



BILLING PARISH COUNCIL

Established 1894

Serving Bellinge, Ecton Brook, Great Billing and Little Billing

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.00 pm ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023, AT BERNARD WESTON PAVILION, GREAT BILLING

PRESENT

Cllr. J. A. Marlow (Chairman of Billing Parish Council)
Cllrs. Mrs G. K. Chaggar, Mrs C. Worthington, Mr F. Brett, Mr J. Clements and Mr S. Rockall (all Members of Billing Parish Council).

Also Present:

Mrs C. Goodridge (Clerk to Billing Parish Council)
Mr. P. Marks (Green Space Manager)
No Parishioners

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mr D. Brede, Rev. R. Burbidge, Mr. M. Pearson, Mr. C. Shah and Mr S. Ward. Apologies were also received from, Neighbourhood Warden David Samuels, the police and Unitary Cllrs. Mr P. Clark (WNC), Mr J. Hill, Mr K. Holland-Delamere (WNC), Mr A. Kilbride (WNC) and Mr S. Hibbert.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022 (Folio Nos. 01/2022/APM – 04/2022/APM) were approved and signed as a true record.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. J. A. Marlow gave his Annual Report, a copy of which can be found in Appendix I.

4 CHARITIES REPORT

Cllr. Worthington had provided a copy of the Annual Report of the Great Billing Pension Charity (see Appendix II)

5 OTHER REPORTS

No other reports received.

6 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and participation and declared the meeting closed at 7.13 pm.

APPENDIX 1

Chairman's Report – 2022/23

Chairmans Report 2022 – 2023

During the last 12 months this Parish Council has been called upon to make decisions and recommendations on many varied projects ranging from planning applications, building subsidence claims, financial support of a local pre-school within a deprived area and volunteer group, support to the police in the fight against anti-social behaviour and criminal activities and the management of our many assets.

This has only been possible because of the professional knowledge and general life experience that you my fellow councillors, support staff, volunteers and outside agencies possesses.

I must acknowledge this and wish to place on record my thanks to you all for the hard work that you have given.

As to our future plans these include the refurbishment of walkways, the enhancement of wild flower meadows, replacement of old and unsafe fencing, protection work to prevent the erosion of the river bank in Little Billing Pocket Park and the continued maintenance of our Football Fields and Cricket Pitch which I understand are the envy of all of the visiting teams.

The problems of dog fouling continue to be an ongoing source of concern; however, it is hoped that with the implementation of the Public Spaces Variation Order that this should improve. This will see it to be a criminal offence not only if you fail to pick up after your dog, but also if you are not carrying the means in which to do this. But as you are aware, our real concerns are in the current climate where are the resources to enforce these laws coming from.

As with many problems I just feel these days that bureaucracy abounds and that things are being introduced that are not viable and there appears to be no one that can make a decision without in ordinate delays and reams of correspondence.

I am however very pleased and confident that I can rely on your support and your “common sense” to make sure that we achieve the very best for our community.

Many Thanks

John Marlow

Chairman

APPENDIX II

GREAT BILLING PENSION CHARITY

**GREAT BILLING PENSION CHARITY
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Trustees of the Charity are the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Andrew's Church, Great Billing and two representatives appointed by Billing Parish Council. Those serving as Trustees in 2021 were:

The Revd Richard Burbidge (Rector)
Mr Tim Bedward (Church Warden)
Mr Mike Howells (Church Warden)
Mrs Cheryl Worthington (Parish Council)
Mr John Marlow (Parish Council)

The Revd Richard Burbidge is acting as treasurer

The Charity continues to have as its object 'the relief either generally or individually of persons resident in the Parish of Billing who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress by making grants of money or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship and distress of such persons. Preference to be given to poor widows over the age of 60'.

The Charity's funds are invested entirely in the COIF Charities Investment Fund, a Common Investment Fund, set up under the Charity Commission Scheme, and subsequently under section 24 of the Charities Act 2004. Dividends for the year are as reported in the Receipts and Payments account, and form the amount available to the Trustees for grant- making.

Given the modest levels of the Charity's income, its practice for many years now has been to make a small grant to a number of qualifying persons just before Christmas. In 2022 six such persons were nominate to receive grants of £100 each. One declined so only five grants were given in total.

Each year, it seems to be a struggle to find a good number of suitable recipients for the grants. Therefore the trustees would be very pleased to receive nominations for grant recipients from Parish Councillors or parishioners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Burbidge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Burbidge
Chairman of the Trustees

GREAT BILLING PENSION CHARITY
Receipts and Payments Account – 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2023

Balance as at 1 st January 2022		<u>£716.10</u>
Receipts		
Dividends from charity commissioners	£768.57	
Donations returned as undeliverable	£0.00	
		<u>+ £768.57</u>
LESS		
Withdrawals in year to 31.12.2022 (note 1)	£600	
		<u>- £600.00</u>

Note 1: Six payments of £100 were authorised during the year 1st January to 31st December 2022. One was returned but not banked until 10 March 2023.

Represented by – National Westminster Bank Account 08159866

Cash balance at 31 st December 2022	<u>£884.67</u>
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The above statement has been prepared from the books and accounts of the charity. This statement has been approved by the Trustees as an accurate reflection of the account. R. Burbidge.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

John Marlow

Cheryl Worthington

15th May 2023