

# 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 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017  
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, P. Henesey, D. Nash, N. Nickason, M. Pearson

**Also Present:** Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)  
C. Campling (Green Space Manager)  
Rev. Richard Burbidge  
Cllr. A. Kilbride (NBC)  
Damian Lang (Highway Warden)  
Sarah Oakes (Neighbourhood Warden)  
7 Parishioners

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<b>34</b>	<b><i>Apologies</i></b>	
34.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. S. Rockall (previous engagement) and S. Ward (ill). Apologies were also received from NBC Cllr. C. Malpas (Mayoral duties), Michelle Aveyard of Bellinge Community House, and PCSO Ria Broadbent.	
<b>35</b>	<b><i>Minutes</i></b>	
35.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Folio Nos. 012/2017 – 017/2017) were approved and signed as a true record.	
<b>36</b>	<b><i>Declarations of Interest</i></b>	
36.1	There were none.	
<b>37</b>	<b><i>Public Forum</i></b>	
37.1	Three parishioners living in Pound Lane, Great Billing highlighted various concerns they had. The first was the difficulty experienced exiting from Pound Lane into the High Street due to poor visibility and parked cars. They wondered if it would be possible for a mirror to be installed. Damian had already approached Highways with regard to this but their reply emphasised that this would not be approved. After discussion Cllr. Kilbride offered to arrange for a review of this junction to be made next month.	<b>AK</b>
37.2	The second item was a request for a grit bin to be installed in Pound Lane. They were asked to pinpoint a suitable place for such a bin to be situated, and obtain agreement from other residents and to then advise this to the Parish Council for further consideration.	
37.3	The third item concerned the poor condition of the road surface in Pound Lane. Damian is to report this to Highways.	<b>DL</b>

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<b>37</b>	<b><i>Public Forum (Continued)</i></b>	
37.4	Jennifer Rose of Standing Stones asked to be advised when work was to be carried out on The Leys, particularly when a digger was to be used. It was explained that this would be too difficult to comply with as there were too many residents living adjacent to The Leys and the newly acquired Bellinge Field. She also asked if the grass on The Leys could be kept much longer, more in keeping with a meadow. However this would cause many more problems with regard to dog fouling and from feedback from the public it was apparent that most people preferred it to be kept as it is.	
37.5	Mr Peter Stevenson thanked the Parish Council for their assistance with the previously reported problem with parking in Ashmead. The local SCT had been involved (see the police report in Appendix I) and it would appear that things are being resolved.	
<b>38</b>	<b><i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i></b>	
38.1	Damian Lang, the Highway Warden reported that he had been pushing for the many potholes throughout the parish to be repaired, but unfortunately most did not fall within Highway's criteria.	
38.2	Sarah Oakes, the Neighbourhood Warden reported that as people would be aware they had unfortunately lost the warden in Ecton Brook and this had meant they were extremely short-staffed. She asked for residents to be patient with them, especially if they were not able to respond straight away. There were problems with homes for multiple occupancy in Bellinge and these were being dealt with. She would be in attendance at Bellinge Community House on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April from 11.00 to 4.00 pm.	
<b>39</b>	<b><i>Co-option to the Casual Vacancy in Ecton Brook Ward.</i></b>	
39.1	Rev. Richard Burbidge was co-opted to the vacancy of Councillor for Ecton Brook Ward (proposed by Cllr. Mrs Worthington, seconded by Cllr. J. Clements and unanimously endorsed by the council). Rev. Burbidge duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Undertaking of Compliance with the Code of Conduct, and he was welcomed to the Council.	
<b>40</b>	<b><i>Planning</i></b>	
40.1	<b>N/2017/0248</b> – 4 Lady Winefrides Walk, Gt Billing – Trellis attached to existing 6ft boundary fencing (retrospective). <b>N/2017/0274</b> – 17 Chantry Close, Gt Billing – Proposed temporary car port. <b>N/2017/0331</b> – 11 Station Road, Gt Billing – Proposed single storey front extension. <b>N/2017/0357</b> – 17 Chantry Close, Gt Billing – 4 brick pillars with dwarf walls and glazed roof over patio (retrospective). <b>There were no comments or objections to any of the above.</b>	
40.2	The following determinations had been received from NBC: <b>N/2016/0685</b> – Former Pearce Leather Works, Wellingborough Road – alterations and extension to existing building and conversion to 14 no. flats and offices as part of livework units, provision of bin storage areas and car parking. <b>APPROVED</b> <b>N/2016/0446</b> – Former Pearce Leather Works, Wellingborough Road (Works to Listed building) – alterations of building to form residential units including ground and first floor extensions; installation of new windows and doors; removal of sky lights, internal walls; erection of garden fence and internal walls. <b>APPROVED.</b>	

