



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 8TH JULY 2019
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

PRESENT Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs C. Worthington, D. Brede, J. Clements, Rev. R. Burbidge,
A. Jones, M. Pearson, D. Nash, S. Rockall

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
Paul Marks (Green Space Manager)
Cllr. Andy Kilbride (NCC & NBC)
Cllr. Mike Hallam (NBC)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
Liz Newbery (NBC Neighbourhood Warden)
17 Parishioners

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75	Public Forum	
75.1	Due to the number of parishioners attending the meeting who had concerns with regard to the possibility of the building of a care home and houses on the land owned by Mr. Pearce adjacent to The Leys, the Public Forum was moved to the beginning of the meeting. The Chairman emphasised that the recent publicity and leaflet drops regarding this had <i>not</i> originated from the Parish Council. He explained that until such time as a planning application was actually made no comments or objections could be made for or against this project. He promised that if and when such an application was made, as it would appear to be a very contentious issue, the Parish Council would call a public meeting to ensure that residents' concerns were heard and that assistance and direction would be available where required. Such a meeting would be advertised on the website, notice boards, and social media. All but two parishioners left the meeting at this point.	
76	Apologies	
76.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs G. K. Chagger (on holiday), Mrs S. Jordan (unwell) and S. Ward (work commitment). Apologies were also received from Glenn Warner (Police) due to bereavement.	
77	Minutes	
77.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 th June 2019 (Folio Nos. 029/2019 – 033/2019) were approved and signed as a true record.	

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78	<i>Declarations of Interest</i>	
78.1	Cllr. Rockall declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 7 (c) and (d) due to his employers being the architects for both planning applications.	
79	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
79.1	Cllr. Kilbride reported that stainless steel bollards would be installed by the Surestart Centre at Ecton Brook and that double yellow lines would also be painted.	
79.2	Liz Newbery reported that there had been a lot of issues in Bellinge with unlicensed and/or unscrupulous people offering to take away rubbish, which has often been dumped somewhere else. Most householders were unaware that they are responsible should this happen and she was attempting to get this information across to everyone. Cllr. Nash thanked Liz for her hard work in arranging for the removal of furniture in Foscitt Court and the serving of appropriate notices.	
79.3	Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden) said he had reported numerous pot holes and overgrown footpaths.	
80	<i>Discussions with Cllr. Mike Hallam of NBC</i>	
80.1	Copies of the exchange of correspondence between the Chairman and the Senior Litigation Solicitor, James Chadwick, at NBC had been forwarded to Cllr. Hallam, Cllr. Kilbride and all Parish Councillors. It would appear that the problems with regard to collections following community litter picks arose from the ambiguity of the term 'controlled waste' as this seemed to be interpreted differently from council to council. There also appeared to be a difference in 'Community Clean-Ups' and 'Community Litter Picks'. The Chairman said the Parish Council were perfectly happy with giving advance notice of litter picks/clean ups to Veolia and using their sacks, but felt some common sense was needed with regard to the collection of so-called controlled waste. Cllr. Hallam is to investigate this problem further and come back to the Chairman as soon as possible.	
80.2	<p>A question and answer session followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grass Cutting. Cllr. Hallam said grass cutting was behind schedule due to several days of heavy rain, as was weed control. Cllr. Rockall asked if the weed killer used was bee friendly and Cllr. Hallam said he would ascertain this and advise. He will also speak to the contractors with regard to the removal/blowing of grass cuttings. ➤ There were no complaints with regard to rubbish collections but Cllr. Hallam advised that people who could have wheelie bins but at present do not, would be receiving them in the near future. Open-top boxes would be phased out completely and those that could not have wheelie bins would be issued with sacks. ➤ Cllr. Clements asked if there was a possibility that CCTV cameras could be installed on NBC-owned buildings to deter fly tipping. 	
80.3	Cllr. Hallam was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.	

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81	Planning																																																																
81.1	<p>N/2019/0723 – 12 Pear Tree Close, Lt Billing – Demolition of existing garage and construction of detached granny annexe.</p> <p>N/2019/0773 – 50 Valley Road, Lt Billing – Two storey rear extension.</p> <p>N/2019/0832 – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour RC Church, High Street, Gt Billing – Construction of entrance lobby, WC facilities, disabled ramp access, internal alterations and updating.</p> <p>N/2019/0829 – The Institute, High Street, Gt Billing – Demolition of existing toilet block gable and roof alterations to kitchen extension, new windows and doors, internal updating, removal of existing roof tiles to main hall and felt, batten and re-fix existing tiles.</p> <p>No comments or objections to any of the above.</p>																																																																
81.2	<p>The following determinations had been received from NBC:</p> <p>N/2019/0490 – 6A Chantry Close, Great Billing – Lime Tree – Remove dead wood, 5M crown lift and remove growth from house by up to 2M. Oak Tree – remove dead wood, reduce lower back limb by up to 50% or remove completely. Sweet Chestnut – remove dead growth. 2 x Cherry Trees – dismantle to ground level. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/0576 – 51 Manorfield Close – Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/0582 – 22 Home Farm Close – Two storey side extension. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/0602 – 23 Champion Court – Single storey rear extension. APPROVED.</p>																																																																
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82.2	<p>A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 30.06.19 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.</p>																																																																

