



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 APRIL 2022 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, Rev. R. Burbidge, Mr J. Clements, Mr S. Rockall, Mr. C. Shah.

Also Present:

Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Three Parishioners

Cllr. Marlow was appointed to take Minutes in the Clerk's absence.

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037	<i>Apologies for Absence</i>	
37.1	Apologies were received from the Parish Clerk (Self Isolating). Cllr. Mrs G Chaggar, Mr M. Pearson (Self Isolating) and Mr. S. Ward (Self Isolating). Apologies were also received from Unitary Councillors Mr J. Hill, Mr K. Holland-Delamere, Mr S. Hibbert and Parish Highway Warden Mr. D. Lang.	
038	<i>Minutes</i>	
38.1	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 th March 2022 (Folio Nos. 013/2022 - 018/2022) were approved and signed as a true record.	
039	<i>Declarations of Interest</i>	
27.1	None declared	
040	<i>Public Forum</i>	
40.1	A member of the public wanted to make the Parish Council aware of an on-going issue of falling masonry from a three-storey council owned property in Foskitt Court South. She is concerned as this is falling onto her roof putting herself and her family in danger. It was suggested that she attend Bellinge Community House next community engagement afternoon when the housing office will be in attendance.	
041	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
41.1	In his absence Cllr. Holland-Delamere (WNC) reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paths around St Andrews School The maintenance/ fixing of the footpaths is still in process. There are a number of issues underneath them possibly be to do with utilities. He has escalated all these issues to highways for investigation. Timescales not yet known. 	

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41.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buses No further progress has been made due to delays to an announcement from government. The cabinet are due to receive a report about the bus strategy tomorrow (12th April 2022). Ukraine Northampton Town Council has been working with a number of partners like Northampton's supplementary Polish School and the Ukrainian community which people can be directed to Ukraine Northampton Town Council – we are mainly acting a promoter for Northampton's response and various communities that have closer links to what's happening on the ground. 																																																							
042	Planning																																																							
42.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> WNN/2022/0193 – Beech House, 44 Penfold Lane, Great Billing – First floor extension and single storey rear extension to create granny annex. WNN/2022/0250 - Mayleigh House, 1A Orchard Hill, Little Billing - Construction of detached storage building. WNN/2022/0280 - 29 Riverside, Ecton Brook - Two storey side and rear extension. WNN/2022/0365 – 28 Standing Stones, Great Billing - New Garden Studio <p>No comments or objections to the above</p>																																																							
42.2	<p>The following determinations had been received from WNC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> APP/V2825/W/21/3280603 - 9 Whiteheart Close, Gt Billing – Change of use from Garage to Hairdressing and Nail Salon - Appeal unsuccessful WNN/2021/0020 - Shalimar Parekh House Great Billing Park - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and erection of a new garage – Approved WNN/2021/1119 - 3 Blossom Way, Lt Billing - Single storey front and rear extension – Approved WNN/2022/0066 - 36 Penfold Lane, Gt Billing - T1 Causican Pine, Fell – Approved 																																																							
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43.2	The schedule showing income and Expenditure compared to budget, together with a statement of reconciled bank account balances (Current Account £10,888.75 / Reserve Account £336,799.56), for the year to 31.03.22 already forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.																											
43.3	The Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year to 31.03.22 already forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.																											
43.4	The Internal Control Procedure as at 31.03.22 already forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.																											
044	Other Matters																											
44.1	The Late David McKintosh Cllr. Marlow informed all present that the David McKintosh who served as the Parish Clerk for twenty-one years had sadly passed away and wanted to pass on Billing Parish Councils condolences to his wife Doreen and family.																											
44.2	Remembrance Sunday Road Closures A request has been received from the secretary of Billing Covenanted Churches Together that the Parish Council take over ownership of the road closure, notices and stewarding for Remembrance Sunday. It was felt that further information was needed before a decision could be made so Cllr. Marlow will contact the secretary of Billing Covenanted Churches Together.																											
44.3	Possible Acquisition of WNC Owned Assets Within the Parish Following much discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council are unable to take on any additional assets unless financial assistance is given to restore areas / buildings after years of neglect.																											
045	Updates																											
45.1	Clerk update Held Over																											
45.2	Sporting Update GSM notified that at present there are three cricket teams using the pitch over the summer. Cllr. Rockall informed that Billing United Football Team had also expressed an interest to use the pitches throughout the summer for training. Meeting to be arranged with Billing United to clarify position. Billing Parish Council are in full support of both the Cricket and the Football Teams.																											

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045	<i>Updates (continued)</i>	
45.3	<p>Anti-Social behaviour in Bellinge</p> <p>It was mentioned that by giving the youths exclusion zones on them of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts that this is just displacing them to a different area within the Parish and not solving the issue. The GSM advised that there was an issue with the youths in the play area this evening which resulted in him locking the gate.</p>	
45.4	<p>Proposed path for Ecton Brook Linear Park</p> <p>Cllr. Ward reported in his absence that he has written to the leader of WNC Cllr. Nunn regarding the lack of interest and action taken by various agencies on the issues raised regarding Linear Park. As yet his email has not been acknowledged. Cllr. Ward will compile a list of who he has spoken to and send this to Andrew Lewer MP to see if this helps.</p>	SW
45.5	<p>Working towards Climate Emergency Declaration</p> <p>Cllr. Brede wondered if the Clerk had received any further information from Harlestone Parish Council regarding their event. Clerk to update Cllr. Brede</p>	Clerk
046	<i>Leisure & Recreation</i>	
46.1	<p>GSM Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass cutting and hedge trimming has resumed. He is currently waiting for three quotes for the proposed path on Bellinge Field. The new Trim Trail should be arriving soon. 	
46.2	<p>Little Billing Pocket Park Update</p> <p>No report available, but Cllr. Brede advised that the volunteers were working hard on the Little Billing Pocket Park last weekend (9th April).</p>	
46.3	<p>Ecton Brook Residents Association</p> <p>No report received, but Cllr. Rockall advised that they had arranged a ladybird hunt for the children in the area.</p>	
047	<i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i>	
47.1	<p>Cllr. Worthington voiced concerns regarding the works being completed by City Fibre. A green box has been installed on the footpath of Church Way which means pram users are unable to pass without going onto the road. Clerk to liaise with her contact at City Fibre.</p>	Clerk
47.2	<p>Cllr. Burbidge reported that St Andrews Church held a three-day holiday club which was well attended by thirty children. WNC have confirmed that the fallen tree in the church yard should be cleared by next week. Details of the Easter festivities have been distributed.</p>	
47.3	<p>Cllr. Clements has concerns about a tree which is leaning on a telegraph pole. GSM to investigate.</p>	GSM
47.4	<p>Cllr. Brede has advised that there appears to be additional water (thought to be coming from Worcester Close) running through the culvert into Billing Brook which is causing further erosion to the bank. Unfortunately, there is no news from the National Lottery Grant submitted by Michael Clasper.</p>	

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47.4	Cllr. Brede also wanted an update regarding the installation of the Cherry Trees on Orchard Hill. GSM to action as previously agreed.	GSM
47.5	Cllr. Smith mentioned that Highways were not endorsing the application N/2020/0357 Development Site, Fishponds Road on grounds of insufficient parking spaces. She also informed the Council that due to relocating it is with regret that she would soon be leaving the council for pastures new. Her last meeting will likely be May 2022.	
048	<i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i>	
48.1	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 th May 2022 at Bernard Weston Pavilion, Gt. Billing.	

