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 10th JANUARY 2022 AT BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT J. A. Marlow (Chairman of Billing Parish Council)
Cllrs. Mrs G. K. Chaggar, Mrs T. Smith, Mr D. Brede, Mr J. Clements, Mr M. Pearson, Mr S. Rockall, Mr S. Ward

Also Present: Mrs C. Goodridge (Clerk to Billing Parish Council)
Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Cllrs. K. Holland-Delamere (WNC)
Mr. D. Lang (Parish Highway Warden)
One Parishioner

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001	***Apologies for Absence***	
1.1	Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mrs C. Worthington, Rev. R. Burbidge (church commitments) and Mr C. Shah (ill with Covid 19). Apologies were also received from WNC Councillor Stephen Hibbert.	
002	***Minutes***	
2.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 (Folio Nos. 060/2021 – 066/2021) were approved and signed as a true record.	
003	***Declarations of Interest***	
3.1	None declared	
004	***Public Forum***	
4.1	A Parishioner wanted to highlight the escalating levels of anti-social behaviour happening around the Co-op in Bellinge by the same group of youths. The residents are reporting the incidents however no crime numbers are being given. Cllr. Marlow asked that the residents note down the date, time and who they spoke to and pass this on to the Parish so that this can be raised with Northamptonshire Police. It was suggested that Stephen Mold the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner be informed, but it was felt that this should be left until the details have been received from the residents. Bellinge Community House are looking to hold a meeting between the residents and Northamptonshire Police so they can express their ongoing concerns. The Parishioner also wanted to advise of some areas that need attention: ➢ An over grown bush on the corner of Fieldmill Road outside the Deers Leap Public House. ➢ The overgrown Trees along Fieldmill Road. ➢ The Pavements along Fieldmill Road are uneven and a danger to the elderly residents.	**Clerk**

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005	***Reports from Outside Agencies***	
5.1	Cllr. Holland-Dellamere, reported that one of WNC's Scrutiny committees has been reviewing the council's approach to managing trees and there is a Task and Finish Group currently working on this.	
	Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden reported:	
5.2	➢ The potholes on Ecton Brook Road (near Pennycress Place) have been re-reported as they have grown in size due to the rain. ➢ The potholes on Wellingborough Road near Cottage Gardens have been repaired. ➢ The traffic lights on the pedestrian crossing near Dears Leap Public House were reported and are now working. ➢ The litter bin by the pedestrians crossing on Fishpond Road has been reported for Graffiti. ➢ All dog waste bins within the Parish were reported due to them overflowing. ➢ Street lights on Little Billing Way and footpath to Orchard Hill have been reported for not working. ➢ Orange globe and lamp on Zebra crossing from Fishponds Road to crow land reported as no longer working.	
	In their absence the Neighbourhood Wardens reported:	
5.3	➢ Four vehicles have been removed from Ecton Brook for having no tax. ➢ Several fly tipping reports are being investigated in the Ecton Brook and Billing area.	
	Planning	
006	a. **WNN/2021/1086** - 33 Ashmead, Lt Billing - T1 Sycamore - Remove to ground level, stump to be treated with eco plugs to prevent re-growth and all arisings to be removed from site	
6.1	b. **WNN/2021/1094** - 17 Russet Drive, Lt Billing - Prior Notification of Larger Home Extension. Dimensions a) 4.20m b) 3.50m c) 2.50m c. **WNN/2021/1154** – 26 Fishers Close, Lt Billing - Demolition of existing rear ground floor section & erection of new rear ground floor flat roof extension to project from rear of garage. **NO COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE**	
	The following determinations had been received from WNC:	
6.2	a. **WNN/2021/0836** - 3 Penfold Drive, Gt Billing - Removal of existing UPVC conservatory and replacement with garden room – **Approved** b. **WNN/2021/0902** - 22 Whiteheart Close, Gt Billing – Two storey side and single storey rear extensions - **Approved** c. **WNN/2021/0943 -** Common Room, Camberley Close, Bellinge – Repairs to existing community hall including rendering external walls – **Approved** d. **WNN/2021/0996 -** 18Sheerwater Drive, Ecton Brook – New front porch – **Approved**	

