

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 11th JULY 2016
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

PRESENT Councillor S. Rockall (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs G. Chaggar, Ms. L. Vakil, Mrs. C. Worthington,
J. Clements, D. Nash, M. Pearson,
Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
C. Campling (Green Space Manager)
Cllr Andrew Kilbride (NBC)
4 Parishioners

		Action
77	<i>Apologies</i>	
77.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. J. Marlow (holiday) and S. Ward (ill). Apologies were also received from NBC Cllr. C. Malpas, Sarah Oakes (Neighbourhood Warden), Damian Lang (Highway Warden), Michelle Aveyard (Bellinge Community House) and PCSO Ria Broadbent. Belated apologies were also received from Cllrs. Brede and Snedker.	
78	<i>Minutes</i>	
78.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 th June 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.	
79	<i>Declarations of Interest</i>	
79.1	There were none.	
80	<i>Public Forum</i>	
80.1	None of the parishioners in attendance wished to speak.	
81	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
81.1	In his absence Damian Lang, the Parish Highway Warden had forwarded the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The table at Billing Fayre worked well and several people stopped to talk and I gave out contact information. I have placed details on each notice board detailing items that can be reported together with contact details. The Twitter account is up and running – each new report is placed on it together with updates and time scales. ➤ I am meeting with Sarah Oakes on 20th July to assess trees in Bellinge, starting with Foscitt Court. ➤ I have reported off-road bikes in Ridgewalk, through Ecton Brook and up to the playing fields. ➤ I have been in contact with PC Lee Flavell regarding school parking. I have explained to the schools that the police will escalate enforcement, which both schools have asked for. I am not sure if this will be done before the end of term or when they start back in September. 	

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82	Planning																																																																						
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82.2	N/2016/0565 – 6 Washbrook Close, Lt Billing – Erection of canopy to rear. No comments of objections.																																																																						
82.3	N/2016/0757 – 7 Sunset Court, Lt Billing – Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage and storeroom. Concerns were expressed that this planning application was not clear; it was difficult to ascertain exactly what was intended and there were issues with the land boundary. Cllr. Kilbride was asked to call this in.	AK																																																																					
82.4	The following determinations had been received from NBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ N/2015/1248 – Ecton Brook Playing Fields, Gt Billing Way – erection of 64 dwellings comprising 1-bed flats, 2-bed and 3-bed houses and associated access roads. APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE – subject to Section 106. ➤ N/2016/0403 – 100 Orchard Hill, Lt Billing – Change of use from residential care home (Use Class C2) to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) – APPROVED. ➤ N/2016/0531 – 21 Manorfield Close, Lt Billing – Convert garage to living accommodation and raise height of flat roof. APPROVED. 																																																																						
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83.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 30.06.16 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.													
83.3	A copy of the accounts as at the end of the first quarter together with the bank reconciliation had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.													
83.4	Although additional regular updating of the CCTV system had been approved by full council in 2014 a quotation for work now required to be done was presented to members. This comprised a replacement DVR, upgrading of cameras 7 and 9, full service and hire of a cherry picker – a total of £1,365.95. RESOLVED this work should go ahead. However the GSM reported problems with anti-social behaviour at the top of the playing fields, adjacent to the pocket park and this was too far away for the cameras to pick up any detail. He suggested that a HD2 Mega Pixel Dome be placed on top of one of the towers to counteract this. Should this be done it obviously needed to be carried out at the same time as the work previously mentioned so that the hire cost of a cherry picker was not incurred twice. After a long discussion it was agreed the GSM should receive advice/quotation from Shire Security but also ask if it was possible for a device to be fitted as a trial. Should it not be possible for a trial device to be fitted all work would have to wait until the quotation has been approved. It was also suggested that a mobile CCTV camera should be purchased for use where required within the parish. This will be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.	GSM												
83.5	A quotation had been received for concreting the area adjacent to the pavilion where the surface is dropping and which is above a sewer. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Clements would attempt to obtain additional quotations for this work. Held over to next meeting.	JC												
83.6	The metal storage container situated in the compound suffers badly on one side due to facing north and a lot of time is taken rubbing down and repainting. A quotation had been received to clad this with feather edge wooden boards to match that of the Bizzy Bears outside play area at a cost of £532.28. RESOLVED that this work should be carried out.	GSM												
84	Other Matters													
84.1	Billing Fayre. Cllr. Rockall thanked everyone who helped out with this event. Apart from a couple of short sharp showers the weather was kind and a good afternoon was had by everyone – a lot of complimentary comments were received. The events in the main arena were very well received and the band was excellent. He understood that the many charities and local groups attending were very successful in their fundraising. It is proposed that the Fayre will again take place in 2017. A meeting of the committee will be arranged later on.	SR												

