



Minutes of the Meeting of BRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17 June 2026, at the Reading Rooms, Great Brington

Present: Cllrs K White (Chair), N Tompkins (Vice Chair), R Gardner, J James, D Kennedy, M Roach

Also Present: Clerk and members of the public

Apologies: Cllr R Welsford and S Beeusaert

Meeting: Started at 7.45pm

38/2027	To receive apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr R Welsford and S Beeusaert																																																							
39/2027	To receive declarations for interest on items on the Agenda Cllr N Tompkins on the finance 42/2027e. & 56/2027 pecuniary interest and Cllr J James on 48/2027b pecuniary interest																																																							
40/2027	Minutes of the Extra – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 1st June 2026 RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of the 1 st June 2026 <i>Chair signed the minutes</i>																																																							
41/2027	Public Participation <i>None</i>																																																							
42/2027	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. NOTED the bank balance as of 31st May 2026</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Business Premium Account</td> <td>27631.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>252.66</td> </tr> </table> <p>b. NOTED the receipts received as of the 31st May 2026</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>H Grimes</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. AGREED the Bank reconciliation report and approve the payments for April</p> <p>d. AGREED the Bank reconciliation report and approve the payments for May</p> <p>e. RESOLVED to authorize the payments</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Invoice Number</th> <th>Gross</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Net</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Legal Power</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Rachael Ball</td> <td></td> <td>558.39</td> <td>0</td> <td>558.39</td> <td>Wages – June</td> <td>LGA 1972, Section 112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>120PY005 527632703</td> <td>181.75</td> <td>0</td> <td>181.75</td> <td>Tax and NI</td> <td>LGA 1972, Section 112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Avenue</td> <td>2574</td> <td>62.4</td> <td>10.4</td> <td>52</td> <td>Website and support</td> <td>LGA 1972, Section 142</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compete 366</td> <td>28297</td> <td>6.19</td> <td>1.03</td> <td>5.16</td> <td>Back up of data</td> <td>LGA 1972, Section 111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Valda Electricity</td> <td>01887287</td> <td>122.53</td> <td>5.89</td> <td>117.86</td> <td>Electricity May</td> <td>Parish Councils Act 1957 - Section 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R&G</td> <td>122744</td> <td>466.6</td> <td>77.7</td> <td>388.88</td> <td>Mowing</td> <td>Highways Act 1980</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Business Premium Account	27631.89	Current Account	252.66	H Grimes	25.00	Payee	Invoice Number	Gross	VAT	Net	Description	Legal Power	Rachael Ball		558.39	0	558.39	Wages – June	LGA 1972, Section 112	HMRC	120PY005 527632703	181.75	0	181.75	Tax and NI	LGA 1972, Section 112	Third Avenue	2574	62.4	10.4	52	Website and support	LGA 1972, Section 142	Compete 366	28297	6.19	1.03	5.16	Back up of data	LGA 1972, Section 111	Valda Electricity	01887287	122.53	5.89	117.86	Electricity May	Parish Councils Act 1957 - Section 3	R&G	122744	466.6	77.7	388.88	Mowing	Highways Act 1980
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NCALC	4912	134.40	22.40	112.00	E learning course	LGA 1972, Section 111
Althorp	5764	270.00	45.00	225.00	Rent for the reading rooms Q3	LGA 1972, Section 133
Readytec	6265	37.44	6.24	31.20	Antivirus protection	LGA 1972, Section 111

f. REVIEWED and NOTED the budget report up to 31st May 2026

		Draft Budget 2026-27		Revised Draft Budget 2026-27	
RECEIPTS					
		2629.43	12489.00	18227.00	
	Precept	24978.17		24978.00	
	Grants/Donations	15000.00		0.00	
	Bank interest	250.00		50.00	
	VAT claims	5500.00		4500.00	
	Kimbles Field Hire	0.00	25.00	0.00	
	Refunds				
	Total receipts	48,357.60		47,755.00	
PAYMENTS					
	Audit Fees (int & ext)	300.00	305.76	606.00	300.24
	Subscriptions (NALC/CPRE/SLCC)	800.00	372.71	437.00	64.29
	Bank Charges	-		72.00	72.00
	Election Fees WNC	0.00		0.00	0.00
	Insurance	650.00		800.00	800.00
					9259.8
	Clerk Salary Inc PAYE	10000.00	740.14	10000.00	6
	Provision for Clerks necessary additional hours	1000.00		0.00	0.00
	Clerk & Cllr Expenses	600.00		500.00	500.00
	Phone / Office (incl cllr training & IT)	500.00	32.06	900.00	867.94
					2671.6
	Electricity	3000.00	328.39	3000.00	1
	Grass Cutting Dog Waste Bin Emptying	4500.00	749.11	4500.00	3750.8
	Newsletter	400.00		400.00	9
	LB Field	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
	Kimbells Field	1000.00		600.00	0.00
					600.00
	Village events / groups	600.00		600.00	600.00
	Parish Improvements	350.00		400.00	400.00
	LBPF Improvements (Play Area) Zip Wire & H&S				14044.
	Inspection	15500.00		14044.44	44

