

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017  
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

**PRESENT** Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)  
Councillors D. Brede, J. Clements, P. Henesey, N. Nickason, M. Pearson

**Also Present:** Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)  
C. Campling (Green Space Manager)  
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)  
Michelle Aveyard (Bellinge Community House)  
Rev. Richard Burbidge  
2 Parishioners

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<b>12</b>	<b><i>Apologies</i></b>	
12.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs Chaggar (ill), Ms. Vakil (holiday), Mrs Worthington (family commitment), D. Nash (ill), S. Rockall (ill) and S. Ward (family commitment). Apologies were also received from NBC Cllrs. C. Malpas and A. Kilbride, Sarah Oakes (Neighbourhood Warden) and PCSO Ria Broadbent.	
<b>13</b>	<b><i>Minutes</i></b>	
13.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Folio Nos. 001/2017 – 005/2017) were approved and signed as a true record.	
<b>14</b>	<b><i>Declarations of Interest</i></b>	
14.1	There were none.	
<b>15</b>	<b><i>Public Forum</i></b>	
15.1	Neither of the parishioners in attendance wished to speak.	
<b>16</b>	<b><i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i></b>	
16.1	Damian Lang reported that it had been a fairly quiet month. He had reported the muddy state of the road and pavement outside the Old Post Office in Great Billing and Highways were writing to the homeowners. It would appear that things have improved lately. The Clerk asked if he would report a deep pothole outside her home.	<b>DL</b>
16.2	In his absence Cllr. Kilbride had forwarded the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The bus shelter on the A4500 at Ecton Brook has been cleaned but NBC are aware it needs to be replaced.</li> <li>➤ Fly-tipping in Ecton Brook has been reported. It is getting out of hand and steps will be taken to see what can be done at the hotspots.</li> <li>➤ NBC do not own the land on which the Valley Road storm drain is situated and they are ascertaining who does. I have spoken to the GSM regarding this.</li> <li>➤ There have been complaints regarding car repairs being carried out at 1 Pippin Lane. I have visited the tenants and explained that they cannot do this and David Mckintosh is also involved.</li> </ul>	

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<b>17</b>	<b>Planning</b>																																																																			
17.1	N/2017/0068 – 8 Parkside, Ecton Brook – Remove existing lean-to conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension. No comments or objections.																																																																			
17.2	The following determinations had been received from NBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) N/2016/1466 – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour RC Church, High Street, Great Billing – Removal of large mature Wellingtonia tree – APPROVED. Unfortunately it had not been possible to save this tree from felling due to damage to the adjacent property. The Clerk had been advised by Phil Scott-Collins that a condition of the approval was that a new tree be planted.</li> <li>b) N/2016/1627 – Yew Tree House, Church Walk, Gt Billing – Various tree works – APPROVED. It was agreed that overhanging foliage on the church side of the property needed to be cut back and the GSM is to obtain a quotation for this.</li> </ul>	<b>GSM</b>																																																																		
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18.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 31.01.17, together with a statement of reconciled bank balances, had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																																			

