

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT Mr S. Rockall (Vice Chairman of Billing Parish Council)

Cllrs. Mrs T. Smith, Mrs C. Worthington, Mr D. Brede, Rev. R. Burbidge, Mr J.

Clements, Mr C. Shah, Mr. S. Ward

Also Present: Mrs C. Goodridge (Clerk to Billing Parish Council)

Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)

Cllrs. P. Clark, J. Hill (WNC)

PCSO S. Hoadley (Northamptonshire Police)
Damian Lang (Parish Highway Warden)

One Parishioners

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<b>93</b> 93.1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mrs G. K. Chaggar and Mr J. Marlow (Chairman of Billing Parish Council). Apologies were also received from WNC Councillors Mr S. Hibbert, Mr K. Holland-Delamere and Neighbourhood Wardens A. Harris and L. Newbery.	
<b>94</b> 94.1	Minutes The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 (Folio Nos. 046/2021 – 052/2021) were approved and signed as a true record.	
<b>95</b> 95.1	Declarations of Interest None declared	
<b>96</b> 96.1	Public Forum  No-one wished to speak.	
<b>97</b> 97.1	Reports from Outside Agencies  PCSO Steve Hoadley, introduced himself and confirmed that he will be our contact for issues arising on Ecton Brook, Bellinge and Great Billing. He has also confirmed that PCSO Whiting will continue to be our contact for Little Billing.	
97.2	<ul> <li>Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden reported:</li> <li>Potholes on the entrance to both Cottage Gardens and Paddock Way</li> <li>Overgrown vegetation on the footpath along Wellingborough Road towards the Academy roundabout</li> <li>Parish street lamp 56 as not working (faulty timer)</li> </ul>	

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97	Reports from Outside Agencies (Continued)	
97.2	Street lamp 8 Station Road and L9LMC Ecton Brook Road have been repair	red
	Fallen tree behind Fishers Close blocking pathway has been removed	
	<ul> <li>Fallen branches blocking pathway by Crow Lane and Pennycress Place (Idverde)</li> </ul>	
	Overflowing dog waste bins throughout Ecton Brook.	
	Graffiti on the dog waste bin at the top of Bellinge field.	
97.3	Councillor P. Clark (WNC) reported that since his return to active duty, he has:	
	Worked with Northampton Partnership Homes regarding social hous issues on Ecton Brook	ing
	Assisted with Parish residents who are experiencing a shortage of food	
	➤ Is Helping Ecton Brook Residents Association with installing a Notice Boa	rd
	Has secured Lings Wood Football Pitches for Billing United Football Club	
	Has spoken to residents regarding the newly installed telephone mast Fishponds Road	. at
	Is arranging for a Christmas Truck to tour the Parish giving out selections boxes donated by local businesses to the children.	ion
97.4	Councillor J. Hill (WNC) reported:	
	The public consultation has now launched on the next phase of Oversto	one
	Leys Extension plan and is open until January 2022 for comments.	
	> The Unitary Councillors will be given an empowerment fund which	ı if
	received prior to Christmas, will be used to purchase Christmas trees	for
	the Parish Wards.	
97.5	In their absence WNC Neighbourhood Wardens, reported the following:	
	➤ An untaxed car has been removed from Gibbsacre Court and two furth	ner
	vehicles are on the schedule.	:
	> Sporadic litter checks are being completed on the area around Little Bill	ing
	shop but as yet no issues have been found.	: flv
	Regular patrols of Bellinge Ward are being completed but few reports of tipping have been received.	iiy
	tipping have been received.	
98	Planning	
98.1	<ul> <li>a. WNN/2021/0836 - 3 Penfold Drive, Gt Billing - Removal of existing UPVC conservatory&amp; replacement with garden room.</li> </ul>	•
	b. <b>WNN/2021/0859</b> - 7 Sunset Court, Lt Billing – Demolition of existing	
	garage and construction of new two storey garage with store room	
	adjacent.	
	c. WNN/2021/0902 – 22 Whiteheart Close, Gt Billing - Two storey side and	1
	single storey rear extensions	
	d. <b>WNN/2021/0908</b> – 5 Gibbsacre Court, Bellinge – First floor and rear	
	extension and porch	
	e. <b>WNN/2021/0943</b> – Common Room, Camberley Close, Bellinge – Repairs	to
	existing community hall, including rendering external walls	-
	NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS	
98.2	The following determinations had been received from WNC:	

