



**Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 10 December 2025, at the Reading Room, Great Brington**

Present: Cllrs N Tompkins (Vice Chair), S Beeusaert, J James (Late Arrival), D Kennedy, M Roach and R Welsford

Also Present: Clerk and 3 members of public.

Apologies: Cllrs K White, (Chair), J James (for lateness) and R Gardner. Ward Cllr D Lister, Althorp Rep., Police Rep.

Meeting: Started at 7.45pm

144/2025	Welcome and Announcements Cllr Tompkins (Vice Chair) welcomed all to the meeting.	Action
145/2025	To receive apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs K White, (Chair), J James (for lateness) and R Gardner. These were agreed unanimously.	Clerk
146/2025	To receive declarations for interest on items on the Agenda Cllr James advised a pecuniary interest in Item 7a Planning Application 2025/4825/Full Land adjacent to Main Street Gt Brington as she had a financial interest in the property Cllr Tompkins advised a personal interest in Item 9 (Finance) as she was related to a payee.	Clerk
147/2025	Public Participation It was resolved that as 3 residents were present to speak with reference to Item 7a Planning Application 2025/4825/Full, Land adjacent to Main Street Gt Brington that this item be brought forward. 2025/4825/Full – Land adjacent to Main Street Great Brington The Council heard from 3 residents with reference to the item. The Council had also received a written submission from a resident advising that the site in question was advertised as limited to agricultural use and was protected by a covenant, which was imposed by the Althorp Estate, preventing development. The Clerk had also received written comments from Cllr White (Chair) and Cllr Gardner. The Councillors discussed the item noting all the comments received and resolved that the Council should submit an objection to West Northamptonshire Planning Authority for the following reasons: Bringtons Parish Council cannot support Planning Application 2025/4825 in the way that it has come forward for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scale, bulk, design and massing of the proposal would detract from the location which is at the gateway to the village and did not comply with the Village Design Statement; and was inconsistent with neighbouring and opposite properties in this regard • The location on the plot of the proposed dwelling was near the main road and should be placed away from the main road; the point on location was in part that the property is placed close to the road boundary and therefore would be very prominent in the street scene and the Parish Council opinion was that it should be located further to 	Clerk