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82	<i>Finance (Continued)</i>	
82.3	A copy of the Accounts for the first quarter to 30.06.19 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
82.4	The Clerk reported reconciled bank account balances as at 30.06.19 of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NatWest Current Account - £22,997.58 ➤ NatWest Reserve Account - £215,327.82 	
82.5	RESOLVED that a donation of £50 be forwarded to Bellinge Community House to assist in providing refreshments for the Community Day to be held on 6 th August.	Clerk
83	<i>Updates</i>	
83.1	Community Governance Review. On-going	
83.2	New Unitary Authority. No additional information than that already known was forthcoming at the Forum held on 19 th June. On-going.	
84	<i>Other Matters</i>	
84.1	Billing Fayre. It was a very successful (and hot!) day and Cllr. Rockall thanked all those who helped out on the day, although he said he would have liked to have seen a few more Councillors attending as it is an ideal time to meet with parishioners. Those with stalls raising funds for their charity or community group appeared very pleased with the funds they raised. The donkey rides had to be moved to the Millennium Wood due to the heat and unfortunately the dog show had to be cancelled, but overall it was an extremely enjoyable day. The provisional date for next year's event is Saturday 27 th June.	
84.2	Tim Bedward, Churchwarden at St. Andrews Church addressed the meeting. They have specific deliverables to honour the National Lottery Funding in addition to the replacement of the stolen lead and repairs required. They have commissioned Alan Clarke to write a history of the church and history and heritage events will be held over the weekend of 13 th /14 th and 15 th September. This will include a Jazz Evening on the Friday, tours of the church on Saturday and a special service on Sunday. After discussion it was RESOLVED that permission be given for the Parish Council's marquees to be used for this event and erected on PC owned land adjacent to the church. It is hoped that oral histories recorded by the Parish Council can be transcribed to be used in conjunction with these deliverables.	
84.3	It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would indicate to NBC the possibility of it taking over ownership of the open space adjacent to Ashmead and Little Billing Way. The Clerk will complete the relevant forms and forward to NBC.	Clerk
85	<i>Leisure & Recreation</i>	
85.1	The GSM reported that grass cutting is going well. The present contractors at the playing fields will be finishing on 27 th July and D F Phipps will then be responsible for all grass cutting in the parish. The ash remaining from the bonfires on Bellinge Field is being removed and there are two new bins to be installed.	

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85	<i>Leisure & Recreation (Continued)</i>	
85.2	The following report had been received from Michael Clasper: “There was a volunteering session at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday 22 nd June from 10.00 am to 12 noon as usual. Six volunteers mowed and strimmed the orchard and the area to the north; collected and removed litter; cleared the riverside footpath of overgrowth and then swept it, and mowed the picnic area. The next session will take place on 13 th July”.	
86	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
86.1	Cllr. Nash advised that a Community Day will be held at Bellinge Community House on Tuesday 6 th August from 12 noon to 4.00 pm with various activities and representation from many stakeholders including NBC, NPH, Police, Veolia etc. He said they would be delighted to see as many from the Council as possible. He also reported that judging for Northampton in Bloom would be taking place on Wednesday of this week and he thanked Jon for all his hard work. He was a little disappointed with the baskets this year.	
86.2	Cllr. Burbidge said he was delighted to report that St. Andrews Church is now open again as replacement of the lead was complete. There are still internal repairs to be done and there may be another short closure whilst this is being carried out.	
86.3	Cllr. Brede remarked on how nice The Leys was looking and asked if it was possible for the lovely wildflower meadow to be extended. He was advised that there are plans for an additional wildflower meadow to be planted within the old Orchard. He also asked if any decision had been made with regard to the erosion of the bank at Little Billing. He was advised that advice had been sought from Sywell Country Park and it is possible that if remedial work is carried out the path may have to be moved.	
86.4	Cllr. Clements said he was pleased to report that someone had been to inspect the Willow tree in the garden of an NPH home in Little Billing and it was hoped that this would now be felled.	
86.5	Cllr. Rockall said how sorry he was to hear that Cllr. Jordan had hurt her back when watering at Ecton Brook, and as judging for Northampton in Bloom will be taking place next week he suggested the GSM could maybe assist with watering while Sally was indisposed.	
87	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
87.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15 pm Date of Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on Monday 9 th September 2019. Please note there is no meeting in August.	