

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 9TH JANUARY 2017
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

PRESENT Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs G. Chaggar, Mrs. C. Worthington, Ms. L. Vakil, D. Brede,
J. Clements, D. Nash, P. Henesey, N. Nickason, M. Pearson, S. Rockall

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
C. Campling (Green Space Manager)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
Sarah Oakes (Neighbourhood Warden) & Michelle Aveyard (BCH) (Part)
Mr Bob Entwistle
2 Parishioners

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1	<i>Apologies</i>	
1.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. S. Ward (ill) and from NBC Cllr. Andrew Kilbride.	
2	<i>Minutes</i>	
2.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 th December 2016 (Folio Nos. 059/2016 – 064/2016) were approved and signed as a true record.	
3	<i>Declarations of Interest</i>	
3.1	There were none	
4	<i>Public Forum</i>	
4.1	Mr Bob Entwistle introduced himself to the Council. He has lived in Great Billing for over 30 years and has now become the official leader for health walks in the parish. These will take place each Monday, meeting at Bellinge Community House – 11.00 am for a short walk taking 30 to 40 minutes, and at 11.45 am for a longer walk lasting about one hour. The first session had taken place that morning. Details are already on the Parish Council website and the GSM will place posters on all notice boards. Cllr. Rockall asked Bob if he had first aid qualifications or would be willing to take training, bearing in mind that a defibrillator was placed within the pavilion. Michelle Aveyard is to check when the next training sessions are due to take place at BCH.	GSM MA
5	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
5.1	Michelle Aveyard reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ With regard to the Youth Club BCH had unfortunately been unsuccessful in obtaining funding from two of their applications, but were still awaiting to hear from the third. ➤ They had applied to Tesco for funding from their 'Bags for Life' scheme and urged everyone to vote for them. ➤ Funding has been received for Bellinge in Bloom. 	

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5	Reports from Outside Agencies (Continued)	
5.2	<p>Sarah Oakes, Neighbourhood Warden, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Many people took part in 'Clean for the Queen' last year and it has been decided to hold a similar event to take place on 3rd/4th/5th March 2017. ➤ There will be PSPO signage appearing throughout the borough. These will cover minor anti-social behaviour such as street drinking, taking dogs where they are not allowed etc. The Chairman asked who would be enforcing any contraventions as Sarah had an extremely large area to cover. Michelle said she and Sarah had contacted the Sergeant at the local SCT to express their disappointment at the lack of visible police presence within the parish and were awaiting a reply. 	
5.3	<p>Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden, said the main problem over the past month had been fly tipping. He had reported these incidents and they had been cleared fairly quickly. He is chasing up the promised road sweeping in Great Billing.</p>	
6	Planning	
6.1	<p>N/2016/1466 – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour R.C. Church, High Street, Great Billing – Proposed removal of large mature Wellingtonia tree. Concerns were expressed that such a beautiful old tree needed to be felled. However, should it be proved that roots are causing problems with the adjacent property the Council would make no objections. The Clerk is to speak to Phil Scott-Collins to ascertain if this is the case or whether there is any alternative which could save the tree.</p>	Clerk
6.2	<p>N/2016/1627 – Yew Tree House, Church Walk, Great Billing – Various tree works. It would appear that neighbours have no objections to this work being carried out.</p>	
6.3	<p>16/00058/WASVOC – Land at Lower Ecton Lane, NN3 5HQ – Variation of Conditions 7, 8 and 9 of Planning Permission 14/00096/WASFUL – to extend operational hours and increase HGV movements. Serious concerns were expressed regarding added volume of vehicles onto what is an extremely busy road, particularly at peak times. In addition a mineral extraction site is being proposed with traffic exiting from the Sewage Works onto Crow Lane and it was felt that combined additional traffic from both sites would cause severe problems. The Clerk is to write to NCC.</p>	Clerk
6.4	<p>The following determinations had been received from NBC:</p> <p>N/2016/1075 – Wilson House, 2 Orchard Hill, Lt Billing – Change of use from Office to Christian Resource Centre to include place of worship, day nursery for up to 20 children, conference rooms, bookshop, internet café, offices, parking and cycle storage. APPROVED</p> <p>N/2016/1241 – Wilson House, 2 Orchard Hill, Lt Billing – Listed building consent for internal alterations including unblocking doorway, removal of stud walls, installation of stud walls for sound insulation purposes, install new kitchen units. APPROVED</p> <p>N/2016/1285 and 1286 – Knights Cottage, 10 Orchard Hill, Lt Billing – Removal of existing conservatories to side and rear. Single storey extension to rear and new garage with store to side, new gate and associated alterations. APPROVED</p> <p>N/201/1387 – NBC Depot, Station Road, Gt Billing – Installation of new doors, windows, infill cladding panels, gates and ramps with handrails. APPROVED</p> <p>N/2015/1418 – Ecton Brook Primary School, Ecton Brook Road – Erection of single storey nursery building with associated services (Resubmission of App. N/2016/0837). APPROVED</p>	

