



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 OCTOBER 2019
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

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

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
Paul Marks (Green Space Manager)
Cllr. Andy Kilbride (NCC & NBC)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
PC Ashley Sparks (Northants Police)
8 Parishioners

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100	Apologies	
100.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R. Burbidge (other meeting), J. Marlow (holiday), A. Jones (ill) and S. Ward (work commitment). Apologies were also received from Glenn Warner (Police) and Liz Newbery (NBC Warden).	
101	Minutes	
101.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 th September 2019 (Folio Nos. 039/2019 – 044/2019) were approved and signed as a true record.	
102	Declarations of Interest	
102.1	There were none.	
103	Public Forum	
103.1	Mr David Parsons asked if there was any further news with regard to the proposed new care home and was advised that to date no planning application had been lodged. He expressed his concerns with regard to the serious depletion of the bee population and asked if further wild flower meadows could be established. He was advised that the Parish Council could not do this on land it did not own but was asked to speak to the Green Space Manager after the meeting to discuss in further detail.	
103.2	Mr Peter Stevenson advised that after observation his opinion was that the speed camera presently sited in Little Billing Way was not operating correctly. This will be taken down and checked.	GSM

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103	Public Forum (Continued)	
103.3	Another attending parishioner advised that she was very concerned about the condition of the road and attendant potholes on the A4500 near to the roundabout adjacent to The Academy, which were particularly dangerous to cyclists and motorcyclists. This was immediately reported by Damian Lang. She was also advised that anyone can report these problems on 'Fix My Street'.	
104	Reports From Outside Agencies	
104.1	Cllr. Andy Kilbride reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good reviews had been received with regard to the new playground at Ecton Brook, although it is not yet finished. ➤ New play equipment will be installed at Helicopter Park shortly. ➤ A new footpath has been laid at Pennycress Place. ➤ He was delighted with the success of Northampton in Bloom within the parish and felt this made the whole area a much better place to live. 	
104.2	Damian Lang advised that he had reported the potholes on the speed humps in Ecton Brook and overgrown trees/shrubs around street lamps. The heavy rain is causing ever more potholes.	
104.3	The Parish Council were delighted to welcome PC Ashley Sparks to the meeting. He confirmed that there has been a massive increase in thefts from vehicles and they are determined to 'nail' the person(s) responsible. Most of these are opportunistic and he urged everyone to ensure nothing was left in vehicles. Fortunately the police now have more resources to enable them to deal with these crimes. He also urged people to sign up to Neighbourhood Alert and emphasised that it is important that every incidence of crime is reported – this may be done anonymously on line. Also see follow up to Crime Prevention Meeting, Minute Ref. 107.2.	
105	Planning	
105.1	<p>N/2019/0832 – Amendment. Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, High Street, Great Billing – Construction of entrance lobby/WC facilities, disability access ramp, internal alterations and updating.</p> <p>N/2019/0900 – 1 Chantry Close, Great Billing – Construction of pitched roof wooden gazebo with two enclosed sides (half wood/half glazed) in rear garden.</p> <p>N/2019/1040 – 6 Riverwell, Ecton Brook – Variations of Conditions 2 and 5 of Planning Permission N/2018/0013 (ground and first floor side extension and conversion of garage to habitable room) to amend first floor layout and window alterations to first floor rear elevation.</p> <p>N/2019/1109 –The Catholic Presbytery, 1 Elwes Way, Great Billing – 3 x Leyland Cypress – fell; 1 x Spruce – fell; 4 x Lawson Cypress – fell; 1 x Holly – fell.</p> <p>N/2019/1181 – Oldways, 7 Elwes Way, Great Billing – Various tree works.</p> <p>N/2019/1223 – 6 Paddocks Way, Little Billing – First floor side extension.</p> <p>19/00056/WASFUL – Waste Transfer Station, Lower Ecton Lane – Eastern extension to the existing operational waste transfer station as well as the establishment of an additional car park to the south of the internal access road.</p> <p>N/2019/1203 – 29 Russett Drive, Lt Billing – First Floor Side Extension.</p> <p>No comments or objections to any of the above. It had been confirmed that only recyclable waste was dealt with at the Waste Transfer Station.</p>	