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007	***Finance***	
7.1	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 Salaries and monthly fee (December)	LGA1972s133	3700.00
SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting & CCL (November)	PCA1957s.3	266.50
BACA, PolarTherm Fleece Body Warmer x 1 & Gloves x 5	LGA1972s111	40.98
D F Phipps, Clearing Iris Bed at Church Way & remove debris	OSA1906s9&10	96.00
D F Phipps, Mow Wildflower Area on the Leys and removed debris	OSA1906s9&10	294.00
D F Phipps, Work to attempt to remove blockage on pipe in the Leys	OSA1906s9&10	210.00
D F Phipps, Mow Church Way	OSA1906s9&10	60.00
D F Phipps, Supply of Plaque on the Leys	OSA1906s9&10	36.00
Dor2Dor, Distribution of Parish Magazine	LGA1972s111	216.00
O2, GSM & Clerk Mobile Phone (21/11/21 - 20/12/21)	LGA1972s133	42.00
Unicom, Pavilion Telephone / Broadband (December)	LGA1972s133	51.70
Small Business Payroll, Shortfall of standing order December Salaries	LGA1972s112	449.52
NEST, Pension Contribution for December	LGA1972s112	387.11
Sport4Fitness, Grant for Potted Christmas Tree	LGA1972s111	44.99
ESPO, Handtowels x 5	LGA1972s111	95.70
Smiths Fire, Annual Extinguisher Service & rpl powder extinguisher	LGA1972s111	138.84
NJ Barber, Cleaning of the Pavilion for December	LGA1972s111	202.96
Footprint, Pavilion General Waste Removal (November)	LGA1972s111	148.38
D F Phipps, To install 16 trees on Bellinge Field	OSA1906s9&10	5460.00
British Gas, Pavilion Electricity Usage (15/11/21 – 15/12/21)	LGA1972s111	566.76
Barclaycard Commercial, Statement for December 2021	LGA1972s111	840.51

7.2	The schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to Budget for the third quarter to 31.12.21 had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
7.3	The schedule showing the accounts for the third quarter to 31.12.21 had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
7.4	The Clerk reported that reconciled bank account balances as at 31.12.21 were: ➢ Current Account £13,116.44 ➢ Reserve Account £355,790.98	
7.5	Following a review of the Parish Councils Current Account, Natwest Bank have advised that it is no longer eligible for free banking as the annual credit turn over exceeds £100,000.00. The account will start incurring charges which are £0.35 per automated payment, £0.70 per manual payment and £0.70 per every £100.00 cash deposited. After much discussion around alternative banks, it was RESOLVED that the bank accounts shall remain with Natwest at this time.	
008	***Other Matters***	
8.1	Should the Parish Magazine Be Electronic Only? The Parish Council received an e-mail from a Parishioner who suggested that the Parish Magazine should no longer be printed, and should be available online only. It was RESOLVED that due to not all of our Parishioners having access to the internet that it will continue to be printed and posted to all homes within the Parish and but will also be made available on the Parish Council website.	
8.2	Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project WNC in conjunction with NCALC and NNC have been awarded a grant for an Innovative Asset Mapping Project (AMP). This will give the Parish Council the opportunity to explore what potential future devolution of assets and services will	

