



# 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> FEBRUARY 2019  
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

**PRESENT** Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs S. Jordan, Mrs. C. Worthington, R. Burbidge, J. Clements,  
D. Nash, M. Pearson, S. Ward

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

		<b>Action</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
13.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs. G. K. Chaggar (ill) and S. Rockall (prior commitment). Belated apologies were received from Cllr. D. Brede. Apologies were also received from Glenn Warner (Northants Police).	
<b>14</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
14.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Folio Nos. 001/2019 – 004/2019) were approved and signed as a true record.	
<b>15</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
15.1	There were none.	
<b>16</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	
16.1	No-one wished to speak.	
<b>17</b>	<b>Reports from Outside Agencies</b>	
17.1	Cllr. Kilbride reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ MUGA is done and looks good, as does the playground at Mushroomfield Court.</li> <li>➤ Underpass has been vandalised and will be repaired.</li> <li>➤ He was pleased to advise that after vigorous campaigning by himself and others, including local MP Andrew Lewer, that road gritting will be returned to the level it was before the NCC cuts. NBC were also providing additional funds to assist this.</li> <li>➤ Funding for county Scouts has also been reinstated.</li> <li>➤ Following the recent encampment of travellers on the land adjacent to Ecton Brook Primary School he had visited the site with NCC. It has been agreed to install temporary width-restriction barriers. Should these prove effective permanent barriers will be put in place.</li> </ul>	

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<b>17</b>	<b>Reports from Outside Agencies (Continued)</b>																																					
17.2	Fiona Diamond said that she had noticed that the underpass under the A45 needs dredging. AK advised that this is the responsibility of the Environment Agency and he will contact them to ask for this to be done.	<b>AK</b>																																				
17.3	Liz Newbery reported that there is new legislation regarding the duty of care for domestic waste, which came into force in January 2019 and also to make people aware that vehicles believed to be involved in environmental crime can be seized in line with legal regulations. She will put a report together to highlight and further explain this. It was agreed that details should be published in the next newsletter.																																					
17.4	Damian Lang advised that he had reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fly-tipped black bags left by bins in Great and Little Billing.</li> <li>➤ Lamps on zebra crossing in Ecton Brook not working.</li> <li>➤ Street lamp in Overmead Road on during the day.</li> <li>➤ Various pot holes.</li> </ul>																																					
17.5	Cllr. Kilbride left the meeting at this point.																																					
<b>18</b>	<b>Planning</b>																																					
18.1	The following determination had been received from NBC: <b>N/2018/1629</b> – Oxstalls, 6 Orchard Hill, Lt Billing (Listed Building) – Restoration of existing conservatory, including repositioning of French doors, replacement of all windows and replacement of pitched roof with flat roof. <b>APPROVED.</b>																																					
<b>19</b>	<b>Finance</b>																																					
19.1	The list of Accounts for Approval for Payment had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED that payment be made as per the following: <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1330 1278 1711"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Power of Expenditure</th> <th>Inc. VAT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Small Business Payroll (Jan Salaries and monthly fee)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>3,700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unicom (Telephone &amp; Broadband – Pavilion – Jan)</td> <td>LGA1972s133</td> <td>46.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Small Business Payroll (Jan Account deficit)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>532.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NEST (GSM Pension Contributions –Jan)</td> <td>LGA1972s112</td> <td>253.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclaycard Commercial (Jan Credit Card statement)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>330.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O2 (GSM Mobile – Airtime – Jan statement )</td> <td>LGA1972s133</td> <td>10.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellingborough Norse (Waste collections Pavilion –Jan)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>88.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACA (Wheelie bin liners/Hide gloves/10 prs Nitrile gloves)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>88.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ESPO (2 cases hand towels/2 x Pitchmarker)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>98.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minster Cleaning (Pavilion Cleaning – Jan)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>302.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM Suppliers (1 x Axe/5 ltrs Chain Oil/1 x wood grenade)</td> <td>LGA1972s111</td> <td>69.67</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Power of Expenditure	Inc. VAT	Small Business Payroll (Jan Salaries and monthly fee)	LGA1972s112	3,700.00	Unicom (Telephone & Broadband – Pavilion – Jan)	LGA1972s133	46.68	Small Business Payroll (Jan Account deficit)	LGA1972s112	532.53	NEST (GSM Pension Contributions –Jan)	LGA1972s112	253.08	Barclaycard Commercial (Jan Credit Card statement)	LGA1972s111	330.67	O2 (GSM Mobile – Airtime – Jan statement )	LGA1972s133	10.93	Wellingborough Norse (Waste collections Pavilion –Jan)	LGA1972s111	88.66	BACA (Wheelie bin liners/Hide gloves/10 prs Nitrile gloves)	LGA1972s111	88.28	ESPO (2 cases hand towels/2 x Pitchmarker)	LGA1972s111	98.07	Minster Cleaning (Pavilion Cleaning – Jan)	LGA1972s111	302.66	GM Suppliers (1 x Axe/5 ltrs Chain Oil/1 x wood grenade)	LGA1972s111	69.67	
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19.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget, together with a statement of reconciled Bank Account balances, for the period to 31.01.19 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																					
19.3	RESOLVED that a direct debit be set up for the annual payment of the fee due to the Information Commissioner regarding data protection. The direct debit form was duly signed by two of the Council's signatories.																																					