Action 98 Planning (Continued) 98.2 a. WNN/2021/0277 - 11 Knights Court, Lt Billing - Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use of part of dwelling to operate Taxi Business -**Approved** b. WNN/2021/0739 - 11 Cattle Hill, Gt Billing - T1 Scots Pine - Reduce back lower limb overhanging next door by up to 2.5m T2 & T3 Beech - Crown lift by 4m and reduce lower crown back by 2m approx T4 Birch - Fell to ground level – Approved c. WNN/2021/0763 - 18 Lady Winefrides Walk, Gt Billing - Lawful Development Certificate for proposed removal of garage door and installation of new double-glazed screens, together with internal alterations to convert garage space to home office space - Refused d. WNN/2021/0765 - The Old Convent, Gt Billing - T1 Prunus Sp - Remove to ground level due to large cavity and stability concerns - Approved 99 **Finance** 99.1 The list of Accounts for Approval for Payment had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED that payment be made as per the following: Small Business Payroll (Oct) Salaries and monthly fee) LGA1972s133 3700.00 British Gas, Pavilion Electricity Usage (10/08/21 – 14/09/21) LGA1972s111 72.33 F S Training Ltd, Defibrillator and carry case IGA1972s137 1296.00 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Donation LGA1972s137 500.00 1000.00 Little Billing Pocket Park Volunteers Group, Annual Grant LGA1972s111 The Play Inspection Company, Annual GT Billing Play Park Inspection LGA1972s111 81.00 266.50 SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting & CCL PCA1957s.3 Footprint, Pavilion General Waste Removal for September LGA1972s111 92.46 D F Phipps, Clearing of Bellinge Field x 3 days OSA1906s9 & 10 1800.00 Nest, Pension Contribution for October LGA1972s112 361.67 Small Business Payroll, Shortfall of standing order for October Salaries LGA1972s112 249.99 O2, Clerk Mobile Phone (21/09/21 – 20/10/21) LGA1972s133 31.92 Unicom, Pavilion Telephone / Broadband for October LGA1972s133 50.56 D F Phipps, Supply & sow grass seed on cleared area on Bellinge Field OSA1906s9 & 10 202.00 D F Phipps, Remove, supply & fit gate posts to Garden of Reflection OSA1906s9 & 10 594.00 3072.00 Eason Electrical, Supply & fit 20 new LED lights to the Pavilion LGA1972s111 Northants Calc, ('Off to A Flying Start' course – Cllr. Chintu Shah) LGA1972s111 44.00 483.12 Aylesbury Mains, Repairs to lamps 13,47 & 58 in Gt Billing PCA1957s.3 Beach Marketing, Event Calendar Plug in for Parish website LGA1972s111 135.38 N J Barber Ltd, Cleaning of the Pavilion (October) 202.96 IGA1972s111 Barclaycard Commercial, Statement for October LGA1972s111 439.44 P J Miller, repair to canopy posts outside Pavilion Entrance LGA1972s133 216.00 Blind Corner Blinds Ltd, Supply & Install new blinds in the Pavilion LGA1972s111 316.80 D F Phipps, Mow & Strim the Leys, Celebration Ave & Church Way x2OSA1906s9 & 10 852.00 D F Phipps, Mow & Strim Bellinge Field, Pitch (x 2) & Glades OSA1906s9 & 10 540.00 D F Phipps, Mow & Strim Great Billing Fields 1, 2 & 3 x 2 OSA1906s9 & 10 660.00 D F Phipps, Spraying Bellinge Field, The Leys where necessary OSA1906s9 & 10 60.00 D F Phipps, Mow Little Billing Village x 1 OSA1906s9 & 10 60.00 British Gas, Pavilion Electricity Usage (15/9/21 – 18/10/21) LGA1972s111 210.67 The schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to Budget for the period 99.2 to 31.10.21 had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved. The Clerk reported that reconciled bank account balances as at 31.10.21 were: 99.3 Current Account £10,077.53 Reserve Account £375,784.66