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<b>19</b>	<b><i>Other Matters/Updates</i></b>	
19.1	Additional litter bin – Fieldmill Square. It would appear that Michelle Aveyard had received permission from the owner of the site for this to be installed. RESOLVED the Parish Council would fund 50% of the cost of purchase and installation. MA is to email details of invoice address for remaining 50% and agree with cleaner suitable position for installation. Once this has been done the bin will be placed on order.	<b>MA</b>
19.2	Newsletter. The Clerk had received a quotation for the delivery of the newsletters at a cost of £35.00 per 1000 copies. RESOLVED that this company should be given a trial for delivery of the Easter newsletter. The Clerk asked that any contributions for this edition should be forwarded to her by the beginning of March latest.	<b>ALL</b>
19.3	Acquisition of Bellinge Field. The Clerk advised that the Transfer Deeds were with NBC for signature and she was hopeful that completion would take place before the end of this financial year. RESOLVED that Cllrs. Marlow and Rockall should be the two signatories of this Transfer Deed on behalf of Billing Parish Council.	
19.4	Cllr. Henesey explained he had pinpointed eight locations where he believed additional litter bins needed to be placed within Ecton Brook. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council believed this should be the responsibility of NBC and Cllr. Henesey was advised there was no objection to him meeting with NBC to ascertain if they were prepared to provide (and empty) some or all of these bins. This matter would be discussed in further detail once such a meeting had taken place. Cllr. Henesey also advised that he had had little success in getting fly-tipped rubbish removed and he was advised to email these requests as a councillor rather than make a telephone call.	<b>PH</b>
19.5	Billing Fayre. Due to the absence of Cllr. Rockall this item was held over to the March meeting but it was agreed that should SR like to arrange a meeting of the committee prior to then, he should go ahead.	<b>SR</b>
19.6	A meeting to progress the updating of the parish owned street lights was arranged for 7.30 pm on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the parish office.	
19.7	Cllr. Nickason said he knew this was a subject that had been visited many times but he did feel that the noxious odours emanating from Billing Sewage Works were a problem for a great many local residents and should be readdressed. After discussion it was RESOLVED that a letter should be sent to Anglian Water asking for their co-operation in attempting to reduce the dreadful smell and to ask them for an email address which people could use to complain. Michelle Aveyard said she believed she had a telephone number that could be used which she would forward to the Clerk. It was further RESOLVED that should an email address be forthcoming this, and a telephone number, should be included in the next edition of the newsletter and asking for parishioners to complain each time there was a problem. The Chairman advised that Cllr. Vakil and NBC Cllr. Andy Kilbride had attended meetings of the Billing Odour Liaison Group and he advised Cllr. Nickason to contact them.	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>MA</b>  <b>Clerk</b>
19.8	The GSM had forwarded a detailed list of proposed improvements/purchases to aid security and protection for the new parish vehicle. After a full discussion the following resolutions were made: 1. A heavy duty container type bolt (to prevent the use of a bolt cutter) at a cost of approximately £50-£70 should be fitted to the gate to the compound.	

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<b>19</b>	<b><i>Other Matters/Updates (Continued)</i></b>	
19.8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A new 30x HD Pan Zoom Tilt Camera should, as previously agreed, be fitted in the 2017/18 financial year, as part of the CCTV upgrading.</li> <li>3. A rear view camera (£400 -£450) should be fitted to the vehicle, but again this will be done in the new financial year.</li> <li>4. Doubts were raised as to how effective magnetic signage was at staying on the vehicle and it was decided to delay a decision on signage for the time being. Michelle Aveyard said she would attempt to obtain permission for the Parish Council vehicle to have free access to the Waste &amp; Recycling Centre.</li> <li>5. A bed liner, at a cost of £165 - £195 should be fitted to the new vehicle.</li> </ol>	<b>MA</b>
<b>20</b>	<b><i>Leisure &amp; Recreation</i></b>	
20.1	<p>The GSM reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 32 new trees have been planted in Celebration Avenue and he is delighted that the avenue has been completed before he retires. It looks superb and will improve even more over the next few years. 11 of the new trees have already been reserved, with the possibility of another four.</li> <li>2. Two new trees have been planted in the pocket park, one in memory of John Shepherd and the other ready for the Mayoress's planting. The official planting will take place at 1.00 pm followed by light refreshments in the pavilion (until 4.00 pm) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February and all are welcome to attend.</li> <li>3. There had been another unpleasant episode with visiting footballers urinating against the playing field fences and wiping muddy boots against the wall of the pavilion. Unfortunately no official booking had been made for Sunday morning and at this point in time it was not known who the visiting team were but the GSM was attempting to ascertain this. As Billing Utd had previously been warned about this type of behaviour and notices displayed in the changing rooms, the general consensus was that the visiting team should be banned.</li> </ol>	
20.2	<p>Little Billing Pocket Park. Two reports had been received from Michael Clasper, i.e.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There was a volunteering session – typically wet – at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January attended by eight volunteers, including two children. Litter was collected and removed; the bases of the new park furniture were swept and the area north of the orchard was cleared of brash and undergrowth.</li> <li>2. Five volunteers braved the cold on Saturday, 11th February, to volunteer for a couple of hours at Little Billing Pocket Park. It was wet underfoot and the group concentrated on tidying-up and removing litter, and fly-tipped items from the stream, including a battery driven children's BMW replica car and panels from a wardrobe. The recent robbery is now the subject of an insurance claim, and the value of the stolen equipment is around £3,500. The damage to the container itself is difficult to estimate, and we are waiting for a visit from a specialist welder and a locksmith to see if it can be better protected in the future. The next volunteering session is scheduled for Saturday, 11th March.</li> </ol>	
20.3	<p>The Parish Council were extremely disappointed to hear that the container belonging to LB Pocket Park had been broken into – it would appear cutting equipment had been used – and that the new ride-on mower delivered only the day before was also taken.</p>	
<b>21</b>	<b><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i></b>	
21.1	<p>Cllr. Pearson said he felt the lake and ponds at Little Billing were in a dreadful state and asked for this item to be added to the agenda for the March meeting</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