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41.1	<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> <table border="1" data-bbox="252 719 1310 1368"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Power of Expenditure</th> <th>Inc. VAT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Small Business Payroll (Salaries &amp; Monthly Fee – Mar)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>3,700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unicom (Telephone – Pavilion (Feb)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>21.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT (Broadband Pavilion – Qtr)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr A Rowen (Production of Easter newsletter)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.On (Street Lighting Maintenance Jan/Mar)</td> <td>PCA1957s3</td> <td>317.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Small Business Payroll (Payment of account deficit – Mar)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>42.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACA (Case C-Fold Hand Towels)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>27.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stable Hire (2 Security Lock Boxes for LBPP Container)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>340.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DATS Print (Printing of Easter Newsletter)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>412.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk (Qtr expenses – Telephone/Broadband/Postage/Room Hire Mileage/Training)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>170.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dor-2-Dor (Delivery of Easter Newsletters)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>126.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minster Cleaning (Pavilion Cleaning – Mar)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>278.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclaycard Commercial (Mar Credit Card statement)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>480.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ESPO (6 cases Hand Towels)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>100.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellingborough Norse (Waste collections Pavilion – Mar)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCC (GSM Pension contributions – Mar)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>642.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O2 (GSM Mobile – Airtime Mar statement)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>10.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treeworx (Clearing/chipping of fallen tree)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>396.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.ON (Electricity – Street Lights Jan/Mar)</td> <td>PCA1957s3</td> <td>948.37</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Power of Expenditure	Inc. VAT	Small Business Payroll (Salaries & Monthly Fee – Mar)	LGA1972s112	3,700.00	Unicom (Telephone – Pavilion (Feb)	LGA1972s111	21.84	BT (Broadband Pavilion – Qtr)	LGA1972s111	72.00	Mr A Rowen (Production of Easter newsletter)	LGA1972s111	175.00	E.On (Street Lighting Maintenance Jan/Mar)	PCA1957s3	317.35	Small Business Payroll (Payment of account deficit – Mar)	LGA1972s112	42.09	BACA (Case C-Fold Hand Towels)	LGA1972s111	27.68	Stable Hire (2 Security Lock Boxes for LBPP Container)	LGA1972s111	340.20	DATS Print (Printing of Easter Newsletter)	LGA1972s111	412.00	Clerk (Qtr expenses – Telephone/Broadband/Postage/Room Hire Mileage/Training)	LGA1972s111	170.16	Dor-2-Dor (Delivery of Easter Newsletters)	LGA1972s111	126.00	Minster Cleaning (Pavilion Cleaning – Mar)	LGA1972s111	278.22	Barclaycard Commercial (Mar Credit Card statement)	LGA1972s111	480.61	ESPO (6 cases Hand Towels)	LGA1972s111	100.37	Wellingborough Norse (Waste collections Pavilion – Mar)	LGA1972s111	102.00	NCC (GSM Pension contributions – Mar)	LGA1972s112	642.85	O2 (GSM Mobile – Airtime Mar statement)	LGA1972s111	10.24	Treeworx (Clearing/chipping of fallen tree)	LGA1972s111	396.00	E.ON (Electricity – Street Lights Jan/Mar)	PCA1957s3	948.37	
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41.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the year to 31.03.17 had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																													
41.3	A copy of the Summary Receipts and Payments Account, together with the Bank Reconciliation for the year to 31.03.17 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																													
41.4	Quotations for the rebuilding of the damaged mast guard in the car park of the pavilion had not been received. Held over to next meeting.																																																													
<b>42</b>	<b>Other Matters</b>																																																													
42.1	Completion on the acquisition of Bellinge Field had still not been accomplished. Cllr. Kilbride was asked if he could expedite this at NBC.	<b>AK</b>																																																												
42.2	Parish Owned Street Lights. A quotation had been received from Aylesbury Mains to inspect, electrical test and certify all street lights, i.e. 2 x site visits @ £35.00 per visit; Inspection @ £9.00 each, and Electrical Test and certify @ £11 each. RESOLVED this should go ahead as an excellent starting point. Clerk to arrange.	<b>Clerk</b>																																																												