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008	***Other Matters (continued)***	
8.2	involve from a community perspective. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk, Cllrs. Marlow, Rockall and Ward will form the AMP Working Group. The Clerk will arrange the first meeting.	**Clerk**
009	***Updates***	
9.1	Installation of Little Billing Notice Board. The Clerk has now received the paperwork from Highways to sign, however they now also require written consent from the land owners that are adjacent to where the Notice Bord is to be installed. The Clerk will draft letters to the residents which will be hand delivered by Cllr. Clements.	**Clerk** **JC**
9.2	Installation of New Bin on Fishponds Road WNC have confirmed that the new bin shall be installed within the next four weeks.	
9.3	Anti-Social Behaviour Bellinge. Please see Public Forum item 4.1.	
9.4	Ecton Brook Linear Park. Cllr. Ward has asked the GSM if he could arrange for someone to estimate the work needed in Linear Park so this can be given to WNC along with the path costs. He has also advised that Peter Hackett has agreed to arrange for the section of brook by Millbank to be cleared. Cllr. Marlow has advised that Victoria Smith from WNC has been in contact to advise that she has made enquiries within the council regarding the funding mentioned by Andrew Lewer MP and has been unable to locate this. She has asked the Parish Council contact him for his assistance to locate the funding stream. The Clerk will do this.	**GSM** **Clerk**
9.5	Parking High Street Great Billing. A decision has final been made to uphold the objections received and to proceed with the proposal on an amended basis. The restrictions at the junction of Pound Lane will be implemented as per the proposal however due to the width of the junction of the High Street and Cattle Hill it was deemed that yellow lines would be inappropriate and would result in offsetting the parking problems elsewhere however formalised junction markings will be installed.	
9.6	E-Scooters Voi Scooters have still been seen passing through Bellinge Field. The Clerk has escalated this with Voi's specialised team who will ensure the no ride zone is implemented.	
9.7	Bellinge Community House The Clerk has advised that Wilson Browne Solicitors are currently making amendments to the Contract for Sale, Transfer and Pre-emption agreement. They have a couple of queries concerning a clause in the contract which states that the property will be sold with vacant possession on completion however it is currently leased. Clerk to confirm to Solicitors ok to proceed with tenants in situ. Pauline has now left Bellinge Community House and has been replaced by Julie who will look after the administration (Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am till 2.30pm) and Laura who will be community based (Monday to Friday 9.30am till 2.30pm).	**Clerk**

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009	***Updates (continued)***	
9.8	Queens Platinum Jubilee (Queens Green Canopy) The GSM confirmed that the silver birch trees for the small copse are now available for delivery. The GSM shall contact D F Phipps to arrange a planting date.	**GSM**
9.9	Replacement Tree in Ecton Brook GSM to explore if a breaker is needed to remove metal grid around the existing tree to allow a protective enclosure to be installed to prevent new tree from being vandalised.	**GSM**
9.10	Trim Trail Great Billing Pocket Park The GSM confirmed that Wickstead Leisure's attended a site visit today and have confirmed that the trim trail we have chosen fits along the back fence of the play area. They have also looked at the kick wall area on Great Billing Pocket Park and have suggested that this area is tarmacked as this will give the best hard-wearing surface and shall send a quotation for this to be completed.	
9.11	Climate Emergency It was RESOLVED that the first Climate Emergency Committee meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 14th March 2022 at Bernard Weston Pavilion, Gt. Billing.	
010	***Leisure & Recreation***	
10.1	GSM Update Winter work continues around the Parish, repairing pathways, pruning bushes and general maintenance.	
10.2	Little Billing Pocket Park Update No report received due to no volunteering session taking place.	
10.3	Ecton Brook Residents Association In her absence Sally Jordan, Ecton Brook Residents Association, had forwarded the following report: December was extremely busy for the resident's group this year, with holding free events for both young and old so that no one was left out due to financial constraints: ➢ 28 Community Advent Windows all containing a letter, were decorated for children to find by using daily clues. On 24th December when they had collected all the letters which read out COMMUNITY MATTERS ECTON BROOK 21, they were given a prize which were brought by the residents group. ➢ With the help of Cllr. Burbidge the volunteers went carol singing around Pennycress Place and Sotheby Rise which was thoroughly enjoyed by the residents. ➢ A visit from Santa (Cllr. Paul Clark) and his elves (Sally Jordan and volunteers) was made to Ecton Brook with the help of Cllr. Hill. Euro Scaffolding kindly sponsored the event which helped with the purchase of the selection boxes that Santa gave out to all the children along his route.	
11	***Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere***	
11.1	Cllr. Marlow wanted to pass on Billing Parish Councils condolences to Steve Bishop and his family for the sad passing of his wife Jane.	

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12 12.1	***Date of Next Meeting and Closure*** There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.39pm. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 14th February 2022 at Bernard Weston Pavilion, Gt. Billing.	