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105.2	<p>The following determinations had been received from NBC:</p> <p>N/2019/0773 – 50 Valley Road, Lt Billing – Two storey rear extension. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/0777 – Old School House, 2 Station Road, Gt Billing – Removal of existing side single storey extension and construction of new single storey side extension; two storey side extension; replacement front porch and new sliding metal front gates to driveway. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/0832 – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, High Street, Gt Billing – Construction of entrance lobby/WC facilities, disability access ramp, internal alterations and updating. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/1010 – 37 Sheerwater Drive, Ecton Brook – Single storey rear extension. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/1012 – 2 Russet Drive, Lt Billing – Change of use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to Semi-independent Care for Young Persons in Local Authority Care (Use Class C2). APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/1018 – Ecton Brook Medical Centre – Single storey extension to existing medical centre building to provide 2no additional consulting rooms. APPROVED.</p> <p>N/2019/1109 – The Catholic Presbytery, 1 Elwes Way, Gt Billing – Fell 3 x Leyland Cypress, 1 x Spruce, 4 x Lawson Cypress, 1 x Holly. APPROVED.</p>																																																																									
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106	<i>Finance (Continued)</i>	
106.3	A copy of the Accounts for the half-year to 30.09.19 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
106.4	The Clerk reported reconciled bank account balances as at 30.09.19 of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NatWest Current Account £20,081.17 ➤ NatWest Reserve Account £185,432.42 	
106.5	RESOLVED that a donation of £400 be made to the Royal British Legion and poppy wreaths obtained for laying at the two war memorials.	
106.6	A meeting to discuss and approve the budget for 2020/21 was arranged for 7.00 pm at the Bernard Weston Pavilion on Monday 2 nd December 2019. A draft will be forwarded to members prior to this date. Details of any projects, together with approximate costings, that Councillors wish to be considered for inclusion in this budget should be forwarded to the Clerk by the end of October latest.	ALL
106.7	RESOLVED that the amended Financial Regulations, a copy of which had been forwarded to all members, be approved and adopted.	
107	<i>Updates</i>	
107.1	Community Governance Review and possible acquisition by the Parish Council of currently owned NBC assets within the parish. On-going.	
107.2	The public meeting held on Monday 23 rd September 2019 to discuss the problem of increased crime throughout the parish was very successful with around 50 members of the public in attendance in addition to two members of the local police and the Crime Prevention Officer. Social media is proving to be a very powerful tool in publicising and linking crimes. The intention is that another meeting will be arranged, possibly on a Saturday morning, when representatives from alarm, video doorbell companies etc., will hopefully be in attendance. This will be arranged in conjunction with the Crime Prevention Officer.	
108	<i>Other Matters</i>	
108.1	A meeting was held on site between Helen Howard (Northamptonshire Highways), John Marlow, Damian Lang and the GSM to discuss the problems associated with exiting Pound Lane and inconsiderate parking on High Street, Great Billing. It would appear that unfortunately there is little that can be done to assist with exiting Pound Lane. As far as the parking problems are concerned, Highways do not have any money remaining in their budget but Ms Howard will come back to the Parish Council with suggestions and costs to hopefully alleviate this. On-going.	
108.2	Possibility of installing a bench on The Leys. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a consultation with neighbouring residents should take place before a decision is made. It may be that a separate meeting needs to take place. Held over.	
108.3	The annual inspection had been carried out on the parish-owned playground and a copy of the report forwarded to all members. RESOLVED the report be accepted. The Council understand there are risks but they are all low or very low risks and these will be closely monitored in the future.	

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108	<i>Other Matters (Continued)</i>	
108.4	Grass-cutting Little Billing Village Green. The Clerk had received confirmation that the village green had been re-instated onto the maintenance schedule for NBC's contractors, although grass cutting will soon cease until the Spring. It is hoped this will solve the problem but should it be necessary the Parish Council's contractors will still be available to perform additional cuts.	
109	<i>Leisure & Recreation</i>	
109.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He has started work on the top corner of the pocket park. ➤ He will have to replant the wildflower meadow this year. ➤ 1000 each of Daffodils and Bluebells have been planted in Bellinge Field and 2000 more daffodils are on order. ➤ Apples are ready for picking at the old orchard. 	
109.2	Lt Billing Pocket Park. The following report had been received from Michael Clasper: "There was a volunteering session at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday 12 th October from 10am until 12 noon. It was very wet underfoot following overnight rain, and five volunteers collected and removed litter and fly-tipped rubbish, and the weeds on a good stretch of the riverside footpath were cleared".	
110	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
110.1	Cllr Nash reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He would like to extend his thanks to Fiona, Jon and Mark for all their hard work at the litter pick on 12th October. ➤ He was delighted to announce that Bellinge received a Gold in Northampton in Bloom and a Level 5 in East Midlands in Bloom. ➤ Bellinge Community House AGM will be held at 6.00 pm on 28th October and lasts about an hour. ➤ A Christmas auction will be held on 30th November 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. 	
110.2	Cllr. Clements said he was still concerned about the lime trees in Valley Road and believed that pollarding or similar should be carried out on them.	
110.3	Cllr. Mrs Jordan reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ She was delighted to announce that Ecton Brook were awarded Silver Gilt in Northampton in Bloom. ➤ £223 was raised at the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. ➤ There were problems with anti-social behaviour, drug taking and quad bikes in Ecton Brook. 	
110.4	Cllr. Brede said he had been given the name of someone to contact at Anglian Water with regard to the ponds/brook at Little Billing, but so far had had no response.	
110.5	Cllr. Pearson said he was very impressed with the Heritage Weekend at St Andrews Church and that the local history displayed in the church was wonderful. He wondered if the information could be used for a future event within the parish.	

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111	<i>Date of Next Meetings and Closure</i>	
111.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm Next Meetings: Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 11 th November 2019 Budget Meeting – 7.00 pm on Monday 2 nd December 2019 Both meetings at the Bernard Weston Pavilion, Great Billing.	