	IT and Website	850.00	50.00	1300.00	1250.00
	Reading Room Rent	1000.00		1000.00	0
	Property Maintenance				1000.00
	Contribution to Reserves	1000.00		1000.00	0
	Future Project Evaluations	500.00		400.00	400.00
		4000.00	179.63	4200.00	4020.37
	Total Payments	46,650.00	2,857.80	44,859.44	42001.64
	Payments less Receipts	1707.60		2895.56	

43/2027	<p>Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)</p> <p>a. The internal audit was reviewed along with the clerk's report. The council would like to thank the internal auditor for their time and recommendations. The council will continue to look into the recommendations that were made. It was AGREED that the internal auditors report and a summary from the clerk will be shared with the residents through the village email, website and the noticeboard.</p> <p>b. It was RESOLVED to approve Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) once question 5 has been changed to No. A recorded vote was requested before the vote. Proposed by Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr James. Agreed by Cllr Grant and White. Against Cllr Tompkins and Roach.</p> <p>c. It was RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 2)</p> <p>d. It was RESOLVED to approve the electoral rights of inspection of accounts will begin on Monday 22nd June until Friday 31st July 2026</p>
44/2027	<p>To Receive Reports from:</p> <p>a. The Chair – Reported that the road by the Church in Great Brington had been shut and repaired on the 15th June. However, the worst part had not been repaired. The street doctor report had not been closed. Cllr White is due to meet with Cllr Butler in the next few weeks to speak about the road by the Church, the HGVs through the village, the damage to the roads around the village due to the diversion in place.</p> <p>b. The Clerk – Met with Wickstead to discuss the options for the park in Little Bringtons as requested. Has had confirmation that the Unity Bank account is now open and will transfer the funds to the account once everyone has confirmed they have access Has completed the internal audit and will now start work on the external audit Is working on arranging a meeting between BPC and Cllr Butler. Completed the end of grant report for National lottery.</p> <p>c. Police Representative –None</p> <p>d. Ward Representative – has had three meetings with Highways, there was no consultation before the extension to close the Roman Road was agreed. Damage and increased traffic on the Nobottle Road, Flore and Brington Road. The road by Althorp Kier attended 3.5 years ago. However, it was not been sorted. The information that a section 278 divert is outside WNC control is incorrect</p>
45/2027	<p>Finance Scrutiny Task and Finish Group</p> <p>a. To approve the terms of reference for the group – This was DEFERRED as the finance scrutiny task and finish group needs to be tailored to the internal audit only.</p> <p>b. To appoint members of the council to the group – DEFERRED</p> <p>c. To agree the date that final report must be received by 9^h September 2026 – DEFERRED</p>
46/2027	<p>Clerk and Councillor Training Plan 2026-2028</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the plan. It was noted that the Staffing committee should speak with the clerk about their requirements for training</p>
47/2027	<p>Reading Rooms Liaison Committee</p> <p>a. It was RESOLVED to agree the reading rooms liaison committee terms of reference</p> <p>b. It was RESOLVED that Cllr White, Tompkins and Roach will be part of the committee</p>
48/2027	<p>Planning</p>

