

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 13th JUNE 2016
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

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

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
C. Campling (Green Space Manager)
Cllr Andrew Kilbride (NBC)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
4 Parishioners

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67	<i>Apologies</i>	
67.1	Apologies were received and accepted from NBC Cllr. Christopher Malpas due to mayoral duties.	
68	<i>Minutes</i>	
68.1	The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 th May 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.	
69	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
69.1	Damian Lang, the Parish Highway Warden reported that he has recently experienced difficulties in obtaining updates on problems reported to Street Doctor. Cllr. Kilbride is aware of this and understands it is due to a new system. He will investigate and report back to the council. Damian further advised that he has reported the problems caused by illegal and inconsiderate parking at the schools in Ecton Brook to PC Lee Flavell.	
70	<i>Planning</i>	
70.1	N/2016/0403 – 100 Orchard Hill, Lt Billing - Change of use from residential care home (Use Class C2) to a dwelling house (Use Class C3). No comments or objections.	
70.2	N/2016/0531 – 21 Manorfield Close, Lt Billing – Convert garage to living accommodation and raise height of flat roof. No comments or objections.	
70.3	N/2016/0581 – 20 High Street, Gt Billing – Listed building consent for alterations and extensions to studio. Three residents from adjacent Pound Lane were in attendance to express their concern regarding this planning application. The councillors for Great Billing ward are to meet with residents at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 15 th June at 8 Pound Lane. They will view the site and discuss the various concerns and if appropriate will then support the objections of local residents.	

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70.5	The following determinations had been received from NBC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N2016/0277 – 20 Pound Lane, Great Billing – Pitch roof to be constructed over a flat roof on a two storey existing extension to front of house – APPROVED. 2. N/2016/0410 – 24 Penfold Drive, Great Billing – Pruning of Beech tree – WITHDRAWN. 3. N/2016/0651 – 7 Church Walk, Gt Billing – Non-material amendment to Planning Permission N/2014/0962 – Single storey side extension to dwelling, conversion and extension to ‘The Old Forge’ to form habitable space. APPROVED. 																																																																									
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71.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 31.05.16, together with a statement of reconciled bank balances, had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																																									
71.3	RESOLVED that the NJC salary scale increases, i.e. 1% increase as from 01.04.16 and a further 1% increase as from 01.04.17, be approved and adopted.																																																																									
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	RESOLVED that a Parish Council notice board (to hold 6 x A4 documents) up to a maximum cost of £1,200 be purchased and sited by the primary school in Bellinge.	GSM
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72	<i>Other Matters</i>	
72.1	Cllr. Snedker complained about the noise emanating from the Asian Fun Day held on 29 th May when it would appear a PA system was used. No other complaints were received but it was agreed that the Clerk should speak to the organisers and make them aware that they had contravened the conditions of hire. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the wording on the booking form would not be altered at the present time but that it would be emphasised to future hirers that PA systems or music is not allowed outside on the playing field.	Clerk
72.2	RESOLVED that a litter bin, as previously purchased from Broxap, should be sited at the Fishponds Road end of The Leys adjacent to the dog bin. This will be on Parish Council owned land and will be emptied by the GSM. He will arrange purchase and installation.	GSM
72.3	Councillors expressed their concern at the news that NCC is considering cutting Northampton bus service subsidies. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to NCC outlining the council's concerns with a copy to David Mackintosh MP.	Clerk
72.4	Grass cutting by NBC contractors throughout the whole of the parish is either non-existent or done very badly. The Parish Council have received many complaints. Councillors who have spoken to the workmen themselves have been advised that they are not allowed enough time to complete work properly. Cllr. Kilbride advised that NBC are extremely unhappy with the quality of the work being done and the contractors have been 'jumped on'. It is hoped this problem will be remedied in the next few days.	
73	<i>Updates</i>	
73.1	Cllr. Rockall reported on Billing Fayre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Three events have been booked for the main arena. ➤ He will meet with the GSM next week to allocate stall positions. If anyone knows someone who would like a stall, it is not too late to book one. ➤ Volunteers would be very welcome on the day from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. 	
73.2	Additional litter bin by the shops at Bellinge. There is a meeting at the Community House tomorrow, 14 th June, and the Chairman and Cllr. Nash hope to arrange a meeting with the owner of the site shortly.	
73.3	Request for bus shelter – Overmead Road. Cllr. Ward reported that a survey of users of this bus stop had been carried out and 188 out of 191 people said they would like a bus shelter there. In view of the narrow pavement and bank behind, the GSM and Cllr. Ward will liaise to ascertain if it is possible for one to be installed. Held over to next meeting.	GSM/ SW
73.4	Updating of Parish owned street lights. Cllr. Brede advised that only one written quotation had been received so far. He did not appear to have received forwarded emails from the Clerk from Aylesbury Mains and Premier. She will pass copies of these to him.	Clerk