	<p>the rear (North) of the plot. There was a second point that the property is proposed to be located towards the East end of the plot, making it closer to its neighbouring property and the Parish Council opinion was that it would be better for the property to be located towards the Western boundary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site in question was advertised as limited to agricultural use and was protected by a covenant, which was imposed by the Althorp Estate, preventing development; • There was a potential conflict with the local planning policy if it was regarded as infill, but it was not clear if it was outside the village envelope parish boundary; • The road bordering the plot was an approach to the conservation area with open landscape and unobstructed views and a large building in this location would detract from the views; although the property was not in the conservation area it was close to it and to significant buildings within the conservation area. It was of much greater scale than those properties and this further argues that it should be of a smaller scale and located to the north and west of the plot to reduce this overbearing • If approved, a Landscape Design Statement must be submitted and a condition included to prevent the removal of significant trees on the plot to protect the view of the village. The current hedge boundaries and trees were a significant part of the landscape at this entry point to the village and adjacent to the most significant public open space in the Parish. Therefore a landscape plan should be approved (not just a design statement) before work commences on any work on this site and this should include consultation with the owners and occupiers of adjacent properties including Kimbells field. • The access gate to the adjacent Kimbells Field playing field which was leased from Althorp Estates by the Parish Council, should be removed so that maximum protection was given to Kimbells Field, this gate had not been used as an access point to Kimbell's field for decades. • If approved, the current application must include a condition to ensure that all windows overlooking adjacent dwellings be made of opaque glass to ensure no overlooking. • If approved, a condition must be included to ensure that no external lighting on the flank wall facing Winterset and down lighters for any external lighting to mitigate light pollution; • If approved, a condition must be included to ensure that additional boundary treatment to the side of the plot overlong Kimbells Fields to have a better boundary hedging/trees. Kimbell's Field was the main open space in the village and is used for informal sport and play as well as village/parish events, the Parish Council considered that the boundary to the north of the site should be hedged to match the treatment to the boundary between the field and Winterset, and that this should be part of a landscaping plan; and • If approved, the Parish Council considered that the 30mph speed limit area should be extended to commence well in advance of the site 	
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	<p>access and that the village sign moved so as to not impede visibility and a condition must be included to ensure that the developer was responsible for moving the village sign and speed signs.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Tompkins, seconded Cllr Kennedy – Agreed all in favour</p>	
148/2025	<p>To Note Reports</p> <p>a) The Chair submitted a written report : He had received a response from the Parish Clerk at Norton who had advised that the 20mpn speed warning signs had not made much difference to traffic speeds in the village but they were worth having to warn drivers.</p> <p>b) The Clerk – Asked Councillors to advise dates in early January for a an informal Budget pre meeting requested by the Chair.</p> <p>c) Ward Councillors- Ward Cllr Morton advised that West Northamptonshire Council had advised they would be recommending a 4.99% Council Tax increase in the forthcoming budget.</p> <p>d) Police – Cllr Beausart advised he had contacted the Police to ask if they had gathered any speed data from 20 mph temporary speed signs speed surveys in any areas that have introduced a voluntary 20 mph signage And they had not. The Clerk had taken this forward with WNC Highways.</p> <p>Cllr James joined the meeting.</p>	
	<p>i. To consider a full market review of Electricity Supplier from Utility Solutions following the collapse of Tomato Energy, and</p> <p>ii. To adopt a new Electricity Provider</p> <p>Following discussion Cllr Tompkins proposed that it was resolved that the Clerk ask Utility Solutions to advise the rate for a 12 month fixed term and with Valda Electricity and circulate to Councillors. Seconded Cllr Roach, Agreed All in Favour.</p>	Clerk
149/2025	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Planning Applications</p> <p>i. 2025/4825/Full – Land adjacent to Main Street Great Brington As Minute 147/2025 above</p> <p>ii. 2025/5010/FULL at 1 Fermoy Court Little Brington for single storey side extension. No comments noted.</p> <p>b) Previous Planning Application Decisions. Planning related issues (if any). None Received</p>	
150/2025	<p>Consultations; The following consultation were noted:</p> <p>1. Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people West Northamptonshire Council. Details of the call for sites are available on the Council's website at website https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/planning/cfs_gypsies-travellers-travellingshowpeople/ The closing date for submissions is 27th January 2026.</p> <p>2. WNC Supporting WNC. The consultation will be open for responses from the 3 of December 2025 until the 27 of January 2026, The link to the consultation is: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/place/transport-strategy-and-action-plans-consultation/</p>	
151/2025	Finance	
	<p>To Note the Bank Reconciliation and Approve Payments made for November 2025</p> <p>1. The Payments for December 2025 were approved unanimously with the exception of NCALC E Learning Couse £134.80 (At Annex).</p> <p>2. Cllr Tompkins read out the bank balances for 10 December as Barclays Bank Community Account £3261.28 Premium Account</p>	Clerk

	£24488.50 3. It was unanimously resolved to not make a donation to the Northampton Citizens Advice.	
151/2025	To consider TTRO(25/26) W927 - Flore Road, Little Brington and Brington Road, Flore Road Closure and TTRO(25/26) W951 - Nobottle Road, Harpole and Little Brington It was resolved that the road closures would impact all villages in the Parish area and the Clerk was asked to ascertain details of how and where signage would be located to divert traffic	Clerk

Meeting Closed 20.45

ANNEX

PAYMENTS LIST at 10 December 2025

Minute 151/2025 refers

1. (a) Payments for Noting 10 December 2025

Supplier	code	Detail	Invoice No	Invoice Total	VAT
S Muir	BT	Salary December	0	510.46	0
S Muir	BT	S Muir HMRC & NI December 2025	0	160.76	0
S Muir	BT	Expenses Sept- Dec 2025	0	115.89	0
Third Avenue	BT	Website Support (1 Month)	2474	62.40	52.00
Tesco	DD	Mobile Phone Subscription	28/11/25	10.50	
West Northamptonshire Norse Ltd	BT	Street Cleansing and Annual Empty of Dog/Litter bins Hamilton Lane & Carriage Lane	SO1000245	846.22	141.04
Compete 366	BT	Azure NCE Plan	25653	5.46	0.91
NCALC (not Paid)	BT	E-Learning Course - 4 Courses (New Clerk)FOI, Information Security Awareness, Data Protection, Personal Safety	4912	134.80	22.40

Signed:.....

Dated: 21 January 2026

Cllr K White (Chair)