	<p>a. Application No. 2026/2066/FULL Proposal: Replacement of existing building and staff cabin with single portal framed building Location: Kennel & Cattery Hazel Tree House East Haddon Road Great Brington NN7 4JL https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2026/2066/FULL?cuuid=310E0167-BD51-47AF-A4D4-131DB44BC2F9 The council has no objection to this</p>
	<i>Cllr James left the meeting</i>
48/2027	<p>Planning b. LOCATION: LAND AT MAIN STREET GREAT BRINGTON NN7 4JA PROPOSAL: NEW DWELLING - SELF BUILD WNC REFERENCE: 2025/4825/FULL PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: 6010826 APPEAL START DATE: 11 JUNE 2026 The Parish council was notified about this on the 11th June at 12.58pm and have queried this with WNC as the appeal had already started c. None</p>
	<i>Cllr James returned back to the meeting</i>
49/2027	<p>Roles and Responsibilities a. The resignation of Cllr Kennedy from the role of Communities and Communications Engagement and Remembrance Day Activity Lead was NOTED b. The vacant position of the internal controller was NOTED c. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Beeusaert would becoming the internal controller and Cllr Grant will become the 2nd signatory on the Unity Bank account</p>
50/2027	<p>Zipline in Little Brington a. The clerk's report was NOTED b. It was AGREED that the clerk would contact Wickstead to receive a breakdown of the cancellation charges</p>
51/2027	<p>To note any updates from Althorp Estate No representative from Althorp was present</p>
52/2027	<p>Rent increase to the playing field, Great Brington No representative from Althorp was present</p>
53/2027	<p>Mowing It was RESOLVED to add on the additional three cuts a year to comply with the WNC mowing grant at a cost of approximately £95.00 per cost</p>
54/2027	<p>Reports from external meetings None</p>
55/2027	<p>Report on the emerging local plan from WNC The call was on the 2nd June. The clerk reports that at the meeting the plan is currently in the planning stage at the moment. The local plan will be until 2043. They need to build 47,000 new houses and create 32,000 new jobs. In the rural areas approx. 3,800 houses need to be built. Rural areas have been split into 3 areas. Primary service villages (11), Secondary villages (47), Other (79). The Bringtons is in the other category. Some housing development will be outside the village confines in certain villages if planning believe it is required. Infrastructure such as dentists and doctors will come from central government.</p>
9.45pm	<p>It was RESOLVED to extend the meeting by 15 minutes <i>Cllr Tompkins left the meeting</i></p>
56/2027	<p>Motion by Cllr Kennedy. It is proposed that the Parish Council reviews the effectiveness of the website and assesses options for the Council to achieve better value for money going forward. It was AGREED that Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Beeusaert would review the website and the options for reducing the cost and the content of the website and bring it back to council <i>Cllr Tompkins returned to the meeting</i></p>
57/2027	<p>Motion by Cllr Kennedy. It is proposed that in September 2026 the Parish Council conduct a postal survey of all households and businesses located in the Parish area to understand their views and priorities for the next three years (2027-2030), in order to inform Council priorities, and the budget and three year financial plan due to be agreed this autumn.</p>

	It was AGREED that Cllr Kennedy would send a draft survey for the council to review and agree at the next meeting.
58/2027	Correspondence Received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Request from Harlestone and Church with Chapel Brampton PC to show the climate emergency film at the reading rooms - It was AGREED to put them in touch with the Reading Rooms Email from the clerk at Harpole PC.- It was NOTED
59/2027	Items for information only None
60/2027	Date and time of the next meeting Wednesday 16 th September 2026 at 7.45pm

Meeting closed at 10pm

APPENDIX 1

Role	Responsibilities
Cllr K White	2 nd Bank Account Signatory of Barclays Representative of Parish Council, Liaison with Althorp Estate Liaison with the Clerk Staffing Committee member Reading Room Liaison working group member
Cllr N Tompkins	Notice Board Updating, Play Area & Outdoor Gym issues. Events Liaison with the Parish Clerk Staffing Committee member Reading Room Liaison working group member
Cllr S Beeusaert	Parish Council IT Lead Internal controller
Cllr R Gardner	Play Area Inspections Lead Remembrance Day Party member Sundry small landscape issues (clearing logs, signs etc) Staffing Committee member 2 nd Bank account signatory of Unity Bank
Cllr M Roach	Reading Room Liaison working group member Sundry small landscape issues, (Dog Bins, Signs) 3 rd Bank Account Signatory of Unity Bank 3 rd Bank Account Signatory of Barclays Bank
Cllr J James	
Cllr R Welsford	Road Safety Issues Lead Northamptonshire Police Lead Remembrance Day Working Party member
Cllr D Kennedy	Staffing committee member – TBC