<p><b>21</b> 21.2</p>	<p><b><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere (Continued)</i></b> Cllr. Brede updated members with regard to Weston Favell library. He said he had been in conversation with local Councillors and groups and all were in support of it remaining as is.</p>	
<p><b>22</b> 22.1</p>	<p><b><i>Date of Next Meetings and Closure</i></b> There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05 pm. Dates of next meetings: Objectives Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Parish Office. Street Light Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Parish Office PC Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion.</p>	

## Appendix I

### Bellinge Community House – Update

- Project ABC – Health walk building on Mondays between 6-9 residents would love to have more taking part please encourage
- ***Please inform local all groups we put information in the Down your way section of the Chronicle and Echo to promote ward wide activities contact email is [bellinge@btconnect.com](mailto:bellinge@btconnect.com) or call 01604 411473***
- We have continued to host the wider ward partner meetings; these are continuing to support the ideas from the community – Bellinge in Bloom and other activities. Entry submitted. Please vote Tesco “Bellinge Gets Better” please.
- Celebrate a Lottery funded initiative for food and culture has just been awarded to BCH – this is again a Billing Parish project to bring the community together - 1 year project.
- This Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Cllr Christopher Malpas the Mayor will be at BCH to meet Vinnie’s Pop Up Coffee Shop- All Welcome 10-12noon the first and Third Saturday of the month
- PCSO, Warden MA – Meeting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Monthly Catch up
- Police Specials asked to attend and if possible be more visible
- Pancake Day – Community Event Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am - 12 noon
- Beginners IT 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.3.am -11.30am with NCC course – Please promote in your ward area.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers (26) to work on Bloom Entry
- British Heart Foundation – 30<sup>th</sup> March First Aid session 9am – 12 Noon
- Co-op Funding BCH has been chosen as a local charity for each member that nominates BCH we receive 1% of all sales of Co-op products during the year. Please encourage anyone in the area that is a coop member to nominate BCH. BCH still in grant position 1% with members card estimated Total to date: £1620
- Application to support 8-12 years youth group, until we secure funding for this groups – Comic Relief Outstanding all others declined  
8-12 years (15) 12+ (23) group doing well lack of funding still a major concern
- Wider ward partnership meeting - Date TBC
- Moulton College have been approached for guidance for our Bloom entry.
- Volunteers – Student from Northampton College is with us on a Wednesday , for work experience in their Public Service Award

We have been very busy since January reporting and supporting residents from the Parish.

Lastly we all would like to thank you for your continued support for BCH, and the wider parish projects we have under way.

Michelle Aveyard  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

