



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 13th FEBRUARY 2023
AT BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING**

PRESENT

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

Also Present:

Mrs. C. Goodridge (Clerk to Billing Parish Council)
Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
Mr D. Samuels (WNC Neighbourhood Warden)
Mrs A. Da Silva (Bellinge Community Pre-School)
K. Wallace (PCSO)
No Parishioners

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013	<i>Apologies for Absence</i> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rev. R. Burbidge, Mr J. Clements and Mr. C. Shah. Apologies were also received from Highways Warden, Mr. D. Lang, Neighbourhood Warden Ashleigh Harris and Unitary Councillors Mr K. Holland-Delamere (WNC).	
014	<i>Minutes</i> The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 th January 2023 (Folio Nos. 001/2023 – 05/2022) were approved and signed as a true record.	
015	<i>To Receive Declarations of Interest Under the Council's Code of Conduct</i> Mrs G. Chaggar declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19. e.	
	<i>Public Forum</i>	
016	None present	
017	<i>Reports from Outside Agencies</i>	
a	In his absence Cllr. Holland-Delamare reported: That himself, Cllr. Clark and Neighbourhood wardens are still trying to tackle the illegal clothes bins. Cllr. Marlow advised he was concerned about the amount of time this has been ongoing (since July 2022). Neighbourhood Warden Samuels advised there is a lengthy process to undertake but will chase this.	D. Samuels
b	In his absence Damian Lang, Parish Highway Warden reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pot hole on Church Walk A pot hole on Elwes Way which Highways are monitoring 	

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017 c	<p>Reports from Outside Agencies (continued)</p> <p>David Samuels WNC Neighbourhood Warden reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrols have been increased in Bellinge • Ashleigh Harris has been working with PCSOs and NPH regarding parking issues in Faracre Court, Bellinge. • He has taken a walk with Cllr. Ward along Linear Park to look at the green waste fly tipping. He has advised that he will be looking into this. • Has advised that he would not suggest at this stage to send letters to potential fly tipping offenders and just to report to them for them to investigate. <p>d PCSO Wallace advised that there has been an increase in burglaries on the Eastern District four of which were in Ecton Brook. These are happening early evening whilst the homes are occupied. She has suggested that people lock there doors even when at home.</p>	
018 a	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WNN/2023/0051 - 11 Penfold Gardens, Great Billing- Two storey side extension – After a discussion took place and it was RESOLVED that no objection would be made by the Parish Council however would suggest that a response asking for the side window overlooking a neighboring garden to be frosted or removed. <p>b The following determinations had been received from WNC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WNN/2022/1028 - 26 Home Farm Close, Little Billing - Two storey extensions to side and rear together with garage conversion, new porch and incorporating first floor annex – Approved 2. WNN/2022/0645 / WNN2022/0646 – The Priory ,1 Orchard Hill – Single storey office extension – Approved 3. WNN/2022/0747 - Our Lady Of Perpetual Succour Rc Church, Great Billing - Construction of entrance lobby/ WC facilities and formation of disability access ramp – Approved 4. WNN/2022/1158 - 101 Orchard Hill - Proposed front porch and proposed garage conversion to form habitable room (office) – Approved 5. WNN/2022/1358 – The Catholic Presbytery, 1 Elwes Way, Great Billing - T1 Sycamore – Reduce branches 1.5m away from house and the overhangs on roof – Approved 6. WNN/2022/1385 - Oldways, 7 Elwes Way, Great Billing - T2 Pine - Reduce branch in contact with neighbours property by 1.5m T3 Hazel - Remove dead stems and re-pollard to previous pollard points T5 Mulberry - Crown reduce by approx 1.5m in height and reduce laterally to balance, pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy and crown clean, removing all dead, diseased, dying, crossing, rubbing and duplicate branches G1 Mixed Vegetation – Trim neighbours vegetation back to boundary for full height and trim clients vegetation back to within confines of border and taper towards top - Approved 	Clerk

