



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023  
AT BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

### PRESENT

J. A. Marlow (Chairman of Billing Parish Council)  
Cllrs. Mrs C. Worthington, Mr D. Brede, Mr. F. Brett, Mr M. Pearson and Mr. C. Shah.

### Also Present:

Mrs. C. Goodridge (Clerk to Billing Parish Council)  
Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)  
Mr K. Holland-Delamere (WNC)  
Cllr. A. Kilbride (WNC)  
Mr S. Hoadley (PCSO)

No Parishioners

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001	<b><i>Apologies for Absence</i></b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs G. Chaggar, Rev. R. Burbidge, Mr J. Clements, Mr S. Rockall and Mr S. Ward. Apologies were also received from Highways Warden, Mr. D. Lang and Unitary Councillors Mr P. Clark and Mr J. Hill.	
002	<b><i>Minutes</i></b> The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Folio Nos. 061/2022 – 065/2022) were approved and signed as a true record.	
003	<b><i>To Receive Declarations of Interest Under the Council's Code of Conduct</i></b> None declared	
004	<b><i>Public Forum</i></b> None present	
005	<b><i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i></b> a In his absence Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pothole on A4500 just off roundabout with Lings Way.</li> <li>• Bollards on Great Billing way with no reflective stickers.</li> <li>• Potholes just after traffic lights by Deers Leap Public House and are being monitored by Highways</li> <li>• Traffic light failure by Deers Leap Public House has been fixed</li> <li>• Road sign on A4500 heading to Roundabout at top of Great Billing Way has now been cleaned</li> </ul>	

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05	<b>Reports from Outside Agencies (continued)</b>																																														
b	PCSO Steve Hoadley reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been a number of burglaries over the last month. They have a plain clothes team working in Bellinge and Blackthorn but also around the rest of the Parish. Any suspicions behaviour please report to the police. PCSO will send over some documentation for the clerk to put on social media.</li> <li>Operation Wave is now in force and encourage people to send CCTV and intel to the <a href="mailto:operationwave@northants.police.uk">operationwave@northants.police.uk</a> regarding illegal use of motorbikes and e-scooters.</li> </ul>	Clerk																																													
c	Cllr. Kilbride reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft budget is out for consultation and encourages people to respond to this as there are potential changes to certain services.</li> </ul>	All																																													
d	Cllr. Holland-Delamare reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A meeting had taken place between WNC, Northamptonshire Partnership Homes, Unitary Councillors and the Ecton Brook Residents Group (EBRG) regarding finding a suitable community space for EBRG to work from. Unfortunately, it looks as if the former care home will be not available however they will continue to look at other options.</li> </ul>																																														
006	<b>Planning</b>																																														
a	To consider the following planning applications: None received																																														
b	The following determinations had been received from WNC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>WNN/2022/1189</b> - 30 Cottage Gardens, Great Billing - Tree house in rear garden (retrospective) - <b>Refused</b></li> </ol>																																														
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a	The list of Accounts for Approval for Payment had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED that payment be made as per the following:																																														
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007	<b>Finance (continued)</b>	
b	The schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to Budget up to 31.12.22 had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.	
c	The Clerk reported that reconciled bank account balances as at 31.12.22 were: Current Account £19,166.79 Reserve Account £380,253.38	
d	Cllr. Kilbride has advised that it may be good to look at new high interest account for the reserve account.	Clerk
e	RESOLVED that the estimate provided by Toyota at £384.51 plus VAT to the replacement coil spring for the GSM truck and two hours labour be APPROVED retrospectively.	
f	RESOLVED that the estimate provided by Woodland & Water Management Ltd to complete 40 meters of river bank protection work using trees felled on site at a cost of £2193.00 plus VAT be APPROVED. Clerk to arrange permits and look into any grant available through Anglian Water with Vik from Nene River Trust.	Clerk
008	<b>Other Matters</b>	
a	Objectives The overall objective of Billing parish Council is "To maintain and develop Billing Parish as a safe, thriving and sustainable community which is an attractive place in which to live, work and play". It was RESOLVED that each councillor will consult with their ward residents for what they would like to see happen in their area over the next 18 to 24 months.	All
009	<b>Updates</b>	
a	Clerk update The Clerk reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Small Business payroll have confirmed that the standing order can be cancelled and for us to pay the Salary and Service Charge in one lump sum.</li> <li>Cllr. P. Clark is still trying to get the Clothing bins from Bellinge removed</li> <li>Work on the speed humps in Great Billing should be completed by close of business on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</li> <li>Still chasing refund from Western Power for the unneeded works when completing the DNO connection on the new lamp post in High Street Great Billing.</li> <li>Chasing Eon Next for outstanding money for solar energy from May 2021 to March 2022.</li> <li>Replacement pads, battery and heated cabinet for the Pavilion defibrillator have been ordered with South Northants Responders along with replacement pads and battery for Bellinge defibrillator.</li> <li>All historic paper work has been sorted out and waiting for quotes to destroy confidential waste.</li> <li>Precept demand form has been sent to WNC</li> <li>We have received a thank you from Northants Litter Wombles for the £400.00 grant.</li> </ul>	

