



# 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 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018  
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

**PRESENT** Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)  
Councillors D. Brede, Rev. R. Burbidge, Mrs. G. K. Chaggar, P. Henesey,  
D. Nash, N. Nickason, M. Pearson, S. Rockall, Mrs. C. Worthington

**Also Present:** Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)  
P. Marks (Green Space Manager)  
Cllr. A. Kilbride (NBC & NCC) (Part)  
Liz Newbery (NBC Neighbourhood Warden - Ecton Brook)  
Two Parishioners

		Action
<b>37</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
37.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Ward (away on business), and from Cllr. Malpas (NBC) and Highway Warden Damian Lang (both on holiday).	
<b>38</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
38.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Folio Nos. 012/2018 – 018/2018) were approved and signed as a true record.	
<b>39</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
39.1	There were none	
<b>40</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	
40.1	Mr Peter Stevenson said he was pleased to see the article regarding dog fouling in the recent newsletter. He was also pleased to note that the advertising hoarding outside the former Pearce Leather works had been taken down and the proliferation of rubbish outside the gates removed – although some more had appeared since. Cllr. Pearson said he understood that Colin Clayson expected completion of the purchase of this small piece of land to be imminent and it was to be hoped that once work started on the conversion of the building that problems with the entrance to this site would cease.	
<b>41</b>	<b>Reports from Outside Agencies</b>	
41.1	In his absence Damian Lang (Highway Warden) had forwarded the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I have again reported the tree branch down across the path behind Pennywell Crescent, Ecton Brook.</li> <li>➤ The pothole at the entrance to Church Walk should be repaired within four months.</li> </ul>	

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42.1	<p><b>N/2018/0303</b> – 8 Horsemoor Square, Ecton Brook – Additional second floor extension and raising roof height.</p> <p><b>N/2018/0313</b> – Unit 1 (Co-op), Fieldmill Square, Bellinge – Erection of new metal clad insulated enclosure and relocation of plant equipment.</p> <p><b>No comments or objections to either of the above.</b></p>																																																																						
42.2	<p>The following determination had been received from NBC:</p> <p><b>N/2018/0428</b> – Yew Tree House, Church Walk, Great Billing – Prune T1 Yew to clear property by 1.5 metres at all points. <b>APPROVED.</b></p>																																																																						
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<b>43</b>	<b><i>Finance (Continued)</i></b>	
43.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the year to 31.03.18 had been circulated to all members. <b>RESOLVED</b> this be approved.	
43.3	A copy of the schedule of Accounts and bank reconciliation for the year to 31.03.18 had been circulated to all members. <b>RESOLVED</b> this be approved. The Clerk advised that she had delivered all books and relevant documentation to the Internal Auditor that morning.	
<b>44</b>	<b><i>Other Matters</i></b>	
44.1	Billing Fayre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>RESOLVED</b> that St. John Ambulance personnel should once again be booked to attend this event.</li> <li>➤ <b>RESOLVED</b> that both donkeys and the circus display should be booked. The Clerk will deal with the booking of the donkeys (to be paid for by the grant from Cllr. Malpas's Empowerment Fund grant), and Michelle Aveyard will book the circus display (which will be paid for from a small fund held by Bellinge Community House).</li> <li>➤ A fairly lengthy discussion took place regarding the future of Billing Fayre. Cllr. Rockall was concerned that access and egress would become a problem should the event become much larger, and far more people would need to be involved in planning and execution. <b>RESOLVED</b> a meeting should take place for all interested parties at 6.15 pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May (prior to Annual Parish Meeting) to discuss further. This would be followed by a debriefing meeting in July after this year's event had taken place.</li> </ul>	Clerk  Clerk MA   ALL
44.2	New Data Protection Law. The Clerk had forwarded to members draft copies of all the necessary documentation required to comply with this new law. She asked that any comments or suggestions for amendments, additions etc., be forwarded to her by the date of her return from holiday (2 <sup>nd</sup> May) as these documents will require approval at the May meeting.	ALL
44.3	Great Billing War Memorial. A quotation of £800 had been received from M. P. Robinson for the required re-pointing of the floor and walls surrounding the memorial. <b>RESOLVED</b> that this quotation be accepted in principle but that a meeting should be arranged with Mr. Robinson, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and GSM to discuss further.	GSM
<b>45</b>	<b><i>Updates</i></b>	
45.1	Bellinge Field. The Clerk advised that transfer of Bellinge Field was now with the Land Registry and it is anticipated this will be completed in the next few days. The GSM said he had already started on clearing at the top of the field and had removed large amounts of rubbish that would appear to have been there for years. D. F. Phipps were itching to get started but unfortunately the ground is far too wet to do anything at present. The first job will be to open up the land from the Old Orchard to Bellinge Field.	

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<b>46</b>	<b><i>Leisure &amp; Recreation</i></b>	
46.1	The GSM is attending the Chainsaw course at Moulton College all this week.	
46.2	LB Pocket Park. The following report had been received from Michael Clasper: "There was a volunteering session at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> April. Four volunteers picked litter, mowed the orchard and picnic area, and weeded part of the riverside footpath. The next session is scheduled for Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April from 10.00 am until 12 noon as usual".	
<b>47</b>	<b><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i></b>	
47.1	Cllr. Nash commented that the newsletters did not appear to have been delivered throughout the parish as yet. Clerk is to chase. He also commented that fly tipping definitely increases on days that the tip at Ecton Lane is closed and it would appear that County Councillors have now admitted this.	<b>Clerk</b>
47.2	Cllr. Henesey asked for empty clear 2 ltr plastic bottles to be saved for him as they were going to be used to make 100 poppies ready for the centenary of the finish of World War 1 later this year. He would happily collect.	<b>ALL</b>
47.3	Cllr. Burbidge said he would like to record his thanks to the GSM for the excellent work carried out on the path at St. Andrews Church.	
47.4	Cllr. Brede asked if anyone knew what would happen if new Unitary authorities were created and elections did not take place until 2020; would this mean that the Parish Council elections due in 2019 would take place on their own? The general consensus was that we would have to wait to see what was decided.	
47.5	Cllr. Rockall asked if anyone knew anything regarding the reported attack outside the Co-op at Bellinge on Sunday evening. Concern was expressed that the Parish Council did not get any sort of feedback, or news on crime from the local police. Liz said she had a meeting arranged with Natalie Shaw the new PCSO for the area on 14 <sup>th</sup> May and would speak to her about closer contact.	
<b>48</b>	<b><i>Dates of next Meetings and Closure</i></b>	
48.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm. Dates of next meetings: Billing Fayre Meeting – 6.15 pm Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00 pm Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 All meetings at the Bernard Weston Pavilion, Great Billing.	