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019	<p>Finance</p> <p>a The list of Accounts for Approval for Payment had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED that payment be made as per the following:</p> <table><tr><td>VIKING DIRECT, Printer paper, diary card</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>61.76</td></tr><tr><td>Unicom, Telephone & Broadband for the Pavilion (January)</td><td>LGA1972s133</td><td>55.68</td></tr><tr><td>SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting & CCL Gt Billing December</td><td>PCA1957s.3</td><td>277.84</td></tr><tr><td>SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting Lt Billing December</td><td>PCA1957s.3</td><td>14.88</td></tr><tr><td>Smiths Fire, Fire extinguisher service</td><td>LGA1976S19</td><td>86.70</td></tr><tr><td>Smiths Fire, Replace x2 6 ltr water extinguisher</td><td>LGA1976S19</td><td>156.00</td></tr><tr><td>N J Barber (Minster Cleaning), Cleaning of the Pavilion for January</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>218.78</td></tr><tr><td>Sth Nptons Responders, Rpl batter/pads/thermal cabinet for defib</td><td>PHA1936s234</td><td>495.00</td></tr><tr><td>British Gas, Pavilion Electricity (15/12/22-16/01/2023)</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>1012.38</td></tr><tr><td>Cost Cutters UK, 2 x benches with extended legs</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>1166.29</td></tr><tr><td>Millers Electrical, phonebox connection inc pir light & heater</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>594.00</td></tr><tr><td>FPWM LTD, Pavilion waste Collection December</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>69.62</td></tr><tr><td>FPWM LTD, Pavilion waste Collection November</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>107.40</td></tr><tr><td>Beach Marketing, Art Work for Winter 2022 News Letter</td><td>LGA1972s142</td><td>972.00</td></tr><tr><td>O2, Clerk & GSM Mobile Phone (21/01/23 – 20/02/23)</td><td>LGA1972s133</td><td>46.89</td></tr><tr><td>Small Business Payroll Salaries and monthly fee (January)</td><td>LGA1972s112</td><td>4160.61</td></tr><tr><td>NEST, Pension Contribution for January</td><td>LGA1972s112</td><td>389.04</td></tr><tr><td>GM Supplies, 2 x Nuts</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>3.55</td></tr><tr><td>GM Supplies, Spur Gear</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>124.92</td></tr><tr><td>SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting & CCL Gt Billing December</td><td>PCA1957s.3</td><td>244.52</td></tr><tr><td>SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting Lt Billing December</td><td>PCA1957s.3</td><td>13.37</td></tr><tr><td>BACA, Bin bags, Axe and fleece lined gloves</td><td>LGA1972s111</td><td>128.64</td></tr><tr><td>Environment Agency, Work permit for Lt Billing Bank erosion Project</td><td>OSA1906SS9&10</td><td>170.00</td></tr></table>	VIKING DIRECT, Printer paper, diary card	LGA1972s111	61.76	Unicom, Telephone & Broadband for the Pavilion (January)	LGA1972s133	55.68	SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting & CCL Gt Billing December	PCA1957s.3	277.84	SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting Lt Billing December	PCA1957s.3	14.88	Smiths Fire, Fire extinguisher service	LGA1976S19	86.70	Smiths Fire, Replace x2 6 ltr water extinguisher	LGA1976S19	156.00	N J Barber (Minster Cleaning), Cleaning of the Pavilion for January	LGA1972s111	218.78	Sth Nptons Responders, Rpl batter/pads/thermal cabinet for defib	PHA1936s234	495.00	British Gas, Pavilion Electricity (15/12/22-16/01/2023)	LGA1972s111	1012.38	Cost Cutters UK, 2 x benches with extended legs	LGA1972s111	1166.29	Millers Electrical, phonebox connection inc pir light & heater	LGA1972s111	594.00	FPWM LTD, Pavilion waste Collection December	LGA1972s111	69.62	FPWM LTD, Pavilion waste Collection November	LGA1972s111	107.40	Beach Marketing, Art Work for Winter 2022 News Letter	LGA1972s142	972.00	O2, Clerk & GSM Mobile Phone (21/01/23 – 20/02/23)	LGA1972s133	46.89	Small Business Payroll Salaries and monthly fee (January)	LGA1972s112	4160.61	NEST, Pension Contribution for January	LGA1972s112	389.04	GM Supplies, 2 x Nuts	LGA1972s111	3.55	GM Supplies, Spur Gear	LGA1972s111	124.92	SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting & CCL Gt Billing December	PCA1957s.3	244.52	SSE, Unmetered Supply Street Lighting Lt Billing December	PCA1957s.3	13.37	BACA, Bin bags, Axe and fleece lined gloves	LGA1972s111	128.64	Environment Agency, Work permit for Lt Billing Bank erosion Project	OSA1906SS9&10	170.00	
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	<p>b The schedule showing Income and Expenditure compared to Budget up to 31.01.23 had been forwarded to all Members. RESOLVED this be approved.</p>																																																																						
	<p>c The Clerk reported that reconciled bank account balances as at 31.01.23 were:</p> <table><tr><td>Current Account</td><td>£25,362.79</td></tr><tr><td>Reserve Account</td><td>£380,520.08</td></tr></table>	Current Account	£25,362.79	Reserve Account	£380,520.08																																																																		
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	<p>d RESOLVED that the £150.00 outstanding payment due from Abington Phoenix be waived, as proof has ben received showing the Pavilion was not used in September be APPROVED.</p>	Clerk																																																																					
	<p>e Following a presentation given by Anabela it was RESOLVED that the requested grant of £5000.00 to Bellinge Community Pre-School be approved. Receipts will be made available when required.</p>	Clerk																																																																					
020	<p>Other Matters</p> <p>a Kings Coronation</p> <p>A general discussion took place as how to best celebrate this event but agreed that due to bureaucracy that would be involved that it would be far better for the communities in the parish to make their own arrangements similarly with the volunteer day. However, Cllr. Rockall felt that this momentous event couldn't go without being commemorated so suggested that four oak trees are planted within the Parish one, in each ward with a plaque. This was APPROVED. GSM to locate four areas and bring location to the next meeting.</p>	GSM																																																																					