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<b>43</b>	<b><i>Leisure &amp; Recreation</i></b>	
43.1	The GSM said he had little to report due to being on annual leave. There had been an incident of vandalism where several top stones of the ha-ha wall had been kicked off. A quotation of £1,100 had been received to repair the wall which had been partly demolished by the fallen tree and it was hoped the repair of the top stones could be done at the same time. Cllr. Pearson asked if it would be a good idea for the top stones to be cemented in to stop similar vandalism in future.	
43.2	Lt Billing Pocket Park. The following report had been received from Michael Clasper: "Six volunteers helped out in Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April. Litter was picked; the riverside path was swept, and the grass in the orchard and the picnic area was cut. The next volunteering session is scheduled for 22 <sup>nd</sup> April".	
<b>44</b>	<b><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i></b>	
44.1	Cllr. Nash highlighted parts of Michelle Aveyard's report – a copy of which had been forwarded to all members. It would appear that funding for the youth group will run out in June should funding applications not be successful. He reminded everyone of the Community Engagement Event on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April.	
44.2	Cllr. Pearson said he was concerned to hear that white paint had been put down the drain near the water trough in High Street, Great Billing. He was also concerned to hear that the ditch between the Garden of Reflection and the Catholic graveyard was to be filled in, as he was not sure this was a good idea. It was agreed that he and the Chairman would go to have a look at the site and this item would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.	<b>JM/MP Clerk</b>
44.3	Cllr. Brede said he was delighted to report that the footprint of Weston Favell Library is to remain as it is.	
44.4	Cllr. Clements said he had wandered around Little Billing and was wondering if the Parish Council could fund grass cutting. This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. He arranged to walk round the ward with Cllr. Kilbride on 12 <sup>th</sup> April.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>45</b>	<b><i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i></b>	
45.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm. Date of Next Meetings: Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00 pm on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017. Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017.	

**APPENDIX I****Update from PCSO Ria Broadbent**

Parking in Ashmead: I have made many visits at various times of the day. There was a massive issue especially at the junction with cars blocking pathways and causing blind spots etc. I initially sent letters to all residents informing them of the issues with warnings to think before they park and what could happen should they not comply. The majority seemed to adhere to the warning and the parking did get better although there were some that still were blocking the paths ways etc. These vehicle were then issued with a "think before you park" warning card giving further advice in relation to how they have parked. One vehicle in particular (I had spoken to the owner myself) received a parking ticket from our local officer as they still had not taken on board the warnings given. This situation is going to be monitored over the coming weeks.

There had been reports of speeding along Fieldmill Road, myself PCSO Steve Whiting and PC Junior Anderson along with colleagues ran a speeding operation along the road before schools broke up.

There appears to be issues along the back of Glade close in the area of the picnic benches with people congregating to drink alcohol and use drugs. This area has been visited by myself and PC Anderson and there was no evidence of any such activity. However this is going to be added to our patrol plans for visits in the evening and over nights. There are also issues with a lot of motorbikes racing along the same part of the brook. Our police off road bikes have spent a significant amount of time over the weekend patrolling these areas and footpaths. Please can we encourage all residents to try and gain any information in relation to the makes, models and registrations of these bikes as they can so that we can make investigation into the owners and riders.

During the summer holidays myself, PCSO Whiting and PC Anderson are looking to organise a summer activity programme. We are looking to use five locations across the North East, we will be in each for one day per week during a five week period. The activities we are looking to include would be rounders, football, goals shoot outs, First Aid and drugs awareness and self-defence. We are looking to get the fire service to come along with their equipment as well as our own motorbikes and vans etc. We will be approaching local community groups such as Scouts, beavers, Brownies etc. to encourage them to attend along with us. We are also looking to have bouncy castle and face painting etc.

Our main priorities are to tackle the anti-social behaviour issues within the area that tend to increase during the summer months. We want to build rapport and trust between the community and ourselves. We believe that helping families to bond and strengthen then sets a good start to helping communities build, and take pride in their area so that they feel safe. We want to set foundations for the community to thrive and create sustainable family interaction.

These things as we are all aware do not come for free. We are contacting our local partner agencies and businesses to ask if they would help towards building a better community, and contribute towards this event for the summer. This will be running for five weeks from w/c 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 until w/c 21<sup>st</sup> August.

If possible we would also like to use your Parish hall every Friday during the event between 10 am and 1pm as we wish to use the field for our activities and make this the hub of the event for the summer. If there is anything else you are able to contribute, it would be very much appreciated. Finding funding for young people is the most common sense investment in reducing ASB, and building the necessary rapport to get through to hard to reach members of the community, yet in my experience has been the hardest funding to obtain unfortunately.