

BILLING PARISH COUNCIL

Established 1894

Serving Bellinge, Ecton Brook, Great Billing and Little Billing

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2011, AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT Councillor S. Rockall (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs E. Palethorpe, Mrs S. Shaw, M. Clasper,
P. Evans, H. Jones, D. Hughes, J. Marlow, D. Nash, G. Stevens,

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
C. Campling (Green Space Manager)
Mrs. C. Worthington
Special Constable Glenn Warner
One elector

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| 154 | Apologies | |
| 154.1 | Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D. Hughes (Standards Committee Meeting) and Rev. Steven Palmer (work commitment). | |
| 155 | Minutes | |
| 155.1 | The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14 th November 2011 (Folio Nos 060/2011 – 066/2011) were approved and signed as a true record. | |
| 156 | Declarations of Interest | |
| 156.1 | The following declaration of interest was made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. M. Clasper – Item 8 (3) on the agenda – Planning Application N/2011/1156 – 78 Valley Road, Little Billing – Storage Container (for use by Little Billing Pocket Park volunteers). | |
| 157 | New Councillors | |
| 157.1 | The Returning Officer at NBC had advised that no written request to hold an election for the vacancy in Great Billing Ward had been received. No additional candidates had put their name forward and Mrs. Cheryl Worthington was unanimously co-opted to the position. | |
| 157.2 | Mr. Dennis Nash was welcomed as the new Councillor for Bellinge Ward and both he and Mrs. Worthington signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Undertaking of Compliance with the Model Code of Conduct. | |
| 158 | Public Forum | |
| 158.1 | Mr. Richard Hughes of Fishers Close reported that both ponds near his home were causing concern as water was diminishing with the little remaining becoming stagnant, and it was felt this was a health hazard. Both ponds are fed from an underground spring and the suggestion was made that ongoing adjacent building work may have caused the spring to be blocked up or diverted. The GSM is to check on this immediately and report to the Environment Agency. | GSM |
| 159 | Exchange of Information with local SCT | |
| 159.1 | Special Constable Glenn Warner reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Sergeant, Lee Favell, had hoped to attend the parish council meeting but once again work had intervened. | |

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| 159 | <i>Exchange of Information with local SCT (Continued)</i> | |
| 159.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a robbery at knife-point in the area. • Theft from motor vehicles is still high. • Overall, crime statistics for the parish are very low compared to other areas. | |
| 159.2 | Cllr. D. Nash asked if Glenn had any information regarding the incident involving two young girls which occurred on Wednesday 7 th December. He replied that he was not aware of this but would find out what he could. | |
| 160 | <i>Ongoing Matters</i> | |
| 160.1 | Play Rangers. Sessions had been arranged for 19 th and 20 th December and for consecutive Tuesdays from 3 rd January to 7 th February 2012. Posters/Flyers would be distributed at the local Primary Schools and were displayed on the Parish Council website and notice boards. It is hoped that further sessions will take place later in the new year should these initial sessions be successful. A review will be made at the February meeting. | |
| 160.2 | Due to Christmas it has proved difficult to arrange a meeting with residents living adjacent to the old orchard. Held over to next meeting. | |
| 161 | <i>Planning</i> | |
| 161.1 | N/2011/1000 – Former Great Billing Primary School – Application for approval of reserved matters including access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission N/2006/0841 for residential development of 9 dwellings. The Parish Council had been informed that this application had been called in and a site visit due to take place today. Unfortunately BPC had been unable to ascertain the time of this visit and consequently interested councillors had not been able to attend. The Clerk is to ascertain the outcome of this visit and also obtain information regarding allocation of money from the Section 106 agreement | Clerk |
| 161.2 | N/2011/1116 – Nevin, 110 Orchard Hill, Little Billing – Two storey rear extension including attic conversion to convert existing dwelling to form 2 x 3-bedroom houses with car parking. BPC are concerned that approval of this application will lead to further applications for ‘back garden’ developments in this area with the resultant increase in traffic. | |
| 161.3 | N/2011/1156 – 78 Valley Road, Little Billing – Storage Container (for use of Little Billing Pocket Park volunteers). No comments or objections. | |
| 161.4 | N/2011/1185 – 23 Valley Road, Little Billing – Installation of Roller Shutters – Part Retrospective. This shop is called ‘Billing Convenience Store’ and is now open for business. Concern was expressed that alcohol is being sold and there would appear to be no age warning signs with regard to this or the purchase of cigarettes. Clerk to check on licence for selling alcohol. The council expressed their hope that the problems experienced previously with regard to underage drinking and dropping of litter would not be repeated. | Clerk |
| 161.5 | There were no determinations received this month. | |