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84	<i>Other Matters (Continued)</i>	
84.2	Newsletter. The Clerk reported that she had completed the Summer issue and it is anticipated that a draft copy will be available to forward to members next week.	
84.3	NBC Special Expenses – Parks and Open Spaces. A further meeting regarding this subject had been held with Antony Russell. NBC are proposing the transfer of ownership of various open spaces to the Parish Council, but it would appear that this will include much more than responsibility for maintenance. The council are concerned about the condition of trees, the costs involved, manpower etc., and there are many questions that NBC are not able to answer at present. It would appear that any transfers will not happen until the end of Enterprise’s contract, i.e. in 2017/18. Further meetings will take place.	
85	<i>Updates</i>	
85.1	Litter Bin – Bellinge. It has apparently proved difficult to contact the owner of the land to arrange an on-site meeting. Cllr. Nash said he believed it may be easier to arrange a meeting with him at his office in Milton Keynes. Held over.	
85.2	Bus Shelter for Overmead Road, Ecton Brook. It is believed a standard 2M x 2.8M bus shelter could be installed at this site. RESOLVED in principle that this should be done. The Clerk is to see if she can obtain permission for installation from Highways and the GSM will obtain quotations for a suitable shelter. Held over to next meeting.	Clerk/ GSM
85.3	Updating of Parish owned street lights. Due to the absence of Cllrs. Brede and Snedker this subject was held over to the next meeting.	
85.4	Motor cycle barriers. It would appear that barriers installed within Duston Parish were not done by the Parish Council, but possibly by a Residents Association. Agreed that the Clerk would circulate other Clerks in the county to ascertain if anyone has installed suitable barriers that have proved successful. Held over to next meeting.	Clerk
86	<i>Leisure & Recreation</i>	
86.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It has been arranged that the Payback Team will clear the waste from the Garden of Reflection/Catholic churchyard border. However this will not be done until Cllr. Marlow returns from holiday as he will use his truck to remove said waste. ➤ The corn meadow at the top of Gt Billing Pocket Park has been a great success and looks wonderful at present. 	
86.2	Lt Billing Pocket Park. The following report had been received from Michael Clasper: “A volunteering session took place at Little Billing Pocket Park on Saturday, 9th July, with four volunteers. Unfortunately, half the session was spent in the container sheltering from a heavy rainstorm, and progress was thus frustrated. However, litter was collected and disposed of; part of the orchard was strimmed, and the riverside footpath was cleared of invasive undergrowth. The next volunteering session is scheduled for Saturday, 13th August from 10am until 12 noon as usual”.	

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87	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
87.1	Cllr. Clements complained about the letters sent from Highways to residents of Valley Road informing them that flags and bunting strung across the road had to be taken down. He also complained about the state of the road surface and pavements in the same area (again the responsibility of Highways). He said a 'them and us' mentality was developing. He was advised that the Parish Council has no powers in these areas and could only report specific complaints to Highways.	
87.2	Cllr. Mrs Worthington reported that the new Rector, Richard Burbage, had already moved into the Rectory and would be officially installed at the end of this month. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite him to attend the September meeting.	Clerk
87.3	The Clerk advised that she had received an email from the Living Grace Church (formerly Abington Christian Centre) who were looking at the possibility of using a Sunday in August (potentially 14 th) as an opportunity to serve the community in a practical way and were considering some litter picking activities as part of the plan. They had asked if there was a specific area that the Parish Council felt would benefit or any alternative projects it would like to suggest. The Clerk asked members to advise her of their thoughts as soon as possible. It was agreed the Parish Council would loan litter pickers, gloves etc.	ALL
87.4	The Clerk also advised that the new notice board for Bellinge had been ordered at a cost of £824.20 plus the cost of installation.	
88	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
88.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm. Objectives Meeting – 6.30 pm Monday 12 th September 2016 Next PC Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 12 th September 2016 PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST	

APPENDIX I

Report from Michelle Aveyard – Bellinge Community House

Opening hours are reduced during my annual leave and will resume to normal operational summer holidays.

Young People

The 8 – 12 Youth Group is going well and the 12+ Group starts on 8th September 2016. There is a £1.00 charge that supports food and activities.

The 12+ Group is focused on leadership skills. One of the young leaders from Bellinge has been nominated and short listed for the Youth Ambition Award. This countywide event took place at Wicksteed Park, Kettering and we were delighted that this young person was chosen to represent the Youth Group – a great success for her.

New Courses – Open to all residents

September – English as a second language (family learning) for a second intake of local residents.

English and Maths – registration taking place for September.

IT for Beginners – for those starting to use a computer or wishing to improve personal skills. Please email bellinge@btconnect.com for more information.

IT Club – Drop in for local people to share skills and knowledge. Thursdays from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Northampton Partnership Homes – 9.00 am to 12 noon, first Tuesday of the month.

Community Law – 9.00 am to 12 noon, first Thursday of the month.

The NPH Anti-Social Behaviour Officer will be at the Community House on 22nd July to deal with any housing/tenants issues across the Parish.

Nine local people attended our 'Next Steps' session during the last week and two have managed to gain employment and others have signed up for courses.

We have a return date for the Dog Micro-Chipping by RSPCA/Dogs Trust (cost £3.00 per pet) on Friday 15th September from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Multi-Agency/local suppliers and groups Market Square.

Michelle Aveyard

11th July 2016