

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 12TH DECEMBER 2016
AT THE BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

PRESENT Councillor J. Marlow (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs G. Chaggar, Mrs. C. Worthington, D. Brede, J. Clements,
D. Nash, P. Henesey, N. Nickason, M. Pearson, S. Rockall

Also Present: Mrs. S. Harris (Clerk to the Council)
C. Campling (Green Space Manager)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)

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126	Apologies	
126.1	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs Vakil (on holiday) and S. Ward (business commitment). Apologies were also received from NBC Cllrs. C. Malpas and A. Kilbride (full NBC council meeting) and from Sarah Oakes (Neighbourhood Warden).	
127	Minutes	
127.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 th November 2016 (Folio Nos 054/2016 – 058/2016) were approved and signed as a true record.	
128	Declarations of Interest	
128.1	There were none.	
129	Reports from Outside Agencies	
129.1	Damian Lang, the Parish Highway Warden said he had reported potholes that had appeared/worsened with the wet weather. He had also reported two vehicles parked on the zig zag lines outside Ecton Brook Primary School. He was advised that this problem is even worse in the mornings and he will speak to the local SCT in the hope that someone will investigate. Cllr. Pearson asked if he would report the problem with fallen leaves in Church Walk and Elwes Way as wet weather is making these extremely dangerous.	DL
129.2	Cllr. Nash read out a report from Michelle Aveyard of Bellinge Community House. A precis of this may be found in Appendix II.	
129.3	In her absence Sarah Oakes, the Neighbourhood Warden had forwarded the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The motorhome that is floating around Bellinge at present is being dealt with. ➤ The bedbug issues at various properties have been resolved and treatment will follow in the next couple of weeks. 	
130	Planning	
130.1	N/2016/1497 – 19 Lady Winefrides Walk, Gt Billing – Copper Beech, crown lift and reduce excessive growth. No comments or objections.	

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130.2	The following determinations had been received from NBC: N/2016/1321 – 7 Sunset Court, Lt Billing – Two storey side extension, single storey rear/side extension. Replace existing roof to existing conservatory. APPROVED. N/2016/1362 – 36 Manorfield Close – Single storey side and single storey rear extension with garage conversion – APPROVED. N/2016/1381 – 35 Church Walk, Gt Billing – Tree works to T1 Holly, T2 Laburnum, T3 Yew. T4 Lawsons and T5 Plum. APPROVED.																																																																
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131.2	A copy of the schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to budget for the period to 30.11.16 together with a statement of reconciled bank balances, had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.																																																																
131.3	New Parish vehicle. Following agreement by all members via a telephone call from the Chairman it had been RESOLVED that a new Toyota Hilux Active be purchased from Steven Eagell Toyota at an on the road cost of £15,745.84 plus VAT. The Clerk was progressing this purchase and was in the process of obtaining quotations for annual insurance. RESOLVED that Cllrs. Marlow and Rockall would be named additional drivers. It was further RESOLVED that GAP insurance at a total cost of £300 would be purchased. This would ensure that if the vehicle was written off or stolen during the first three years of ownership, the whole of the purchase price would be recovered. The new vehicle will be collected from the dealership on 9 th January. Thanks were extended to Cllrs. Ward and Clements for their assistance. The GSM is to investigate magnetic signage and this will be discussed at the January meeting.	Clerk GSM																																																															
131.4	A copy of the detailed proposed budget for the financial year ending 31.03.18, recommended by the Finance working party at the meeting held on 05.12.16 had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED that the budget (see Appendix I) and precept, i.e. a figure of £134,314 plus £18,000 Special Expenses paid direct to Bellinge Community House, making a total of £152,314 be adopted without amendment.																																																																

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132	<i>Other Matters/Updates</i>	
132.1	Request for additional litter bin – Bellinge shops. On-going.	
132.2	A meeting to discuss/progress updating of parish owned street lights was arranged for 7.30 pm on Monday 16 th January 2017 in the parish office at the pavilion.	ALL
132.3	The next Objectives meeting was arranged for 7.30 pm on Monday 20 th February 2017 in the parish office at the pavilion.	ALL
132.4	Acquisition of Bellinge Field. Tom Warrender of Wilson Brown Solicitors is acting on behalf of the Parish Council in this matter. An estimate of the legal fees involved is in the region of £400 - £500. Mr Warrender received notification from Keith Edwards of LGSS Law on 9 th December that the draft Transfer has now been prepared and is with NBC for their approval. On-going.	
133	<i>Leisure & Recreation</i>	
133.1	The GSM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All trees in Celebration Avenue have now been sold. New trees to complete the avenue have been ordered and will be planted as soon as weather permits in the New Year. Six of the new trees have already been reserved. ➤ Two trees have been felled in the Garden of Reflection and essential tree work carried out in the park. ➤ The Mayoress has visited GB Pocket Park and agreed where her tree will be planted – she has also requested a bench. The GSM will order both of these, the Clerk will invoice and the Mayor's office will arrange payment. The ceremony will take place on Saturday 25th February 2017 and further details will be advised to members once they are confirmed. 	GSM
134	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
134.1	Cllr. Nash reported that 'Bellinge in Bloom' has got off to a good start. Bulbs have been planted and roses planted alongside the Balti. Work will start on the car park area shortly.	
134.2	Cllr. Henesey reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Three residents have replied to his article in the Christmas newsletter with regard to the formation of a Residents Association in Ecton Brook – he would like to double this number if possible as he obviously cannot be involved as it would be a conflict of interests. ➤ There is a severe problem with rubbish being dumped outside a flat in Mushroom Field Road where a new family have moved in. The Chairman will advise him of contact details for the Neighbourhood Warden for Ecton Brook. 	
134.3	Cllr. Pearson asked if the GSM would sweep leaves from and generally clean up Gt. Billing war memorial. Additional work and a suggestion that the soil level be raised were also put forward. The Chairman and GSM will visit to ascertain what is required. Cllr. Pearson also asked for clarification on the proposal for a new gravel extraction site adjacent to the Sewage Works. The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting with Saviles and although they were happy with the proposal in general they had expressed severe concerns regarding additional traffic exiting onto an already overloaded Crow Lane to gain access to the A45. Highways are involved.	Chair/ GSM