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009	<b>Updates (continued)</b>	
A	Clerk Update (continued)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles for spring parish magazine are being collected. Clerk requested Councillors to submit articles of things going on in their area.</li> </ul>	
b	Sporting Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horton Cricket Club have now pulled out of hiring the Bernard Weston Pavilion and pitch in order for Abington Phoenix to use it as the home ground for their third and newly formed fourth team. Rosbin Rajan from Abington Phoenix has been advised by the clerk that the new contract will not be issued for 2023 season until the outstanding balance of last season's charges have been settled. The clerk is yet to receive the payment or a response to the e-mail.</li> </ul>	
c	Anti-Social behaviour in Bellinge	
	PCSO Steve Hoadley advised that things on Bellinge have improved apart from an incident that took place at the Co-op on Christmas Day)	
d	Bellinge Community House	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr. Holland-Delamere confirmed that the keys for Bellinge Community House were handed over to Community Spaces Northampton just before Christmas. At the present time the house will not be open daily and just for pre-planned meetings due to staffing restructure.</li> <li>The clerk advised that she has been sent a survey to distribute on the parish website and social media from Debbie MacColl asking the opinion of residents around the future of the Community House and what if any services / activities they would like to see. The clerk has sent the link to all Councillors for them to raise awareness and get people to complete it. Cllr. Marlow asked if any door-to-door consultations are going to take place, Cllr. Holland-Delamere advised that he thought that this may have already been done.</li> <li>Cllr. Brede advised that there will be a final meeting of Bellinge Community House Charity in January.</li> </ul>	
e	Ecton Brook Linear Park	
	Held over.	
f	Working towards Climate Emergency Declaration	
	No further update available until Cllr. Brede attends a meeting later this month.	
010	<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>	
a	GSM Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GSM Truck has been with Toyota since 14<sup>th</sup> December but is now in the process of being fixed and should be picked up tomorrow.</li> <li>Pavilion waste pump has now been repaired.</li> </ul>	
b	Little Billing Pocket Park Update	
	No sessions have taken place	

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010 c	<p><b><i>Leisure &amp; Recreation (continued)</i></b></p> <p>Ecton Brook Residents Group</p> <p>In her absence Sally Jordan, Ecton Brook Residents Association, had forwarded the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Christmas events were extremely successful. There were 28 advent windows for children to find on the Advent Window Trail, on the final day they collected a prize, Carol singing and a visit from the man in the red suit.</li> <li>• The last of the donated children's gifts were delivered by Rev. R. Burbidge after his Sunday Service.</li> </ul>	
011 a	<p><b><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i></b></p> <p>Cllr. Worthington has asked if the GSM could clear the wet leaves from the stretch of path from opposite Penfold gardens to the corner of Church Walk as this has become extremely slippery again. The clerk advised that she is still awaiting the road and path clearing schedule from WNC. She will chase this up.</p>	Clerk GSM
	<p>b Cllr. Kilbride asked if the Parish Council will be organising a coronation event on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr. Marlow, has asked for this to be added to the next agenda so this can be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
012	<p><b><i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i></b></p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Bernard Weston Pavilion, Gt. Billing.</p>	