



# **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 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018  
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

**PRESENT** Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)  
Councillors J. Clements, P. Henesey, D. Nash, N. Nickason,  
S. Rockall, S. Ward, Mrs. C. Worthington

**Also Present:** Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)  
P. Marks (Green Space Manager)  
Cllr. A. Kilbride (NCC & NBC)  
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)  
Michelle Aveyard (Bellinge Community House)  
Mr. Max Course  
Five Parishioners

		<b>Action</b>
<b>65</b>	<b><i>Apologies</i></b>	
65.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D. Brede and R. Burbidge (other meetings) and Mrs. G. K. Chaggar (work commitment). Apologies were also received from Liz Newbery (Neighbourhood Warden).	
<b>66</b>	<b><i>Minutes</i></b>	
66.1	The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Folio Nos. 023/2018 – 029/2018) were approved and signed as a true record.	
<b>67</b>	<b><i>Declarations of Interest</i></b>	
67.1	There were none.	
<b>68</b>	<b><i>Public Forum</i></b>	
68.1	Peter Stevenson advised that one of the willow trees donated by Cllr. Malpas had completely failed and he asked if the Parish Council would consider funding a replacement. RESOLVED this should be done.	<b>GSM</b>
68.2	Cllr. Kilbride reported that he had been attempting to have some sort of barrier installed to prevent travellers returning to the slip road adjacent to Ecton Brook Primary School. Unfortunately this had been vetoed due to access being required for emergency vehicles. Cllr. Rockall believed he had a solution that would be acceptable to the Fire Brigade and he will arrange to meet Cllr. Kilbride on site to discuss.	<b>SR/AK</b>

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68 68.3	<p><b>Public Forum (Continued)</b></p> <p>Fiona Diamond said there had been an escalation of nuisance motorcycles on the path adjacent to the old school site in Great Billing and residents wondered if there was any possibility of some sort of barrier being installed. It had not proved possible for a barrier to be installed at the High Street end but now that the Parish Council owned the land running alongside the rear of the site it was agreed that it may be possible to install something, possibly a kissing gate, at that end. This will be looked into.</p>	
69 69.1	<p><b>Reports from Outside Agencies</b></p> <p>Michelle Aveyard, Manager of Bellinge Community House reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is a new landlady, Amanda and family, at the Deer's Leap. They have employed a gardener to keep the perimeter neat and tidy and they have also done an extensive litter pick in the surrounding area collecting five bags of rubbish and a pushchair. She looks forward to a good working relationship with them.</li> <li>➤ The Parish Councillor vacancy in Bellinge has been advertised on their face book page.</li> <li>➤ PCSO Junior Anderson is requesting to use GB playing fields once again for Summer Activities from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It was requested that he contact the GSM to arrange.</li> <li>➤ She asked if anyone knew of a local gardener who could assist local residents with their gardens.</li> <li>➤ She is working pro-actively with Liz Newbery.</li> </ul>	
69.2	<p>Damian Lang, Highway Warden, reported that things appeared to have slowed the past month. He had reported trees blocking paths and overhanging shrubbery, and once again reported the dreadful condition of the roads in Penfold Drive and Chantry Close where there is hardly any surface left. Cllr. Kilbride said he had had Highways out yet again to look at this but they insisted the surface was safe and did not meet the criteria for re-surfacing.</p>	
69.3	<p>Damian added that he was a little concerned to note that Bizzy Bears were leaving bags of rubbish outside the compound when they finished on a Friday afternoon. Paul said he was aware of this problem and had spoken to Caroline and his intention was to place a bin, padlocked to the fence, outside the compound to alleviate this.</p>	
69.4	<p>In her absence Liz Newbery, Neighbourhood Warden, had forwarded the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I have continued to work on numerous issues in the parish, largely continuing reports of fly-tipping that is most prolific in Ecton Brook. Enforcement action has been taken in several cases and I have met with many local residents regarding their concerns, and to reassure them that I am active in the area and trying to deal with these issues as best as possible.</li> <li>➤ Following the last Resident's meeting in Ecton Brook there will be a Community Clean-Up on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to try to combat certain hot-spot areas.</li> </ul>	

