



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 NOVEMBER 2018
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs G. K. Chaggar, Mrs. C. Worthington, D. Brede,
R. Burbidge, J. Clements, D. Nash, M. Pearson, S. Rockall, S. Ward

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Cllr. A. Kilbride (NCC & NBC)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
Liz Newbery (NBC Neighbourhood Warden)
3 Parishioners

		Action
111	<i>Bernard Weston</i>	
111.1	It was with great sadness that the Chairman announced the death of Bernard Weston. Bernard served as both a Councillor and the Chairman of Billing Parish Council for many years and the pavilion is named after him. A minute's silence was held in remembrance.	
112	<i>Apologies</i>	
112.1	Apologies were received from Michelle Aveyard (Bellinge Community House) and PCSO Steve Whiting.	
113	<i>Minutes</i>	
113.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 th October 2018 (Folio Nos. 046/2018 – 051/2018) were approved and signed as a true record.	
114	<i>Declarations of Interest</i>	
114.1	None were declared.	
115	<i>Public Forum</i>	
115.1	No-one wished to speak.	
116	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
116.1	In her absence Michelle Aveyard had forwarded a short report regarding Bellinge Community House, a copy of which had been circulated to all members.	
116.2	Liz Newbery (Neighbourhood Warden) said that things were going well within the parish and she had worked with Michelle to ensure that all overhanging shrubs in Bellinge and Ecton Brook were being dealt with.	

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116	Reports from Outside Agencies (Continued)	
116.3	<p>In his absence PCSO Steve Whiting had forwarded the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were no major incidents to report over the past month, and the crime statistics are still fairly good. ➤ We expect more reports from the public with the onset of dark nights; however some incidents go up and some come down and they tend to balance themselves out. ➤ With regard to the Neighbourhood Alert, I have spoken to my colleague Nat and she will be happy to go through this with you. ➤ We have new priorities for the next three months, i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protecting people from harm 2. Seasonal crime initiative 3. Vehicle theft (which always rises at this time of year). 	
116.4	Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden) said he had reported street lights that had failed, together with a lot of pot holes. One of the pot holes, in Gt Billing Way, was quite serious and had damaged a car. It had now been repaired.	
116.5	<p>Cllr. Andy Kilbride reported that it was hoped to carry out a lot of remedial work on assets that may possibly be passed to Parish Council ownership, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Installing a new gas boiler and gas central heating at BCH, together with a new kitchen (hopefully donated). ➤ There is a crack in the rear wall of the building and this is being looked at. ➤ He is quietly hopeful that a new playground will be installed at Ecton Brook – he understands this has already been ordered. ➤ A lot of severe cutting back of foliage is taking place in Ecton Brook and Bellinge. <p>He also reported that two Christmas trees have been ordered; one for Bellinge and the other for Ecton Brook. Work regarding the formation of the new Unitary authorities is proceeding.</p>	
116.6	Sally from Ecton Brook Community Group said she was delighted with the success of the Coffee Morning held recently and had received requests for this to become an event to be held monthly.	
117	Planning	
117.1	<p>N/2018/1376 – Oak Lodge, Great Billing Park – First floor rear extension, modified principal entrance and internal alterations, including external fabric changes.</p> <p>N/2018/1385 – Oldways, 7 Elwes Way, Great Billing – Various tree works.</p> <p>N/2018/1418 – 97 Orchard Hill, Little Billing – New external doorway.</p> <p>No comments or objections to any of the above.</p>	
117.2	<p>The following determinations had been received from NBC:</p> <p>N/2018/1227 – 7 Standing Stones, Gt Billing – Single storey rear extension. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2018/1344 – 14 Fishers Close, Lt Billing – Single storey side extension. APPROVED.</p>	

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118	Finance																																																																																								
118.1	<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>																																																																																								
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118.2	<p>A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to Budget, together with a statement of reconciled bank account balances, had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.</p>																																																																																								
118.3	<p>A copy of the detailed proposed budget for the financial year ending 31.03.20 had been forwarded to all members and this had been discussed in detail at the Finance meeting held immediately prior to the PC meeting. RESOLVED that the budget (see Appendix I) and precept, i.e. a figure of £147,900 plus £18,000 Special Expenses paid direct to Bellinge Community House, making a total of £165,900 be adopted without amendment. Proposed by Cllr. Brede, seconded by Cllr. Clements and unanimously agreed. It was, however, noted that should any changes be deemed necessary as a result of information received regarding the formation of the new Unitary authority or the acquisition of NBC owned assets within the parish, these would be considered prior to the precept request being submitted.</p>																																																																																								

