



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 9th DECEMBER 2019
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

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

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

		Action
123	Apologies	
123.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. D. Brede (Election campaigning).	
124	Minutes	
124.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 th November 2019 (Folio Nos. 051/2019 – 054/2019) were approved and signed as a true record.	
125	Declarations of Interest	
125.1	There were none	
126	Public Forum	
126.1	No-one wished to speak.	
127	Reports from Outside Agencies	
127.1	Cllr. Kilbride said there was very little to report other than the authorities were aware of the increasing parking problems near the schools in Ecton Brook and this was being looked into.	
127.2	Damian Lang, Highway Warden said he was continuing to report all known issues, including faulty street lights and the traffic lights on the A4500.	
128	Planning	
128.1	N/2019/1413 – Bipin Community Centre, Ecton Brook Road, Ecton Brook – New Single Storey Post Office. N/2019/1391 – 14 Lady Winefrides Walk, Great Billing – Single storey modular timber granny annexe. No comments or objections to either of the above.	

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128.2	The following determinations had been received from NBC: N/2019/1203 – 29 Russett Drive, Lt Billing – First floor side extension. WITHDRAWN. N/2019/1223 – 6 Paddocks Way, Lt Billing – First floor side extension. APPROVED.																																																							
129	Finance																																																							
129.1	The list of Accounts for Approval for Payment had been forwarded 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 30.11.19 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																							
129.3	The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank account balances as at 30.11.19 were: ➤ NatWest Current Account £20,607.26 ➤ NatWest Reserve Account £245,502.93																																																							
129.4	A copy of the detailed proposed budget for the financial year ending 31.03.21 had been forwarded to all members and this had been discussed in detail at the Finance meeting held on 2 nd December 2019. It was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED that the budget (see Appendix I) and precept, i.e. a figure of £152,340 plus £18,000 Special Expenses paid direct to Bellinge Community House, making a total of £170,340 be adopted without amendment.																																																							
129.5	RESOLVED that the repair and renovation of the pavilion car park as discussed at the November meeting (i.e. at a cost of £4,799 plus the cost of gravel and contractor's fee for prior excavation) should be carried out at February half-term. The GSM had received good reviews from previous customers.	GSM																																																						
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130.1	Safety and Environment programme at Ecton Brook School. Due to the absence of Liz Newbery this matter was held over to the January meeting.	Clerk																																																						

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130	<i>Other Matters (Continued)</i>	
130.2	A quotation was still awaited with regard to an additional lamp on the driveway to the playing fields. Held over.	Clerk
130.3	After discussion it was RESOLVED that a bench made by the GSM would be placed at the top of the orchard, just off The Leys itself. This would be monitored over the coming year and if it attracted anti-social behaviour or vandalism it would be removed.	GSM
130.4	Dates of April and May 2020 meetings. RESOLVED that there would be no meeting in April and that due to elections the May meeting would be delayed by one week to Monday 18 th May.	
131	<i>Other Matters</i>	
131.1	Community Governance Review and possible transfer of assets. No further information has been received. Held over.	
131.2	Follow up meeting regarding crime in the parish. Reply still awaited from the Crime Prevention Officer. Held over.	
131.3	Parking problems in High Street, Great Billing. Further communication still awaited from Highways. Held over.	
132	<i>Leisure & Recreation</i>	
132.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He is doing a lot of clearing and cutting back at present. ➤ The volunteers have been doing a wonderful job at Bellinge Field. Unfortunately it has been discovered that a row of Willow trees will have to be taken down at the top of the field. ➤ He is still experiencing problems with prolific graffiti. 	
132.2	No report had been received from Little Billing Pocket Park this month.	
133	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
133.1	Cllr. Nash reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He was delighted to report that a total of £478.43 was made at the recent auction and he thanked the GSM for the donation of one of his carved owls. ➤ There will be Carols around the Christmas tree in Fieldmill Square at 4.30 pm on Sunday 15th December followed by Carols in the Deers Leap public house at 6.00 pm. ➤ The Community House will close for Christmas on 24th December and reopen on 6th January. 	
133.2	Cllr. Burbidge passed details to all present of the various services over Christmas.	
133.3	Cllr. Mrs Jordan reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ £70 was raised at the table top sale on 29th November. ➤ The Christmas tree in Ecton Brook was decorated the previous Saturday and Father Christmas will be visiting on 20th December. 	

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133	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere (Continued)</i>	
133.4	Cllr. Jones reported that after purchasing two defibrillators there is approximately £350 left in the Elwes Arms charity account and it is hoped there will be sufficient to purchase the third by about April.	
134	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
134.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm Next meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 13 th January 2020 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion.	

Appendix 1**BILLING PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2020/2021**

	<u>2019/2020</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2020/2021</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
<i>Precept</i>	147,900	152,340
<i>Agency</i>	-	-
<i>Loans/Cap Receipts</i>	-	-
Grants		
Playing Field/Pavilion	15,000	15,000
Miscellaneous	3,000	2,500
<i>Other Receipts :Interest</i>	100	320
<i>Sale of Assets</i>		
Total Receipts	166,000	170,160
<u>Payments</u>		
<i>General Administration</i>	112,900	117,310
<i>S 137 Payments</i>	5,000	5,000
<i>Loans/Capital Repayments</i>	-	-
<i>Election Expenses</i>	500	1,000
Lighting – Energy Costs	4,000	3,000
Lighting – Repairs/Renewals, etc.	3,500	3,600
s19LG(MP)A 1976 - grants	5,600	5,600
Capital Expenditure	8,000	8,000
Professional & Legal fees, etc	7,000	7,000
Training & Conferences/Seminars	1,000	1,000
Repairs to PC owned property	3,000	3,000
Newsletter	2,400	2,400
Insurance	1,600	1,600
Subscriptions	2,500	2,650
<i>Other Payments (Contingency)</i>	22,000	22,000
Total Payments	179,000	183,160
<u>Receipts and Payments Summary</u>		
From Reserves	13,000	13,000
Add Total Receipts	166,000	170,160
	179,000	183,160
Less Total Payments	179,000	183,160
Excess Income over Expenditure	0	0

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.