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 OCTOBER 2021 AT BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT J. A. Marlow (Chairman of Billing Parish Council)
Cllrs. Mrs T. Smith, Mrs C. Worthington, Mr D. Brede, Mr S. Rockall

Also Present: Mrs C. Goodridge (Clerk to Billing Parish Council)
Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Cllrs. Mr S. Hibbert, Mr. K. Holland-Delamere (WNC)
PCSO S. Whiting, PC J. Ballin (Northamptonshire Police)
L. Newbery, A Harris (WNC Neighbourhood Warden)
Three Parishioners

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81	***Apologies for Absence***	
81.1	Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mrs. G. Chaggar, Rev. R Burbidge, Mr J. Clements and Mr S. Ward. Apologies were also received from WNC Councillors Mr A. Kilbride and Parish Highways Warden Mr D. Lang.	
82	***Minutes***	
82.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13h September 2021 (Folio Nos. 031/2021 – 045/2021) were approved and signed as a true record.	
83	***Declarations of Interest***	
83.1	None declared	
84	***Public Forum***	
84.1	Two Parishioners who live in Valentine Way wanted to express their support for Billing United Football Club who use the Recreational Fields in Great Billing. Cllr Marlow confirmed that the Parish Council also fully supports Billing United Football Club and advised that a meeting had taken place where amicable agreements had been made.	
85	***Reports from Outside Agencies***	
85.1	Liz Newbery, WNC Neighbourhood Warden, reported the following: ➢ Since 1st October 2021 there has been a change in Neighbourhood Wardens. Liz will continue to look after Little Billing, Ashleigh Harris will be covering Bellinge and Caroline Poynter is covering Ecton Brook, Great Billing. ➢ There was a successful Fly Tipping conviction in Lower Ecton Lane. The offender was ordered to pay costs of £5305.00 plus fees.	

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85	***Reports from Outside Agencies (Continued)***	
85.2	In his absence Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden, had forwarded the following report: ➢ The footpath at the side of Codlin Close is being blocked be an overgrown hedge. This has been reported. ➢ The three Parish owned street lamps in Great Billing Village have been repaired. ➢ The damaged traffic light on Fishponds Road near the Primary School has been repaired. ➢ Street Lamp L1LGP on Little Billing Way has been reported for being on in the day light hours. ➢ Sunken tarmac around drain on Fishponds Road after the pedestrian crossing near to the Deer's Leap Public House has been reported.	
86	***Planning***	
86.1	a. **WNN/2021/0466** – Land North of Bedford Road – For the Development of up to 24,000sqm of employment land with new vehicular access, associated parking, highway infrastructure and other ancillary works. **OBJECTION** Concerns raised about the impact that this development will have on the environment and the high possibility that this will cause further flooding of Billing Aquadrome which may then encroach into the Parish. Objections to be raised. b. WNN/2021/0806 – 4 Lady Winefrides, Gt Billing – Dormer enlargement, addition of Juliet Balcony and roof light (amendment to planning permission N/2020/0131) - **NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS**	Clerk
86.2	The following determinations had been received from WNC: a. **N/2021/ 0162**- 20 Cumbrae Drive, Gt Billing - Proposed garage conversion and single storey extension – **Approved** b. **N/2020/1516** - Former Pearce Leather Works, Wellingborough Road - Conversion & extension of existing building to 26no flats, with the provision of bin store areas & car parking – **Approved** c. **N/2020/1517** - Former Pearce Leather Works, Wellingborough Road - Listed building consent for conversion & extension of existing building to 26 flats, with the provision of bin store areas and car parking. This is an amendment to previously obtained planning permission & it had been ascertained only affects the internal layout increasing the number of flats from 20 to 29. Listed Building Consent – **Approved** d. WNN/2021/0350 - 26 Cottage Gardens, Gt Billing - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of ground floor rear/side extension with flat roof system. – **Approved** e. **WNN/2021/0338** - 8 Cumbrae Drive, Gt Billing - Two storey front extension – Approved f. **WNN/2021/0507** - 28 Standing Stones, Gt Billing - First Floor side extension and new sauna outbuilding structure, including basement ancillary plant and storage, to be located in rear garden – **Approved** g. **WNN/2021/0539** - Roundabout junction with Overmead Road, Ecton Brook - 4no identical, non-illuminated signs measuring 1000mm wide x 500mm high, fixed into the ground using steel posts (2no per sign) with the distance	