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7.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 31.12.16, together with a copy of the accounts and bank reconciliation for the third quarter, had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED these be approved.																																																																															
7.3	The new parish vehicle had been collected from the dealership that morning. The 3-year GAP insurance had been purchased at a total cost of £300 but after discussion it was RESOLVED that the 3-year Service Plan should not be purchased and that future servicing would be carried out J. D. Mechanics who were Toyota trained.																																																																															
7.4	A request for funding to assist with activities planned for their 40 th Anniversary year had been received from 46 th Northampton Scout Group. After discussion it was proposed and unanimously agreed that a grant of £800 should be made towards this very worthy cause. It was also RESOLVED that details of various activities should be reported in the newsletter once they had taken place.	Clerk																																																																														
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8.1	Request for additional litter bin – Fieldmill Square. Cllr. Nash believed that Michelle Aveyard had now received permission for another bin to be sited in the area fronting the shops. Held over to next meeting.	Clerk																																																																														

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8	<i>Other Matters/Updates (Continued)</i>	
8.2	Cllr. Nash said he was sure he was not the only Councillor who struggled with delivery of the newsletter and questioned whether there was a need for a copy to be delivered to every household in the parish. He also asked whether the format of the newsletter should be changed and whether advertisements should be added. It was believed this matter was too complex to discuss and make a decision on at the meeting and it was agreed this should be placed on the agenda for the next Objectives meeting.	Chair
8.3	Acquisition of Bellinge Field. On-going.	
8.4	Problem of cold-calling within certain area of the parish. Cllr. Clements said he had not had time to obtain evidence of this as yet. Held over to a future meeting.	JC
9	<i>Leisure and Recreation</i>	
9.1	Due to the GSM being on holiday over Christmas and New Year he did not have anything to report, and a report had not been received regarding LB Pocket Park.	
9.2	Cllr. Nash said he was very impressed with the work that had been carried out at Little Billing Pocket, especially the new picnic tables etc., and asked that a letter be sent to Michael Clasper thanking him for all his hard work. The Clerk will do this.	Clerk
10	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
10.1	Cllr. Pearson reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He had received complaints about the mud on the road and pavement by the post box outside the Old Post Office. This was as a result of overspill from the skip that had been situated there. Damian Lang will report to Highways. ➤ He asked about the letter from NBC regarding future Environmental services. He was advised that these were for individuals to comment on – the Parish Council had met with NBC several times with regard to this matter. ➤ He wondered if the Parish Council would be in a position to improve the path from LB Pocket Park to Fishponds Road as this area was extremely muddy. He was advised that the land was the responsibility of NBC and a project of this sort would be extremely expensive. 	DL
10.2	Cllr. Nash said he was extremely disappointed to note that the incidence of fly tipping in Bellinge appeared to be on the increase. He also reported that a council lorry laden with paving slabs had driven across the newly cultivated area near his home.	
10.3	Cllr. Brede reported that lorries leaving the new building site on Ecton Brook Road were causing the road outside to become extremely muddy. Damian Lang will report this to Highways. He also reported that the new circular bus route had commenced and although he had no problems with it, he was sure some residents would be inconvenienced.	DL
10.4	Cllr. Clements reported that the problem with the drain at Little Billing was on-going. NBC were now in the process of ascertaining who owned the land in question.	
10.5	Cllr. Rockall said he was pleased to report that the bus shelter on the A4500 at Ecton Brook will be cleaned at some point this month and will be replaced later in the year. He asked that Billing Fayre be put on the agenda for the February meeting.	Clerk

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11	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
11.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.07 pm. Date of next meetings: PC Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 13 th February 2017 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion. Street Light Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 16 th January 2017 at the Parish Office. Objectives Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 20 th February 2017 at the Parish Office.	