvements	25,000.00	11893.50
IT Improvements	1,500.00	1683.50
Reading Room Rent		1950.00
Kimbells Field Rent		924.30
VAT		5012.36
Total Payments	47250.00	40831.25
	(22,540.00)	787.09
Opening	32,587.11	32,587.11
Net Receipts/ (Payments)	(22,540.00)	787.09
TOTALS	10,047.11	33,374.20