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86	***Planning (Continued)***	
86.2	between the ground and the bottom of the sign being approximately 350mm. Posts will be fixed into the ground to a depth of approximately 500mm using postcrete. Each sign will be installed facing an entrance to the roundabout and not conflict with any existing traffic street furniture. – **Approved** h. **WNN/2021/0602** - Roundabout junction with Great Billing Way, Wellingborough Road, - 4no identical, non-illuminated signs measuring 1000mm wide x 500mm high, fixed into the ground using steel posts (2no per sign) with the distance between the ground and the bottom of the sign being approximately 350mm. Posts will be fixed into the ground to a depth of approximately 500mm using postcrete. Each sign will be installed facing an entrance to the roundabout and not conflict with any existing traffic street furniture. – **Approved** i. **WNN/2021/0643** - 2 Cottage Gardens, Gt Billing - T1 Beech - Reduce length of lower limbs on south side of tree by up to 4m, crown lift canopy over highway to provide 5.4m clearance from road surface and remove – **Approved** j. **WNN/2021/0689** - 4 Elwes Way, Gt Billing - T1 Conifer - Fell to ground level – **Approved**	
87	***Finance***	
87.1	The list of Accounts for Approval for Payment for September to October had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED that payment be made as per the following:	

Small Business Payroll (Sep) Salaries and monthly fee)	LGA1972s133	3700.00
Footprint, Pavilion Wheelie Bon Waste Removal (Aug)	LGA1972s111	120.30
KAMS tree Care Ltd, Remove sycamore & prune horse chestnut LBPP	OSA1906s9 & 10	960.00
Little Billing Pocket Park Volunteers, Grant	LGA1972s111	1000.00
Harlestone Group, CLS wood, OSB construction board for workshop	OSA1906s9 & 10	51.34
Harlestone Group, Tanalised Gravel Board for workshop	OSA1906s9 & 10	41.59
Harlestone Group, CLS wood, tanalised rail, smart ply, nails workshop	OSA1906s9 & 10	455.33
Harlestone Group, tanalised rail & pair of t hinges for workshop	OSA1906s9 & 10	29.42
O2, Clerk Mobile Phone (21/4 – 20/6)	LGA1972s133	35.18
Unicom, Pavilion Telephone & Broadband (01/06 – 30/06)	LGA1972s133	56.24
Small Business Payroll, Shortfall on September Salaries	LGA1972s112	249.99
NEST, Pension Contribution for Sep	LGA1972s112	361.67
Espo, First Aid Kit refill for Pavilion	LGA1972s111	20.10
Barclaycard Commercial Statement (Sep)	LGA1972s111	487.42
D F Phipps, Mowing & Strimming Leys, Celebration Ave & Church Way	OSA1906s9 & 10	1188.00
D F Phipps, Mowing & Strimming Bellinge Field, Pitch & Glades	OSA1906s9 & 10	1032.00
D F Phipps, Mowing & Strimming Great Billing Fields 1, 2 & 3	OSA1906s9 & 10	330.00
D F Phipps, Mowing Little Billing Village	OSA1906s9 & 10	144.00
Minster Cleaning, Pavilion Cleaning (June) less 1 missed clean in May	LGA1972s111	156.12
Minster Cleaning, Pavilion Cleaning (July)	LGA1972s111	202.96
Minster Cleaning, Pavilion Cleaning (August)	LGA1972s111	202.96
Minster Cleaning, Pavilion Cleaning (September)	LGA1972s111	202.96
Northants Land Drainage, To complete ditch work on Bellinge Field	OSA1906s9 & 10	960.00
O2, GSM Mobile phone	LGA1972s133	10.08
BACA, Bin Liners, Graffiti remover, safety boots & ear plugs	LGA1972s111	187.79

87.2	The schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to Budget for the period to 30.09.21 had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
87.3	The schedule showing the accounts for the half-year to 30.09.21 had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.	

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87	***Finance (Continued)***	
87.4	A copy of the Internal Control check as at 30.09.21 had been forwarded to all members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
87.5	The form The Clerk reported that reconciled bank account balances as at 31.08.21 were: ➢ Current Account £102,914.08 ➢ Reserve Account £295,781.76	
87.6	RESOLVED that the budget meeting shall be held on 6th December 6.30pm at the Bernard Weston Pavilion.	
88	***Other Matters***	
88.1	Highways – Wellingborough Road Speed Limit Change It has been proposed that the section of road between the Northampton Academy and Lings Way Roundabout have the speed limit reduced from 40mph to 30mph. After much discussion it was agreed that this is a welcomed idea so no objections to be made.	
88.2	Parish Magazine Content Cllr Brede wanted to discuss the inclusion of the WASPI article in the Parish Magazine. It was advised that this shall be included space availability permitting. Liz Newbery suggested adding an article about green waste recycling and will send over details to the Clerk.	
88.3	Queens Platinum Jubilee (Queens Green Canopy) The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". A number of ideas were discussed: ➢ Continuing the avenue of trees on Bellinge Field ➢ Creating a small copse of trees on Bellinge Field Cllr. Brede suggested for WNC to maybe look to replace the cherry trees that were cut down on Orchard Hill. Cllrs. Holland-Delamere and Hibbert will take this back to WNC.	**SH / KHD**
88.4	Bellinge Community House Website and Social Media Request Cllr. Brede advised that Bellinge Community House would like the Parish to consider adding their website content to the Parish Website and use the Parish Social Media platform to advertise their services. As they are currently undergoing a restructure it was agreed that this would be discussed in the New Year.	
88.5	Replacement Tree in Ecton Brook It was RESOLVED that the GSM shall plant a new tree at Ecton Brook Lake and install a protective surround.	**GSM**