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| 162 | Finance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 162.1 | <p>The list of accounts for approval for payment had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED that payment be made as per the following:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>Power of Expenditure</u></th> <th><u>Inc. VAT</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Co-op Motors (MOT, Service, Repairs, tyre – GSM truck)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>649.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garden Machines (Labour – fitting of tilling attachment)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P J Miller (Alts football post holders/wheelchair ramp)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>393.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unicom (Telephone – Pavilion - Oct)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>16.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Small Business Payroll (Salaries and monthly fee)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>3700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk (Reimbursement payment tax disc for GSM truck)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A.Day Recycling (Wheelie Bin Collection – Nov)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>24.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclaycard Commercial (Monthly credit card)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>199.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park Landscapes (1 x Gang Mow Playing Field)</td> <td>OSA1906s9&10</td> <td>66.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCC (GSM Pension – Nov)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>512.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk (3 mths broadband/telephone calls and mileage)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>86.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kompas 360 (Printing of newsletter)</td> <td>LGA1972s142</td> <td>480.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garden Machines (N'ton) (Fuel spout for combi can)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garden Machines (N'ton) (New Stihl Blower/Vacuum)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>268.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smiths Fire (Replacement Water Extinguisher)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>70.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smiths Fire (Extinguisher Service/Dry Powder Recharge)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>98.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unicom (Telephone – Pavilion – Nov)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>17.89</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | <u>Power of Expenditure</u> | <u>Inc. VAT</u> | Co-op Motors (MOT, Service, Repairs, tyre – GSM truck) | LGA1972s111 | 649.60 | Garden Machines (Labour – fitting of tilling attachment) | LGA1972s111 | 10.00 | P J Miller (Alts football post holders/wheelchair ramp) | LGA1972s111 | 393.60 | Unicom (Telephone – Pavilion - Oct) | LGA1972s111 | 16.85 | Small Business Payroll (Salaries and monthly fee) | LGA1972s112 | 3700.00 | Clerk (Reimbursement payment tax disc for GSM truck) | LGA1972s111 | 210.00 | A.Day Recycling (Wheelie Bin Collection – Nov) | LGA1972s111 | 24.70 | Barclaycard Commercial (Monthly credit card) | LGA1972s111 | 199.37 | Park Landscapes (1 x Gang Mow Playing Field) | OSA1906s9&10 | 66.00 | NCC (GSM Pension – Nov) | LGA1972s112 | 512.73 | Clerk (3 mths broadband/telephone calls and mileage) | LGA1972s111 | 86.19 | Kompas 360 (Printing of newsletter) | LGA1972s142 | 480.00 | Garden Machines (N'ton) (Fuel spout for combi can) | LGA1972s111 | 15.00 | Garden Machines (N'ton) (New Stihl Blower/Vacuum) | LGA1972s111 | 268.01 | Smiths Fire (Replacement Water Extinguisher) | LGA1972s111 | 70.20 | Smiths Fire (Extinguisher Service/Dry Powder Recharge) | LGA1972s111 | 98.46 | Unicom (Telephone – Pavilion – Nov) | LGA1972s111 | 17.89 | |
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| 162.2 | A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget together with the bank reconciliation for the period to 30 th November 2011 had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED this be approved. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 163 | Other Matters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 163.1 | Cllr. Marlow said vehicles parked on the pavement was becoming a serious problem in the parish – in many cases vehicles were being parked with all four wheels on the pavement leaving pedestrians with no alternative but to walk into the road. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged to discuss this in detail together with representatives from the police and NBC. It was also suggested that an article on this subject be put into the next newsletter. Due to the close proximity of Christmas and New Year it was agreed that determination of a suitable date for a meeting should be held over to the January meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 163.2 | Thanks to the intervention of Cllr. Christopher Malpas, the Highways Department have now agreed to repaint the lines at the junction of Lasham Court and Kingscroft Court, Bellinge. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 163.3 | Street Lighting. BPC are very disappointed with how the consultation regarding reduced street lighting has been handled by the Highways Department. Requests for lights to be switched back on had to be made by 23 rd September and details of this consultation period were not received by the council until 6 th September. Apart from the fact this left little more than two weeks to collate information, it was believed the true impact of reduced lighting would not be felt until after the clocks were changed at the end of October – and so it has proved. Whole banks of lights have been turned off (as opposed to 'every other one') and this is treacherous on footpaths and in residential areas especially where there is sheltered housing and when combined with damaged and uneven pavements. RESOLVED the Clerk should write to Highways Department requesting them to visit the parish to meet with councillors at 8.00 pm in the evening on a date of their choice, in order to see the problems for themselves. | Clerk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 163.4 | Cllr. Nash said a petition had been organised with regard to the problems caused by reduced street lighting and he understood that another one was being organised by St. Andrews and All Saints churches. A suggestion was made that an online petition should be started and the GSM is to investigate. | GSM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 163 | <i>Other Matters (Continued)</i> | |
| 163.5 | CCTV. Examination and service of the CCTV system is to take place at 9.00 am on Thursday 15 th December 2011. | |
| 163.6 | Tipping of Waste. Cllr. Evans reported he had noticed problems with two parishioners tipping waste. One is tipping green waste onto land behind his garden. This is left all winter but taken back into his garden, presumably to use as mulch, in the Spring. The other parishioner has tipped soil onto the land beyond the bottom of his garden and a lot of this has gone into the river. An attempt will be made to ascertain the addresses of both people involved and once the Clerk has received this information she will write to NBC. | PE Clerk |
| 164 | <i>Billing Leys History & Heritage Project</i> | |
| 164.1 | The Clerk reported she had updated Greg Pickup at HLF with progress on the project so far and had also sent him copies of all the 'before' photographs. The Clerk was asked to email David Russell to ensure that co-ordination between the dry stone waller and Dick Oram had been arranged. | Clerk |
| 165 | <i>Leisure & Recreation</i> | |
| 165.1 | Great Billing Pocket Park. The GSM reported that progress is continuing on the path in the pocket park with another 7 or 8M being laid. | |
| 165.2 | The Leys. Additional trees for Celebration Avenue will be delivered after Christmas. There is some ditch work and tree work which needs to be done on The Leys, and the problem with the sewage appears to have been sorted out. | |
| 165.3 | Little Billing Pocket Park. Cllr. Clasper reported that although only 5 volunteers were at the last session, everyone worked very hard on clearing nettles, brambles, etc. The lottery fund has now been signed off and they appeared happy with how the money was used. | |
| 166 | <i>Northants County Association of Local Councils</i> | |
| 166.1 | No report due to the absence of Cllr. David Hughes. | |
| 167 | <i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i> | |
| 167.1 | Cllr. Mrs Shaw said she was pleased to see that the bus stop had been replaced in Fishponds Road although the road markings had still not been repainted. | |
| 167.2 | Cllr. Nash said there were concerns regarding the future running of Bellinge Community Centre which has been selected for management by a new Group along with several other Community Centres/Halls formerly within the remit of the NBC, although they had been assured that no difference would be noticed. Sarah Hughes, the Manager, has applied for funding from the Big Society Funding Programme. Cllr. Nash also said he was concerned about the newly installed cash point at the Bellinge Co-op, particularly as there had been various hold-ups at the shop in the past. | |
| 167.3 | Cllr. Clasper thanked everyone who participated in the last Parish litter pick. | |
| 167.4 | Cllr. Mrs Palethorpe asked for clarification as to whether a decision had been made to place a bench on The Leys. She was advised it had been agreed to leave a decision on this until after the ha-ha had been restored. | |
| 167.5 | Cllr. Jones asked if a bench could be placed adjacent to the lake at Ecton Brook. This will be discussed at a future parish council meeting. | |

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| 168 | <i>Correspondence Received</i> | |
| 168.1 | A letter had been received from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £360 which included the cost of two wreaths. | |
| 168.2 | A letter had been received from Adrian Lee, the Chief Constable, thanking the council for their letter of appreciation for the work performed in the parish by Special Constable Glenn Warner. A copy of the council's letter had been passed to both Glenn and his supervisors. | |
| 169 | <i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i> | |
| 169.1 | There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.14 pm. Date of next meeting – Monday 9 th January 2012. | |