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020	<p><i>Other Matters (continued)</i></p> <p>b Arrangements for Billing Fayre 2023 Arrangements are already in full swing for this year's Billing Fayre. Bookings have been confirmed for the band, 1st aid, bouncy castle, donkey rides. The Scouts will be having their normal barbeque plus new for 2023 pizzas. The new poster has been created and has been included in the Spring Parish Magazine, placed in notice boards, posted on Facebook and the Parish Website.</p> <p>c Health and Safety RESOLVED that the clerk can look to arrange for a Health and Safety Consultant to review the Parish Health and Safety. Cllrs. Rockall and Brede who have contacts in this field will forward the Clerk some details.</p> <p>d Tenancy Agreement Held over</p> <p>Pathway</p> <p>e Cllr. Worthington confirmed that the condition of the pathway leading from Lady Winefrides Walk to the church gate has deteriorated and has become dangerous for the people that are using it. It was RESOLVED that the GSM should contact Ray Bell to assess this and provide a cost to repair.</p> <p>f Fly Tipping Councillors have noticed that there has been an increase in fly tipping across the Parish. Neighbourhood Warden David Samuels advised that at present there is very little reported to them and asked the Councillors to encourage the residents to report this through WNC website. He did confirm that there is a planned community litter pick on Bellinge which has been organised by Neighbourhood Warden Ashleigh Harris and Northants Litter Wombles which will take place on 27th February. Anyone can join.</p>	<p>DB SR Clerk</p> <p>GSM</p>
021	<p><i>Updates</i></p> <p>a Clerk update The Clerk reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the clerk were received from Billing Covenanted Churches Together for taking responsibility of the road closure/signage for the Remembrance Sunday Service. The meeting noted that the new signs were excellent and the 180 attendees were kept safe throughout the event. • All articles for the Spring 2023 Magazine have been written and sent off to the new Artwork company. A new delivery company will also be trialled in March to deliver these. • All paper work has now been submitted to The Environment Agency for the work permit needed to complete the work on the river bank at Little Billing Pocket Park. Vik from the Nene River Trust is chasing this on our behalf. • Still chasing Western Power for work refund. Cllr. Rockall advised that he has a contact and will see if he can chase this internally. 	<p>SR</p>