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89	***Updates***	
89.1	Installation of Little Billing Notice Board. The Clerk advised that she is still awaiting authorisation from WNC for approval that this can be installed on the area of grass verge, between the car park and the first of the long driveways on Valley Road and will chase again next week.	**Clerk**
89.2	Parking on Little Billing Village Green. The Clerk has produced an Oh Dear note to place on cars parked Little Billing Village Green which was looked at by the Councillors and Professional Partners.	
89.3	Little Billing Riverside Walk Cllr. Marlow has met with Michael Clasper who has confirmed that he has submitted a further National Lottery Fund application and will keep us informed on the response.	
89.4	New Parish E-Mails The Clerk has requested that Cllrs. Brede contact Steve Bishop before the end of the month to set up Councillor .gov e-mail addresses. She will also contact Cllr. Pearson and ask that he does the same.	**Clerk** **DB**
89.5	Installation of New Bin on Fishponds Road The Clerk has written to WNC to request that the bin be reinstated, but as yet had no response. The Clerk will continue to chase this.	**Clerk**
89.6	Anti-Social Behaviour and CCTV on Bellinge. A Parishioner explained to PCSO Whiting and PC Ballin the growing concerns of the residents of Bellinge regarding the increase in severity of the anti-social behaviour of a group of children. PCSO Whiting and PC Ballin have advised that they are aware of the issues and have increased their presence on the Estate. They are also hoping to organise for the youth engagement team to visit and work with the children. Liz Newbery suggested to use the Parish Magazine as a way to inform the residents how they can report crimes anonymously. A Parishioner also suggested having a link on our website.	
89.7	Ecton Brook Linear Park. Cllr. Marlow and Ward met with local MP, Andrew Lewer at Linear Park following on from the e-mail sent to him regarding its condition. He saw for himself the results of the former NBC's neglect by the way of the hung trees, silted up lake and blocked brook. He agreed on the poor state of the area and has promised to come back to Cllr. Ward with a suggested course of action. The GSM has arranged for a Health Check to be completed of the area.	
89.8	Parking High Street Great Billing. No further update received from Highways.	
89.9	E-Scooters The Clerk has been in contact with VOI regarding the areas that Parish would like to have added to the no-go zones. This has been handed to the local VOI team who will assess the areas and send the requests for approval.	

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89	***Updates (continued)***	
89.10	Bellinge Community House There has still been no progress with the transfer of Bellinge Community House. The Clerk has requested a copy of the EPC report from Pauline at Bellinge Community House however they do not yet have a copy of this. Pauline will send a copy over once received.	
89.11	Anti-Social Behaviour Beneath the Underpass at Great Billing Pocket Park It was confirmed by the residents that this is not happening so often. They have been advised monitor this and keep logging the disturbances with the police. Debbie McCall from WNC is currently looking at underpasses so Cllr. Holland-Delamere will discuss if any sort of teenage deterrent could be installed.	**KHD**
89.12	Trim Trail Great Billing Pocket Park No update available	
90	***Leisure & Recreation***	
90.1	GSM Update Paul reported the Great Billing Play Ground equipment has received its annual inspection and no action is needed. The speed camera that had been placed in Great Billing on Station Road showed that only five cars exceeded 35mph in a two-month period. The clearing of the top section of Bellinge Field should have started a couple of weeks ago however due to the weather and other unforeseen circumstances this will not be started now until the back end of this week. Hopefully by the time of the next meeting the Pavilion should have been redecorated.	
90.2	Little Billing Pocket Park Update In his absence Michael Clasper, Little Billing Pocket Park Volunteers, had forwarded the following report: In the volunteering session the six volunteers collected and removed litter; the area north of the orchard was strimmed and hedging cut-back. Unfortunately, the ride-on mower broke down which curtailed grass cutting but has now been fixed.	
91	***Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere***	
91.1	Cllr. Worthington wanted to confirm that Remembrance Sunday Service (14th November 2021) will start at All Saints Church, Little Billing at 9.00am with the laying of the wreath at 9.30am and at the War memorial Great Billing at 10.45am. She also wanted to advise that a dog fouling sign is needed for the alleyway leading to the Garden of Reflection. The GSM has advised that this has been ordered along with a no unauthorised vehicle sign.	
91.2	Cllr. Brede wanted to thank WNC for the reinstatement of the number 17 Little Billing Bus.	
91.3	Cllr. Rockall wanted to express his dissatisfaction of the way that the higher ranks of Northamptonshire Police are handling the Anti-Social Behaviour issues within the Parish. He advised that the officers on the front line don't seem to be getting the support they need to make a difference.	
92	***Date of Next Meeting and Closure***	
92.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.58pm. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 8th November 2021 at Barnard Weston Pavilion, Gt. Billing.	