

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 4TH DECEMBER 2017
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

PRESENT Councillor S. Rockall (Acting Chairman)
Councillors Mrs C. Worthington, Rev. R. Burbidge, J. Clements,
P. Henesey, D. Nash, N. Nickason, M. Pearson,

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Cllr. C. Malpas (NBC) Cllr. A. Kilbride (NCC & NBC)
C. Campling
Damian Lang (Highway Warden)
One Parishioner

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123	<i>Apologies</i>	
123.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D. Brede and J. Marlow (both family commitments).	
124	<i>Minutes</i>	
124.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 th November 2017 (Folio Nos. 056/2017 – 061/2017) were approved and signed as a true record.	
125	<i>Declarations of Interest</i>	
125.1	There were none.	
126	<i>Public Forum</i>	
126.1	Cllr. Malpas said he regretted that the portable outside lights had not been received as yet, but they were on order and it is anticipated these will be available for the street Nativity in Bellinge.	
127	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
127.1	Damian Lang, Highway Warden reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He has reported blocked drains in Church Walk and Pound Lane. He has also reported potholes in Elwes Way and Church Walk. These will all be monitored, although the potholes are deemed not deep enough and the drains are not blocked to the grate. ➤ The leaves on Church Walk and Elwes Way have been reported to Street Doctor both by him and Highways. These should have been cleared by 28th November but so far this has not been done. ➤ A street light on Overmead Road was reported for being on during the day. 	
128	<i>Planning</i>	
128.1	N/2017/1424 – 25 Sheerwater Drive, Ecton Brook – Two storey side extension and garage conversion. No comments or objections.	

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128	Planning (Continued)																																																																
128.2	The following determination had been received from NBC: N/2017/1321 – 20 Blueberry Rise, Ecton Brook – Front Entrance Porch. APPROVED.																																																																
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129.1	The list of Accounts for Approval for Payment had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED that payment be made as per the following:																																																																
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129.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 30.11.17, including a statement of reconciled bank balances had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																																
129.3	A copy of the detailed proposed budget for the financial year ending 31.03.19, recommended by the Finance working party at the meeting held on 27.11.17 had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED that the budget (see Appendix I) and precept, i.e. a figure of £138,880 plus £18,000 Special Expenses paid direct to Bellinge Community House, making a total of £156,880 be adopted without amendment. The Clerk was thanked for her work on the budget and the ease with which it could be understood by everyone.																																																																
129.4	Bellinge Pre-School. The Chairman and Cllr. Nash had met with Anabela Da-Silva at the Pre-School. Their recommendation was that an additional grant of £500 be made to assist with the costs of transforming the outside area. RESOLVED this should be done. Cllr. Nash made the Council aware of a problem the Pre-School had with regard to a fire door that had to be kept unlocked and which was a problem with regard to the small children in attendance. The GSM is to visit the premises to inspect and ascertain if there is a way this may be remedied.	Clerk GSM																																																															

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130	Updates	
130.1	Bellinge Field. LGSS are still awaiting permission to complete from Andrew Coburn of the Asset Department at NBC. Cllr. Kilbride has spoken to him on behalf of the Parish Council; it would appear pressure of work has been the reason for him not dealing with this matter sooner. It is anticipated that this will be dealt with early next week.	
130.2	Updating of Parish Owned Street Lights. A report on the recommendations for the timetable and costings for this project has been produced, a copy of which will be forwarded to all members prior to the next meeting. It is hoped that a representative from Aylesbury Mains will be in attendance at the January meeting and that a decision can be made at that time.	JC Clerk
130.3	Great Billing Conservation Area Review and Consultation. A good meeting was held on 28 th November to discuss this. Since then the Clerk had replied to the Conservation Department on behalf of the Parish Council, as had Mr. Entwistle, Cllr. Pearson and the Clerk as residents of the conservation area. Nothing further can be done until such time as a response from NBC is received.	
131	Leisure and Recreation	
131.1	Paul Marks, the new GSM had settled in extremely well and he said there were no issues. The two Christmas trees received through Cllr. Kilbride had been delivered to Ecton Brook and Bellinge respectively and he had assisted with the installation of the (very large) tree adjacent to Bellinge Community House.	
131.2	No report had been received from Little Billing Pocket Park.	
132	Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere	
132.1	Cllr. Nash said that he believed that Chantelle Cameron, who won the World IBO Lightweight title in Leicester on Saturday 2 nd December, lived in Little Billing. It was agreed that if contact could be made with her that it would be nice for an article to be published in the next newsletter.	
132.2	Cllr. Nash reminded everyone that the Street Nativity would take place in Fieldmill Square, Bellinge at 5.30 pm on Monday 18 th December.	
132.3	Cllr. Pearson reported that he believes the end is in sight for the awful hoarding outside the former Pearce's office building, although it could take three or four months for it to come down.	
132.4	Cllr. Burbidge reminded everyone that the Carols by Candlelight service would take place at St. Andrews Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 17 th December.	
132.5	Cllr. Clements reported that he was experiencing difficulty in getting fly-tipped rubbish removed from the garages in Valley Road. This was always collected fairly promptly but recently it had been left. On trying to find out the reason for this he was advised the land was privately owned. Cllr. Kilbride is to investigate.	AK

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132	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere (Continued)</i>	
132.6	Cllr. Rockall reported that he had attended a meeting of Northampton Local Access Forum where he was advised that Street Doctor is being completely re-vamped. Leon asked that absolutely everything is reported through Street Doctor.	
133	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
133.1	There being no further business the meeting was officially closed at 8.30 pm but was followed by a small celebration to commemorate the retirement of Chris Campling. A tree had been planted in the pocket park to mark his 14 years of service to the Parish Council and the park will now be known as Great Billing Pocket Park, Campling Field. The plaque to be installed on the tree was presented to him. Local dog walkers had made a collection and were in attendance to present this to him, and the Parish Council presented a bouquet of flowers to his wife. In addition Anne and Dick Oram, of D.F. Phipps, have been given a tree on The Leys and were presented with a plaque commemorating their excellent service within the parish over the years.	
133.2	Next PC Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 8 th January 2018 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion.	

APPENDIX I**BILLING PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2018-2019****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>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	-	
	134,314	138,880
	10,000	10,000
	2,000	2,000
	300	100
	146,614	150,980
	121,140	119,270
	4,000	5,000
	500	500
	5,000	5,000
	3,000	3,000
		15,000
	5,000	5,000
	8,000	8,000
	1,750	1,750
	1,000	1,000
	3,000	3,160
	3,000	2,200
	2,500	1,600
	3,000	3,000
	4,000	5,500
	164,890	178,980
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	18,276	28,000
	146,614	150,980
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