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<b>70</b>	<b>Planning</b>																																																				
70.1	<b>N/2018/0667 and 0677</b> – 18 Pound Lane, Great Billing (listed building) – Single storey rear extension. No comments or objections.																																																				
70.2	<b>N/2018/0787</b> – 16 Raisins Field Road, Ecton Brook – Erection of PVCU Conservatory to side of property. Concerns were expressed with regard to this application. Parking is already a problem in this area and the building of the proposed conservatory would negate the possibility of parking in the drive; it would alter the street scene; and it was believed it would also invade across the building line to the next-door neighbour. It was felt that Planning should make a site visit and the Chairman is to speak to the Planning Department. The Clerk will make concerns known to the Planning Officer.	<b>Chair/ Clerk</b>																																																			
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71.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to Budget for the period to 31.05.18, together with a statement of reconciled bank account balances, had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																				
71.3	It was noted that all documentation relating to the accounts for the year to 31.03.18 had been forwarded to PKF-Littlejohn for external audit.																																																				

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<b>72</b>	<b>Other Matters</b>	
72.1	Casual vacancy – Ecton Brook Ward. Mr. Max Course introduced himself to the council and told members a little about himself. RESOLVED that Mr Course be co-opted to the vacancy of Councillor for Ecton Brook Ward (proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. S. Ward and unanimously endorsed by the council). Mr. Course duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Undertaking of Compliance with the Code of Conduct.	
72.2	RESOLVED that the new Standing Orders, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, be adopted without amendment.	
72.3	RESOLVED that the new Financial Regulations, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, be adopted without amendment.	
<b>73</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
73.1	Billing Fayre. Cllr. Rockall reported that things were all set for 30 <sup>th</sup> June and that there were only about four stalls still free. He and the GSM will be on site on the day from 9.00 am for those who have volunteered to assist with the set up. They would also be grateful for assistance from any member who could spare an hour or two throughout the day. Fingers are being crossed for good weather.	
73.2	GB War Memorial. Repointing has been carried out, the GSM has replanted the borders and the whole area now looks very good. Damian Lang's wife has kindly arranged to obtain large poppies which will be placed on lamp posts adjacent to both war memorials in the parish prior to November.	
<b>74</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>	
74.1	The GSM reported that he is spending the majority of his time on Bellinge Field and things are progressing really well. He now has a small team of volunteers attending on a Wednesday morning and this is making a massive difference. Michelle said it might be possible to arrange for students from Moulton College to also assist and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to reimburse their bus fares. In the meantime the Clerk is to check the council insurance to confirm that volunteers are covered.	Clerk
74.2	Little Billing Pocket Park. The following reports had been received from Michael Clasper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ “There were volunteering sessions at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May. There were six volunteers at the first session and four at the second. Litter was picked and removed; the picnic area, orchard and path edges were mowed; the area north of the orchard was strimmed and cleared of scrub and brambles, and the bench bases and footpaths were also blown clean”.</li> <li>➤ “There was a volunteering session at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Four volunteers picked and removed litter, and the orchard, picnic area and verges were mowed. The next volunteering session will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June”.</li> </ul>	

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<b>75</b>	<b><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i></b>	
75.1	Cllr. Ward reported that a couple of problem families had moved into Ecton Brook with one family in Millbank being described as 'the neighbours from hell'.	
75.2	Cllr. Henesey reported that dangerous parking around both schools in Ecton Brook when dropping off and collecting children was once again getting out of control. Unfortunately this would appear to be a national problem and one for which the Parish Council has no answer.	
75.3	Cllr. Clements advised that street light No 93, situated on the path from Valley Road to Wildfowl Walk would appear to have been missed when updating was carried out. The Clerk will contact the contractors.	<b>Clerk</b>
75.4	Cllr. Rockall advised that P J Miller had been to view the work required on the red telephone box. It was suggested this should be taken to their workshops for repair and reassembly and it was anticipated that the cost would be in the region of £500. This amount had already been received from Cllr. Kilbride's Empowerment Fund – RESOLVED this work should go ahead. Arrangements would then need to be made to hoist the box in place.	<b>SR/GSM</b>
75.5	Cllr. Mrs Worthington asked if the Parish Council should be charging for use of the playing fields by the 'boot camp' bearing in mind that sessions are taking place four times per week, he is running a business and there are 15 to 20 participants at weekends. After discussion it was decided not to do so. The situation will continue to be monitored.	
<b>76</b>	<b><i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i></b>	
76.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10 pm. Date of Next Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion.	