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99 99.4	Finance (continued) The replacement of the existing strip lights with new LED lights throughout the pavilion at a cost of £2560.00 + VAT, previously agreed electronically, was ratified by the council.	
<b>100</b> 100.1	Other Matters Closed Session The Vice Chairman stated his intention to hold a closed session at the end of the meeting.	
100.2	Great Billing Playground Inspection The annual inspection had been carried out on the parish-owned playground and a copy of the report forwarded to all members. RESOLVED the report be accepted. The Council understand there are risks but they are all low or very low and these will be closely monitored in the future.	
100.3	The Closure of Aylesbury Mains The Parish owned street lamp contractor Aylesbury Mains have decided to no longer offer a street lamp repair service. They have forwarded all outstanding work including the connection of the newly installed lamp post on High Street, Great Billing to Forde and McHugh. After much discussion regarding the maintenance of the existing lamps it was RESOLVED that Forde and McHugh would be used.	Clerk
100.4	Cricket Request A request has been received from Abington Cricket Club to hire Great Billing Pocket Park to host a cricket match every other Saturday afternoon from May through to early September. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will arrange a meeting with Abington Cricket Club to meet with the Councillors and discuss their requirements to ensure that it doesn't compromise existing bookings.	Clerk
100.5	Climate Change The Parish is already making efforts in addressing climate change by installing LED lights and solar panels at the Bernard Weston Pavilion, installing new trees and managing the Parish owned land to enhance nature. Cllr. Rockall suggested that the Clerk ask Bizzy Bears to start to recycle what they can. Cllr. Brede and the Clerk will also bring back further ideas of what the Parish can do following their attendance at the Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership (NLCP) meeting on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November where the main topic will be Climate Change.	Clerk DB
<b>101</b> 101.1	Updates Installation of Little Billing Notice Board. The Clerk received an update from Cllr. Kilbride to confirm that the Regulations at West Northamptonshire Council shall be in contact on 9 <sup>th</sup> November to discuss the completion of the documentation needed prior to the installation.	
101.2	Parking on Little Billing Village Green. The Clerk has provided Oh Dear notes to Cllr. Clements which can now be place on vehicles parked on Little Billing Village Green. Cllr. Clements advised that the majority of the culprits are sub-contractors of Northampton Partnership Homes. Cllr. Clark will forward details to Cllr. Kilbride and request he contacts	PC AK

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101	Updates (Continued)	Action
101.2	Northampton Partnership Homes to request that their contractors find alternative parking.	
101.3	Little Billing Riverside Walk No further update available	
101.4	New Parish E-Mails Cllr. Rockall thanked all councillors who are now using their new Parish e-mail addresses. Just Cllr. Pearson to confirm if this has now been completed. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
101.5	Installation of New Bin on Fishponds Road The Clerk has continued to chase this but no further update available. Cllrs. Clark and Hill shall chase this with West Northamptonshire Council.	PC JH
101.6	Anti-Social Behaviour and CCTV on Bellinge. PCSO Hoadley confirmed that minimal incidents have been taking place recently. However, the GSM advised that they are but the residents will not report the more serious incidents like burglary for fear of repercussions. Cllr. Smith asked PCSO Hoadley if they can provide us with a video that can be used on our social media to explain how they can report things anonymously. The Clerk also confirmed that an article has been included in the Parish Magazine as a way to inform the residents how they can report crimes anonymously.	
101.7	Ecton Brook Linear Park.  The GSM has confirmed that a tree survey of Linear Park was completed on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November and he is currently awaiting their report. Cllr. Ward advised that following his and Cllr. Marlow's meeting with MP, Andrew Lewer at Linear Park, MP Andrew Lewer has written to Anna Earnshaw, Chief Executive Officer at West Northamptonshire Council to advise of neglected state of the area, and has requested an exploratory meeting to be held. He is awaiting her response.	
101.8	Parking High Street Great Billing. No further update received from Highways.	
101.9	E-Scooters The Clerk has been in contact with VOI and has been advised that the Parish request to add the owned areas to the no-go zones has been sent to West Northamptonshire Council for approval.	
101.10	Bellinge Community House The Clerk is now in receipt of the EPC which has a D rating. This has been sent to the solicitor who is now reviewing the file and drafting the papers.	
101.11	Anti-Social Behaviour Beneath the Underpass at Great Billing Pocket Park The GSM confirmed that this is still going on and that they have also been using the picnic table in the Pocket Park. Cllr. Holland-Delamere had sent an update to advise that Debbie McCall from West Northamptonshire Council has been looking	

