



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 10TH DECEMBER 2018
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs G. K. Chaggar, Mrs. C. Worthington, D. Brede,
R. Burbidge, J. Clements, D. Nash, M. Pearson, S. Rockall, S. Ward

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
Michelle Aveyard (Bellinge Community House)
Glenn Warner (Police)
5 Parishioners

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124	Apologies	
124.1	Apologies were received from Cllrs. Kilbride and Malpas due to full NBC Council meeting, and also from Neighbourhood Warden, Liz Newbery.	
125	Minutes	
125.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 th November 2018 (Folio Nos. 052/2018 – 057/2018) were approved and signed as a true record.	
126	Declarations of Interest	
126.1	Cllr. Brede declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (a) on the agenda due to the applicant being a neighbour.	
127	Public Forum	
127.1	No-one wished to speak.	
128	Reports from Outside Agencies	
128.1	Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden said he had reported ten vandalised street lamps in Little Billing and had discovered more in Ecton Brook. All the lights are working but the glass has been broken. At this point in time it was not known how these were being done. There had been two accidents recently in Great Billing Way, and he was pleased that all reported potholes had been repaired.	
128.2	The Parish Council were delighted to welcome back Glenn Warner. Glenn was a Special Constable for many years, five of which were served in the parish. During this time he was of immense help to the Council and sorely missed when he moved on.	

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128	Reports from Outside Agencies (Continued)	
128.3	<p>Glenn reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overall crime last month was the third highest month this year. ➤ There is a rise in theft and damage to motor vehicles, and also an increase in violent crime, mainly as a result of domestics. There is also a seasonal rise in burglaries. ➤ There are various parking issues within the parish and the police will feed back to the Parish Council in due course. ➤ A large quantity of tools have been recovered which are unmarked. If anyone has had tools stolen they should contact the police. 	
128.4	Fiona Diamond said she was very pleased with the 'Love Where You Live' meeting held on the previous Saturday and thanked idverde for the very many plants donated for planting throughout the parish. It was hoped to have recycling areas by the Co-op in Bellinge for aluminium cans and crisp packets – both of which are the worst offenders as far as litter is concerned.	
128.5	Michelle said she also was pleased with the meeting held at the Community House on 1 st December and delighted with the large amount of plants donated by idverde. She reminded everyone that the Living Nativity would be taking place in Fieldmill Square at 5.30 pm on Monday 17 th December. It was with great regret that the council heard that Michelle would be leaving Bellinge Community House within the next four weeks due to ill health. The Chairman thanked her for all the hard work she has done during her tenure as Manager.	
128.6	Sally Jordan said that the Christmas tree would be lit at Bipin Brook at 5.00 pm on Friday 14 th December. There was, however, a problem with the lights as those used last year were damaged when they were taken down. It was sincerely hoped they could be repaired, or new lights made available before the switch-on. She thanked the GSM for his help in preparing new flower beds.	
129	Planning	
129.1	<p>N/2018/1545 – 11 Paddocks Way, Lt Billing – First floor front extension, floor plan redesign and all associated works.</p> <p>N/2018/1567 – 8 Normead Square, Ecton Brook – Single storey front extension for disabled use.</p> <p>N/2018/1579 – 14 High Street, Gt Billing – Conversion of existing barn and outbuilding to provide additional kitchen/utility facilities. Various other amendments incl. installation of bi-fold doors, windows and rooflights.</p> <p>No comments or objections to any of the above.</p>	
129.2	<p>The following determinations had been received from NBC:</p> <p>N/2018/1165 – 25 Valley Crescent, Little Billing – Two storey rear and side extensions. APPROVED</p> <p>N/2018/1376 – Oak Lodge, Great Billing Park – First floor rear extension, modified principal entrance and internal alterations, including external fabric changes. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2018/1418 – 97 Orchard Hill, Little Billing – New ext. doorway. APPROVED</p>	

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130	Finance																																																				
130.1	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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130.2	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 30.11.18, had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																				
130.3	RESOLVED that a copy of the 11 th edition of ‘Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration’ be purchased at a cost of £103.99.	Clerk																																																			
131	Other Matters																																																				
131.1	RESOLVED that a meeting take place at the Bernard Weston Pavilion at 7.00 pm on Monday 7 th January 2019 to discuss possible acquisitions by the Parish Council from NBC.	ALL																																																			
132	Updates																																																				
132.1	It would appear that the problems at the Communal Hall in Camberley Close have now been resolved as far as the Parish Council is concerned. The insurance company will be directing any discourse/claim to NBC and the Parish Council have now removed the trees and shrubbery deemed to be a possible cause of problems in the future.																																																				
132.2	Proposed barrier adjacent to old school site in Great Billing. On-going.																																																				
132.3	Ponds at Fishers Close. The orders have been raised to clear the ponds of the fallen trees and weeds. Unfortunately there is no water source to the ‘ponds’ as they were originally dug for flood protection.																																																				
133	Leisure & Recreation																																																				
133.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There is a lot of work being done on Bellinge Field. He will be making a bench from the Lime tree felled by Camberley Close. 																																																				

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133	<i>Leisure & Recreation (Continued)</i>	
133.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Other trees nearby are being thinned out, but some brambles are being left so there will still be blackberries. ➤ His original aim for Bellinge Field was to make it less intimidating, but he now wants to make it an area people choose to visit. ➤ Four new trees are being planted at the bottom of Celebration Avenue, three of which have already been sold. John Malfait's tree will be replaced at the same time, and an oak tree in memory of Bernard Weston is being planted in the wildflower meadow on The Leys. Two trees are also being planted in GB pocket park, one of which is to commemorate 100 years of GBWI. ➤ The new Speed Indicator Device has been received from Westcotec and this will initially be placed in Ecton Brook Road. 	
133.2	The following report had been received from Michael Clasper: "There was a volunteering session at Lt. Billing Pocket Park on Saturday 8 th December 2018 from 10 am - 12 noon. Four volunteers collected and removed litter and fly-tipped rubbish, and the footpaths were blown clear of leaves".	
134	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
134.1	Cllr. Nash said that once Michelle has left the Community House it is important that residents continue with her legacy.	
134.2	Cllr. Ward reported that work is still ongoing at the Linear Park. Unfortunately the contractors are cutting back very severely and just leaving the logs and branches on the ground. The stream has been cleared twice but vandals are immediately throwing everything back into the water. It was suggested that it may be possible to employ Mick Bull to clear the area using a digger. The Clerk will mention this problem at the Forum due to be held on 11 th December at NBC. Cllr. Ward said litter was still a huge problem and he thanked Sally Jordan and the GSM for their assistance.	
134.3	Cllr. Pearson said, although he knew it was not in the parish, he was becoming very concerned with the extremely high level of traffic over the Causeway especially in the late afternoon and early evening.	
134.4	Cllr. Burbidge passed round copies giving details of all church services in the parish over the Christmas period.	
134.5	Cllr. Rockall reported that the first defibrillator had been received at the Elwes Arms on the previous Saturday and that £300 was collected towards the purchase of the second one. He also suggested that a couple of bird-watching wild-life cameras be purchased – one could possibly be used to ascertain how the street light covers are being broken. It was felt this was an excellent idea.	
135	<i>Date of Next Meetings and Closure</i>	
135.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm Meeting to discuss assets – 7.00 pm Monday 7 th January 2019. PC Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 14 th January 2019. Both meetings to be held at the Bernard Weston Pavilion.	