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134	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere (Continued)</i>	
134.4	Cllr. Brede reported that he had been in conversation with Weston Favell Centre regarding the library and this was on-going. Cllr. Rockall said he had heard a rumour that Lings Forum may be knocked down and relocated (together with the library) with the WFC being extended onto this site. Cllr. Brede also mentioned that he had seen the leader of Northamptonshire County Council on television announcing proposals to become a unitary authority, which would obviously pose consequences for District and Parish Councils.	
134.5	Cllr. Clements reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He is still struggling with the problem of the damaged storm drain with NCC, Anglian Water and the Environment Agency all denying responsibility. The Environment Agency has said they believe it is down to NBC. He will continue to do what he can. ➤ He raised the subject of cold calling again and asked whether the Parish Council could provide any funds to assist in alleviating this problem. This will be placed on the January agenda and he and Cllr. Nash were asked to obtain evidence that residents require this deterrent. 	Clerk JC/DN
134.6	Cllr. Rockall asked if there was any progress with regard to the dilapidated state of the bus stop at the top of Ecton Brook on the A4500. The Clerk will chase.	Clerk
134.7	The Clerk reported that she had received a request for funding from the local Scout Group and this will be put on the agenda for consideration at the January meeting.	Clerk
135	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
135.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm. Dates of next Meetings: PC Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 9 th January 2017 at the Bernard Weston Pavilion. Street Light Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 16 th January 2017 at the Parish office. Objectives Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 20 th February 2017 at the Parish office.	

APPENDIX I

BILLING PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2017-2018

	<u>2016/2017</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017/2018</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
<i>Precept</i>	129,164	134,314
<i>Agency</i>		
<i>Loans/Cap Receipts</i>		
 Grants		
Playing Field/Pavilion	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000
 <i>Other Receipts :Interest</i>	200	300
<i>Sale of Assets</i>		
 Total Receipts	141,364	146,614
 <u>Payments</u>		
<i>General Administration</i>	116,340	121,140
<i>S 137 Payments</i>	4,000	4,000
<i>Loans/Capital Repayments</i>	10,340	
<i>Agency Services</i>		
<i>Election Expenses</i>	500	500
Lighting - Energy Costs	3,000	5,000
- Repairs / Renewals, etc	3,000	3,000
s19LG(MP)A 1976 - grants	5,200	5,000
Capital Expenditure	6,000	8,000
Professional & Legal fees, etc	2,400	1,750
Training & Conferences/Seminars	1,200	1,000
Repairs to PC owned property	3,000	3,000
Newsletter	3,000	3,000
Insurance	2,500	2,500
Subscriptions	2,500	3,000
<i>Other Payments (Contingency)</i>	5,000	4,000
 Total Payments	167,980	164,890
 <u>Receipts and Payments Summary</u>		
From Reserves	26,616	18,276
Add Total Receipts	141,364	146,614
	167,980	164,890
Less Total Payments	167,980	164,890
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.

APPENDIX II

Bellinge Community House

1. I am still waiting to see if we have secured funding for the Youth Group and have submitted two further applications.
2. Emily Shellard, who was featured in the Christmas newsletter, would like to thank everyone for their support and says she is very proud to be a 'Young Leader'.
3. The Living Nativity will be held at 5.30 pm on 19th December 2016 in Fieldmill Square and I hope as many people as possible will attend. The Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton will be attending and refreshments will be available.
4. We have secured funding to deliver Project ABC – Active Bellinge Community – and all information is on our website. This project is funded for one year and its aim is to increase the participation of physical activity.
5. Billing Joggers meet every Monday and having great fun, with one participant having lost half a stone and feeling much better for it.
6. All our groups are increasing in capacity and we will be starting beginner's courses in IT again in the New Year.
7. Bellinge in Bloom has had its first meeting and Expo Logistics came from Crick on 8th December and continued with the improvements to the car park and the designated area. Advice on planting from the GSM would be greatly appreciated.
8. As you may have noticed from the two years I have worked in the parish, I am very much a team person, and consider you all a support network for the community that we all have a vested interest in. Thank you all for your continued support – this has been a year where we have really moved forward.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Michelle Aveyard
December 2016