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<b>101</b> 101.11	Updates (continued) at options however the main problem is there is no budget so no progress being made. He will have further conversations with her as there does need to be a wider programme of investment in all underpasses across the area.	
101.12	Queens Platinum Jubilee (Queens Green Canopy) The Clerk advised that she is looking for further ideas on how we can celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. She has written an article which is in the Parish Magazine asking for the Parishioners ideas and would also welcome any ideas from the Councillors.	
101.13	Replacement Tree in Ecton Brook The tree has been ordered and shall be installed once delivered.	GSM
101.14	Trim Trail Great Billing Pocket Park The working group is yet to have met so the Clerk will arrange a meeting for them to come together and discuss further.	Clerk
<b>102</b> 102.1	Leisure & Recreation GSM Update The GSM reported that new blinds and LED lights had been installed throughout the Pavilion, and that the main hall has been painted. He has been extremely busy completing tree work following the storm two weeks ago to ensure that the owned areas of land are safe for people to use. He has suggested that next year rather than having a bonfire to maybe think about using a wood chipper.	
102.2	Little Billing Pocket Park Update In his absence Michael Clasper, Little Billing Pocket Park Volunteers, had forwarded the following report: In the last volunteering session, five volunteers collected and removed litter; strimmed the area north of the orchard, established two seed beds for wild flowers and cut back hedges and mowed the picnic area.	
102.3	Ecton Brook Residents Association In her absence Sally Jordan, Ecton Brook Residents Association, had forwarded the following report: October saw Ecton Brook Residents Group hosting their first Residents Group Meeting which was well attended. There was discussion about  Parking on the estate including school drop off and pick up times  The lack of cohesion in the bush cutting schedule  The lack of a dedicated community space  The humps along Ecton Brook Road  The speed of cars on Overmead Road  Drug dealing and taking by gangs in the underpasses.  They have received a donation of shrubs from a building company and have	
	been planted in the resident's flower beds. In the October half term, they organised a Halloween Hunt where the children had to find mini pumpkins and skulls to win a prize and she is now organising an Advent Window Hunt where families will need to find the 24 decorated windows.	

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<b>103</b> 103.1	Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere  Cllr. Burbidge wanted to confirm that the Remembrance Sunday Service will commence at All Saints Church, Little Billing at 9.00am with the laying of the wreath at 9.30am. The Great Billing Service shall be held at St Andrews Church at 10.00am followed by the laying of the wreath at the War Memorial at 10.45am.	
103.2	Cllr. Worthington wanted an update on the dog fouling and no unauthorised vehicle sign which are going to be place at the entrance of the alley way from Lady Winefrides Walk to the Garden of Reflection. The GSM confirmed that the dog fouling sign has been received however we are still awaiting the no unauthorised vehicle access sign. He shall chase this.	GSM
103.3	Cllr. Clements wanted to express his dissatisfaction of the way that the West Northamptonshire Council have blocked off the entrance to the dangerous footbridge that leads over Billing Brook from between Glade Close and Fishers Close to Valley Road. As it is only being secured by cable ties people are just moving the barriers and walking through. Cllrs. Clark and Hill shall get this addressed.	PC JH
103.4	Cllr. Ward confirmed that the dog waste bins throughout Ecton Brook have not been emptied and that bags are being left on top of the bins. Cllr. Clark has advised that he is currently chasing West Northamptonshire Council to get these emptied. He also wanted to report that residents throughout Ecton Brook had their cars and homes egged by youths. This has been reported to the police and he will forward any CCTV footage to PCSO Dan Freeman.	sw
103.5	Cllr. Rockall reported that the Parish Council has received an invite from Bizzy Bears Pre-School for the Councillors to attend their Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 11:15am.	
<b>104</b> 104.1	Date of Next Meeting and Closure  There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.02pm.  The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Bernard Weston Pavilion, Gt. Billing.	