73.5	Request for motor cycle barrier – Old School Close. The Clerk had finally received a reply from Highways regarding this request. Their advice was that barriers were not effective and to pass concerns and any evidence to the local police.	
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73.5	Continued.. The Highway Warden had photographed a barrier, of which there were several, in Duston Parish. Cllr. Rockall offered to follow this up to ascertain the cost and whether they were effective. Held over to next meeting.	SR
74	<i>Leisure & Recreation</i>	
74.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Everywhere is looking extremely lush and green. ➤ He has finished the last of the planting with lily-of-the-valley – pink ones have been planted in the Garden of Remembrance. ➤ The bench has been replaced at Ecton Brook. It is hoped the additional bolts will preclude further vandalism. ➤ The football pitch by the pocket park is rarely used. He can manage to get all pitches onto the main field and he suggested that this pitch reverts to part of the pocket park. He would speak to the football club about this change and it was RESOLVED that this should be tried out for the coming season. 	
74.2	The following two reports had been received from Michael Clasper: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was a volunteering session at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday, 14th May, from 10 am until 12 noon. Seven volunteers strimmed the Orchard area and removed the old chain link fence on the north side. Ruts in the planned picnic area left after the removal of fallen tree branches were filled with chippings, parts of the riverside path were treated with weed killer, and litter collected and removed. The next volunteering session is scheduled for Saturday, 11th June, from 10 am until 12 noon as usual. 2. A volunteering session took place at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday, 11th June, and six volunteers strimmed the orchard together with the sides of both footpaths; the northern parts of the riverside footpath were weeded; overhanging trees and shrubs pruned, and litter collected and removed. The next volunteering session is scheduled for Saturday, 9th July from 10am until 12 noon as usual. 	
74.3	The council extended their sincere thanks to Michael for all his hard work with Little Billing Pocket Park since its inception	
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75.1	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i> Cllr. Nash reported that a couple of lads had been singing with the ‘breathing choir’ and that they were performing at Derngate that evening.	
75.2	Cllr. Mrs Worthington reported that a new Rector, Richard Burbage, has been appointed for Gt and Lt Billing. He will be moving from his present post at Moulton with his wife and four young children in the next few weeks. The Rectory is presently being refurbished and she has asked that the trees and shrubbery that are preventing pedestrians using the Elwes Way pathway be cut back.	
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	<p>Cllr. Kilbride reported that he had walked around Ecton Brook Ward and had identified many areas that required work, including the small park by Oathill Drive and the grass by the NBH flats. He has been in touch with the Community Warden and hopefully these problems will be remedied shortly.</p>	
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75	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere (Continued)</i>	
75.4	<p>Cllr. Clements asked why the contractors who cut the grass at Lt Billing village green on behalf of the Parish Council did not trim around trees etc. He was advised that the contract with them was only to tractor mow the area. He also had a couple of queries with regard to invoices which were answered.</p>	
75.5	<p>Cllr. Brede reported that there had been several small fires in the area between the pocket park and Fishponds Road. He also reported that the grit bin in Codlin Close had been upended again. As it had been padlocked, which had subsequently been superglued, it was not fit for purpose and he asked if the council felt it should be removed. It was decided that should complaints be received regarding this bin the GSM would arrange for it to be taken away.</p>	
76	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
76.1	<p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm. Next Meeting: 7.30 pm Monday 11th July 2016 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion. Next Objectives Meeting – Prior to the September meeting at 6.30 pm</p>	