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021	<p>Updates (continued)</p> <p>a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still chasing Kier regarding the poor repair completed to the speed humps in great Billing Village. • The potholes reported on Valley Road should be repaired within the next six months. <p>Sporting Update</p> <p>b Billing United Football shall be returning on Wednesday and Thursday nights for training from April. A reminder has been sent out for them to ensure that they park on the gravelled area only so parking is also available for the Pavilion hirers. I have also reconfirmed that no training is to take place on second Wednesday of the month as previously agreed last year.</p> <p>Anti-Social behaviour in Bellinge</p> <p>c PCSO Wallace advised that there are currently no issues.</p> <p>Bellinge Community House</p> <p>d Debbie MacColl from WNC Community Safety has opened a warm hub on Mondays' 10am-1pm. The first one today was busy including a walking group. Community Spaces Northampton are still in the process of recruiting their new coordinator for Community Hubs. They are also looking at the possibility of using Bellinge Community House to be a distribution point for a partner foodbank.</p> <p>Ecton Brook Linear Park</p> <p>e Cllr. Ward confirmed that he has taken another walk with MP Andrew Lewer to look at the mess that was left by WNC when works last commenced. MP Andrew Lewer advised that he will write to WNC to advise what he feels should be done. Motor bikes are still racing up and down Linear Park and he has suggested that the barriers are reinstated as they now just go round them. He will discuss this with the Unitary Councillors.</p> <p>Working towards Climate Emergency Declaration</p> <p>f Cllr. Brede has advised no update at present.</p> <p>Parish Objectives</p> <p>g An article has been included in the Parish Magazine asking for people to contact the clerk if they have any ideas of what they would like to see the Parish Council doing in the future.</p> <p>Leisure & Recreation</p> <p>022 GSM Update</p> <p>a Business as usual.</p> <p>b Little Billing Pocket Park Update In his absence Michael Clasper, Little Billing Pocket Park Volunteer Group, had forwarded the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteering session took place on 11th February. Five volunteers planted 50 tree whips from I Dig Trees scheme. Pruning of the fruit trees in the orchard continued along with the removal of litter and fly tipping. 	SW

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022 c	<p><i>Leisure & Recreation (continued)</i></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"> • Planning is under way for the children's Easter Egg Hunt. • A grant has been received from NPH Happy to Help Fund so they can install a second Book Lending Library. • Great News since last meeting NPH / WNC are working on proposals to include a community hub as part of the former Ecton Brook Care Home redevelopment. Timescales unknown. 	
023 a b c	<p><i>Councillors Reports Not Covered Elsewhere</i></p> <p>a Cllr. Rockall advised that the books from the Book Lending Library was stolen and then burnt. He also confirmed that an ANPR camera will be installed on Great Billing Way at the junction of Fishponds Road.</p> <p>b Cllr. Ward advised that the noise from Ecton One has reduced since they have introduced a new hire agreement.</p> <p>c Cllr. Brede advised that has had a number of complaints regarding parking on Little Billing Way.</p>	
024	<p>Exclusion of the press and public – due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public were excluded.</p> <p>It was resolved that the hire agreement of The Bernard Weston Pavilion needs to be reviewed.</p>	
025	<p><i>Date of Next Meeting and Closure</i></p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.21pm.</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13th March 2023 at Bernard Weston Pavilion, Gt. Billing.</p>	

