



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 14TH JANUARY 2019
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

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

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Sally Jordan
Glenn Warner (Police Volunteer) - Part
4 Parishioners

		Action
01	Apologies	
01.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Burbidge (prior commitment). Apologies were also received from Cllrs. Kilbride and Malpas (full NBC council meeting) and Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden.	
02	Minutes	
02.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 th December 2018 (Folio Nos.058/2018 – 061/2018) were approved and signed as a true record.	
03	Declarations of Interest	
03.1	None were declared.	
04	Co-option to the Casual Vacancy in Ecton Brook Ward.	
04.1	Mrs Sally Jordan was co-opted to the vacancy of Councillor for Ecton Brook Ward (unanimously endorsed by the council). She duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Undertaking of Compliance with the Code of Conduct, and was warmly welcomed to the Council.	
05	Public Forum	
05.1	Fiona Diamond said she had noticed signs/notice boards in Little Billing Pocket Park, and in other places, indicating birds and wildlife that may be found in the area and wondered if this was something the Council could consider installing in parish-owned land.	
05.2	Bob Entwistle said he had noticed, when conducting the local health walks, that there was a great increase of litter everywhere, particularly in areas away from the highways.	

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06.1	Glenn Warner had forwarded emails to the Clerk with links to a police survey and to a portal for reporting cars without tax or MOT, which she will forward to all councillors. There had been a large increase in burglaries in the area and he passed leaflets regarding home security to all present. A police operation regarding car crime will be taking place in the area.	Clerk																																																																											
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07.2	The following determinations had been received from NBC: N/2018/1165 – 25 Valley Crescent, Lt Billing – Two storey rear and side extensions. APPROVED. N/2018/1567 - 8 Normead Square, Ecton Brook – Single storey front extension for disabled use. APPROVED. N/2018/1678 – Manor Farm House, 9 Elwes Way, Great Billing – T1 Rowan: prune back to the boundary to clear neighbouring property. Crown reduce remainder of tree by approximately 1.0 – 1.5M in height and laterally to balance pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy. APPROVED.																																																																												
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08	Finance (Continued)	
08.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 31.12.18 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
08.3	A copy of the Accounts and Bank Reconciliation to the end of the third quarter, i.e. to 31.12.18, had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
09	Other Matters	
09.1	A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 7 th January 2019 to discuss the possible acquisition of NBC assets within the parish had been forwarded to all members. It was agreed that no additional discussion was required at this point. A further meeting has been arranged for 4 th February and it is hoped that Laurie Gould from NBC will be available to attend. Councillors were asked to forward any relevant questions they would like to ask Mr Gould to the Clerk as soon as possible, in order that these may be passed to him prior to the meeting.	ALL
09.2	Article 4 Direction – Great Billing Conservation Area. Bob Entwistle said it had come to his notice that only three residents had replied to this consultation, two for and one against and consequently nothing further had been done. It was felt that the introduction of a £206 planning application fee may have deterred many people. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to David Trubshaw advising that it supported the Article 4 direction in the hope that this consultation may be reopened.	Clerk
09.3	Use of the playing fields. Cllr. Mrs Worthington said it would appear that far more football teams were using the playing fields than previously and she was concerned that the pitches were becoming overused. The GSM confirmed that wear and tear was far more noticeable this year than last. Billing United are only charged £400 per year for the use of the playing fields and pavilion and this barely covers the cost of the annual aeration. RESOLVED that new charges should be discussed and agreed. An email had been received from the Chairman of Billing United asking if it would be possible for them to train at the playing fields all year round using portable lights, which they hoped to store and charge within the pavilion. The general consensus was that this would place far too much wear on the pitches and be intrusive to local residents. It was suggested that alternative training sites could be either Bellinge Field or Ecton Brook playing fields. Clerk to advise Alan Johnson and it may be that a meeting with him should be arranged.	Clerk
10	Leisure and Recreation	
10.1	The GSM reported that work continues apace on all green spaces and a lot of positive feedback has been received with regard to Bellinge Field. He has had to close the playground adjacent to the pavilion as animal(s) have been digging holes there – he is hoping it is a fox not a badger.	
10.2	The following report had been received from Michael Clasper: 'There was a volunteering session at Lt Billing Pocket Park on 12 th January. Nine volunteers concentrated on clearing litter and fly tipped rubbish from the park	

	and surrounding areas, and the new notice board was installed. This was a replacement board which was obtained free of charge from the manufacturers as	
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10	<i>Leisure and Recreation (Continued)</i>	
10.2	Report from Lt Billing Pocket Park (Cont..) we deemed that the previous one was unfit for purpose. Doubtless the usual suspects, with the lack of local policing, will do their best to wreck this too, and we shall see how resilient it proves. Incidentally the manufacturers have 10,000 of these notice boards installed throughout the country and infer that ours is the only one to be damaged by vandals!	
11	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
11.1	Cllr. Nash reported that Michelle Aveyard would be leaving Bellinge Community House on Friday 18 th January and he sincerely hoped her legacy would continue. Her replacement, Pauline Woodhouse, would be starting on 15 th January.	
11.2	Cllr. Ward reported that there had been an increased incidence of burglaries in Ecton Brook and that the travellers parked by the school over the Christmas period had now moved on. There appeared to be a worrying trend of small gas capsules being used for sniffing as vast quantities of empty ones were being found. Cllr. Jordan said the police were aware.	
11.3	Cllr. Jordan reported that Ecton Brook Residents Association is holding a second coffee morning at Bipin Brook on Friday 18 th January.	
11.4	Cllr. Clements asked if it were possible for the signs 'No parking on the grass' and 'Watch Your Speed' could be replaced in Valley Road as they were now non-existent. He was advised to contact NBC with regard to this.	
11.5	Cllr. Rockall reported that he had been advised that there did not appear to be any clause in the Veolia contract necessitating the removal of wood cuttings. He is now in conversation with a tree surgeon who may be interested in collecting them. The SID device has now been located by Ecton Brook Primary School and data will be analysed both from there and its previous location.	
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12.1	<i>Date of Next Meetings and Closure</i> There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm. Asset Meeting – 7.00 pm on Monday 4 th February 2019 (GSM's Office) PC Meeting – 7.30 pm on Monday 11 th February 2019 at Bernard Weston Pavilion.	