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119	Other Matters	
119.1	RESOLVED the date of the April 2019 meeting be put back by one week to 15 th April.	
119.2	Playground. The annual inspection had been carried out on the parish-owned playground and a copy of the report forwarded to all members. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the report be accepted. The Council understand there are risks but they are all very low risks and these will be closely monitored in the future. The GSM will remedy all small issues possible.	GSM
119.3	The Chairman appraised members of correspondence received from OCA Insurance Services, and a subsequent meeting with their Arboriculturist on site, regarding a subsidence issue at the Communal Hall in Camberley Close. Part of Bellinge Field runs along the rear of this property. Subsidence problems arose well over 12 months ago and the Parish Council only took over ownership of this land in the spring of this year. Although, without admitting any liability, the Parish Council would be prepared to remove any shrubbery or the small trees deemed to be possibly contributing to this problem, it was agreed that OCA should direct any discourse/claim to NBC.	
120	Updates	
120.1	An order has now been placed with Westcotec for a Speed Indicator Device complete with two batteries, battery charger, data collection unit, and two bracket sets at a total cost of £3,200 plus VAT. Delivery is expected in approximately six weeks. Cllr. Rockall and the GSM are to ascertain the size of the post(s) to which the device will be fitted, and will advise Westcotec.	SR/ GSM
120.2	Proposed barrier to prevent motorcycle nuisance – old school site Gt. Billing. On-going.	
120.3	Ponds at Fishers Close. On-going. Cllr. Ward confirmed that the contact at NBC is Ben Lloyd.	
121	Leisure & Recreation	
121.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He believes he has now finished grass cutting for the year. ➤ Work continues on Bellinge Field. ➤ He advised that Emily, a student at Moulton College, has been an extremely hard-working volunteer in the parish for the past year (which entails her catching a bus from the town centre each week). He asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to give her a Christmas present as a thank you. RESOLVED that she be given £100. 	Clerk
122	Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere	
122.1	Cllr. Nash said he was delighted to report that Jon Porter had won the county-wide Lady Juliet Townsend award for his own tireless volunteering and his work as an ambassador for volunteering contribution. This is a well-deserved award and congratulations were extended to him.	

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122	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere (Continued)</i>	
122.2	Cllr. Ward said he was delighted with the work being carried out at Ecton Brook Linear Park but was disappointed that chipping of waste wood did not appear to be being carried out. He had been unable to contact Ben Lloyd.	
122.3	Cllr. Burbidge said he was very pleased with the attendance at the Remembrance Service held at Great Billing when it was believed that between 100 and 150 people were present. He reported that the inside of St. Andrews Church was still extremely messy following the partial ceiling collapse after the lead thefts.	
122.4	Cllr. Pearson congratulated the GSM on the wonderful work being carried out on Bellinge Field and said how impressed he was with the chair fashioned from the tree stump.	
122.5	Cllr. Clements asked whether any decision had been made with regard to the footpath behind Home Farm Close. Cllr. Kilbride is to visit and view this site.	AK
122.6	Cllr. Brede said there would appear to be a lot of rubbish in the water which is causing blockages in the Washbrook.	
122.7	Cllr. Rockall said that due to non-attendance of the police on the day, he felt the Parish Council should provide prominent signs that could be placed in the centre of the roads denoting that they were closed for the duration of the Remembrance Day service.	
123	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
123.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm. Date of next meeting: 7.30 pm on Monday 10 th December 2018.	

Appendix 1**BILLING PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2019-2020****Receipts***Precept**Agency**Loans/Cap Receipts*

Grants

Playing Field/Pavilion

Miscellaneous

*Other Receipts :Interest**Sale of Assets***Total Receipts****Payments***General Administration**S 137 Payments**Loans/Capital Repayments**Election Expenses*

Lighting – Energy Costs

Lighting – Repairs/Renewals, etc.

Lighting – Updating Costs

s19LG(MP)A 1976 - grants

Capital Expenditure

Professional & Legal fees, etc

Training & Conferences/Seminars

Repairs to PC owned property

Newsletter

Insurance

Subscriptions

*Other Payments (Contingency)***Total Payments****Receipts and Payments Summary**

From Reserves

Add Total Receipts

Less Total Payments

Excess Income over Expenditure

Note

Precept figures shown above do not include annual grant of £18,000 paid to Bellinge Community House. Although it is actually part of Billing Parish Council's precept it is paid directly to the Community House from Northampton Borough Council.

<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
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138,880	147,900
10,000	15,000
2,000	3,000
100	100
150,980	166,000
119,270	112,900
5,000	5,000
500	500
5,000	4,000
3,000	3,500
15,000	-
5,000	5,600
8,000	8,000
1,750	7,000
1,000	1,000
3,160	3,000
2,200	2,400
1,600	1,600
3,000	2,500
5,500	22,000
178,980	179,000
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28,000	13,000
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