



BILLING PARISH COUNCIL

Established 1894

Serving Bellinge, Ecton Brook, Great Billing and Little Billing

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 6.30 pm ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021, AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT

J. A. Marlow (Chairman of Billing Parish Council)
Mr D. Brede, Rev. R. Burbidge, Mrs G Chaggar, Mr J. Clements, Mr M. Pearson
Mr S. Rockall, Mrs T. Smith, Mr. S. Ward and Mrs C Worthington (all Members
of Billing Parish Council)
Mrs. S. Harris (Outgoing Clerk to Billing Parish Council)
Mrs C. Goodridge (Incoming Clerk to Billing Parish Council)
Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Councillor Paul Clarke (WNC)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
Liz Newbery (WNC Neighbourhood Warden)
Two Parishioners

1 APOLOGIES

None.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 (Folio Nos. 01/2019/APM – 05/2019/APM) were approved and signed as a true record.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. J. A. Marlow gave his Annual Report, a copy of which can be found in Appendix I.

4 CHARITIES REPORT

Rev. R. Burbidge had provided a copy of the Annual Report of the Great Billing Pension Charity (see Appendix II)

5 OTHER REPORTS

No other reports received.

6 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and participation and declared the meeting closed at 6.38 pm.

APPENDIX 1

Chairman's Report – 2020/21

Hopefully by the time of presenting this report we will be well on the way to returning to some sort of normality after the restrictions of Covid 19. During the past twelve months the Parish Council has not stood still, and although our meetings have been held virtually (a blessing on cold, wet nights!) it has been business as usual.

The hard work and investment we have put into our green spaces over the years has come to fruition with residents discovering areas they had no idea existed. The opening up of The Leys, old Orchard and Bellinge Field into one large area has encouraged members of the whole community to make use of this marvellous facility. Work continues with the widening of the path in Great Billing Pocket Park, the planting of a Celebration Avenue and installation of a drainage system in Bellinge Field.

Negotiations are still ongoing to acquire the ownership of Bellinge Community House to ensure its future and to be a lasting legacy to our colleague, the late Dennis Nash.

A pathway in Ecton Brook Linear Park is badly needed and work has started to obtain the £60,000 funding required for this project.

I want to record my thanks to all the Councillors, to Paul our GSM, to Damian our Highway Warden, Fiona our volunteer and to our contractors Dick, Anne and Ian for all their hard work and commitment. A very, very special thanks must go to our retiring Clerk/RFO. Sue has been with us for the past fourteen years and I will definitely miss her help, support and guidance. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Sue and Martin all the best for the future. I now welcome our new Clerk Carrie Goodridge, who I am sure will fit in well with our team.

I am pleased that those in authority have used common sense and now support the marvellous and much appreciated work being carried out by the Wombles in their litter picking role.

I do not know what the future holds with the formation of the new Unitary Authorities but I do know that if the new Unitary Councillors give the same support, we have enjoyed with Councillors Andy Kilbride and Christopher Malpas we will not go far wrong.

Many thanks.

John Marlow
Chairman

APPENDIX II

GREAT BILLING PENSION CHARITY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Trustees of the Charity are the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Andrew's Church, Great Billing and two representatives appointed by Billing Parish Council. Those serving as Trustees in 2020 were:

The Revd Richard Burbidge (Rector)

Mr Tim Bedward (Church Warden)

Mr Dominic Banham-Hall (Church Warden)

Mrs Cheryl Worthington (Parish Council)

Mr John Marlow (Parish Council)

Mr Frank Brett continues to act as treasurer.

The Charity continues to have as its object 'the relief either generally or individually of persons resident in the Parish of Billing who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress by making grants of money or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship and distress of such persons. Preference to be given to poor widows over the age of 60'.

The Charity's funds are invested entirely in the COIF Charities Investment Fund, a Common Investment Fund, set up under the Charity Commission Scheme, and subsequently under section 24 of the Charities Act 2004. Dividends for the year are as reported in the Receipts and Payments account, and form the amount available to the Trustees for grant- making.

Given the modest levels of the Charity's income, its practice for many years now has been to make a small grant to a number of qualifying persons just before Christmas. In 2020 seven such persons received grants of £100 each.

Each year, it seems to be a struggle to find a good number of suitable recipients for the grants. Therefore, the trustees would be very pleased to receive nominations for grant recipients from Parish Councillors or parishioners.



Richard Burbidge

Chairman of the Trustees

22nd March 2021

GREAT BILLING PENSION CHARITY**Receipts and Payments Account 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020**

Balance at 1 st January 2020		£376.68
Receipts		
Dividends from Charity Commissioners Year End 31.12.2020 (See Note 3)	£921.63	
Donations returned as undeliverable	<u>£ 0.00</u>	
		£921.63
LESS		
Payments in Year to 31.12.20 (Note 1)	£700.00	
Account Charges (Note 2)	<u>£ 0.00</u>	
		<u>£720.00</u>
Balance at Year End 31 st December 2020		£598.31

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- Note 1 7 Payments of £100 were authorised during the year
1st January to 31st December 2020.*
- Note 2 Account Charges. No charges were made during 2020.*
- Note 3 Late receipts of Dividends from December 2019 have
resulted in higher-than-normal income in 2020.*

Represented by - National Westminster Bank Account 08159866	£467.48
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Balance @ 31 st December 2020	<u>£467.48</u>

The above statement has been prepared from the books and accounts of the Charity.
This statement has been approved by the Trustees as an accurate reflection of the accounts.
F.A.Brett

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

T. Bedward

R. Burbidge

19th January 2021