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<b>20</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
20.1	Possible acquisition of NBC owned assets. The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with James Bellamy and the trustees of Bellinge Community House and that a meeting was due to be held the following day with Toby Birch with regard to Bellinge Community Centre. These meetings were fact finding exercises. He further advised that he and the Clerk had been invited to a meeting at the Guildhall on 21 <sup>st</sup> February to review and discuss the current Community Governance Review being undertaken by NBC.	
20.2	It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Alan Johnson of Billing F.C. to discuss future charges and possible overuse of pitches by the club. The Clerk and GSM are to estimate the annual cost to the Parish Council for the use of the playing fields by the Club.	<b>Clerk/ GSM</b>
20.3	New website. The Clerk advised that the new website is well on its way to completion and it is hoped this will go live in a few weeks' time.	
<b>21</b>	<b>Other Matters</b>	
21.1	Improvement of parking facilities in Valley Road. Cllr. Clements reported that he had spoken to Cllr. Kilbride with regard to this matter and that they had arranged a meeting on site to view and discuss the way forward.	
21.2	Cllr. Clements advised that he had received many complaints regarding four Lime trees situated in Valley Road. The trees were approximately 60 to 70 years old, were deemed dangerous and were causing damage to homes and vehicles. After discussion Liz Newbery offered to speak to her contact at NBC to ascertain the best way forward to deal with this problem.	<b>EN</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>	
22.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The telephone box is almost ready for installation. There is just the power supply to sort out.</li> <li>➤ The parish owned bus shelter in Ecton Brook had had to be taken down due to a water leak directly underneath. Anglian Water's contractors would be returning it to its original position and its original condition.</li> <li>➤ There has been an incidence of fly tipping of green waste on Bellinge Field.</li> <li>➤ The speed indicator device has now been moved to Fishponds Road, near the bottom of Bellinge Field. He has studied the data collected from the two sites in Ecton Brook and in the 20 mph area it would appear the average speed of vehicles was between 35 – 45 mph.</li> </ul>	
22.2	Damian Lang asked if it would be possible for a second speed hump to be installed on the driveway from Penfold Lane to the playing fields as cars were speeding down there. RESOLVED this should be arranged as soon as possible as when the first one was installed it was agreed that there would be a second should this be deemed necessary.	
22.3	No report had been received regarding Little Billing Pocket Park.	

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<b>23</b>	<b><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i></b>	
23.1	Cllr. Nash reported that the new Manager of BCH, Pauline Woodhouse, seemed to be settling in well. She hoped to attend the March meeting. He understood that Michelle Aveyard has had a set back with her health as it would appear she is experiencing problems with her immune system.	
23.2	Cllr. Ward advised that he was experiencing difficulty when reporting fly tipped rubbish to Street Doctor on the app. He was receiving an acknowledgement but removal of the rubbish did not appear to be taking place.	
23.3	Cllr. Pearson said he had received a complaint from a local resident that a large tree had been removed from a garden in High Street, Great Billing and he wondered if they had permission. On checking the map it was found the property is not within the Conservation Area so no permission was necessary.	
23.4	Cllr. Jordan reported that another very successful Coffee Morning had been held by Ecton Brook Residents Group and it was hoped to be able to arrange for these to be held at Bipin Brook on the last Friday of each month. She was delighted that two teenagers assisted with the parish litter pick; apparently they thoroughly enjoyed it and were amazed at the amount of litter they found!	
<b>24</b>	<b><i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i></b>	
24.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm. Date of next meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion.	