

Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday May 14th 2019 at 7.00 p.m. at Billingford Village Hall

Present:- Cllr A Lake, Cllr M Davies, Cllr Val Wilson, Cllr P Payne, Cllr Mary Reeve and
Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

Others Present:- 10 Electors and Dist. Cllr. G Bambridge

Matters raised under time allocated to the Public. This period of time allocated will be 20 mins. max. The flashing sign is not working but it was reported so the situation will be reported again. The question of Common Land and maps was discussed. A resident felt that either Breckland or Norfolk County Council must have some maps regarding Common Land. The Common Land is marked on the ordinance survey map. Cllr Davies suggested a large map be put on the notice board. Definitive maps are held at N.C.C. and Cllr Bambridge offered to investigate. It was felt the Public have a right to know where the Common Land is.

A resident is being woken up early due to the auction. It happens every weekend and it is no longer acceptable. He was told the Parish Council is not responsible for the auction and the Village Hall has its own committee. A sign will be put up asking for no noise before 7.30 a.m. It was suggested that the auction starts at a later time, such as 9.00 a.m. It was suggested that this 9.00 a.m. start could happen first weekend of June. Cllr Lake offered to go and talk to a Village Hall Committee representative. A resident present thought that the Village Hall Committee should deliver a report at every Parish Council meeting.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence received.

2. To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year

Cllr Payne nominated Cllr Davies for the position of Chairman for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Reeve and carried. Cllr Davies accepted the position and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Davies thanked the Parish Councillors for their hard work throughout the year.

Cllr Reeve nominated Cllr Payne for the position of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Wilson and carried. Cllr Payne accepted the position.

3. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests declared.

4. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 5th February 2019

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Reeve proposed that the minutes of 5th February be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Wilson and carried, so the Chairman signed them as a true copy.

5. To discuss any matters from the minutes of 5th February (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

6. To discuss Correspondence received

No correspondence needed discussion. The correspondence received was a magazine called Clerks and Councils Direct, Open Spaces magazine, newsletter from Dudgeon and a notice from Breckland stating they have made an order permanent regarding the Tree Preservation Order at Idle Cottage, 9 Bintree Rd.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

There were no Planning matters to discuss.

8. To discuss Highways Matters

Cllr Payne had had conversations with Highways and the idea of the white gates was discussed. The present gates are tatty and a bit broken so it was felt it was a good idea to have one at the other end of the village but it would have to be paid for. The cost would be around £3,000 but possibly Highways may pay a contribution towards the cost.

9. To receive a report from the Community Speedwatch organisers

There is a limit on the number of people Cllr Wilson deals with as far as volunteers are concerned. She desperately needs more volunteers and hope more residents will contact her and offer their services. The NDR has encouraged more traffic.

10. To receive a report from the SAM2 speed sign organisers

There is nothing to report on the SAM2 sign. It will be sited in Billingford during June.

11. To discuss the need for SAM2 sign volunteers

There is still a big need for more volunteers and the Parish Council continues to try to find more residents who may be interested to help. This was discussed under item 9.

Cllr Davies thought it would be useful if contact was made with other local villages with a view of trying to co-ordinate with them regarding trying to reduce speeding.

12. To authorize financial payments

Cllr Payne proposed the following necessary payments be made, seconded by Cllr Lake and carried.

Clerk's net salary for March to May	£572.60	HMRC tax for March to May	£51.40
Open Spaces Society subscription renewal	£45.00	Norfolk Parish Training & Support	£40.00
Zurich Municipal Insurance	£167.44	T D Gardens	£75.00

13. To adopt the end of year accounts

Cllr Lake proposed the accounts be adopted, seconded by Cllr Reeve and carried. The Parish Council thanked Mr I Warren for carrying out the Internal Audit.

14. To adopt the Certificate of Exemption, Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement

Cllr Payne proposed these documents be adopted, seconded by Cllr Wilson and carried.

15. To receive an update on the Village Litter Pick

With the verges growing, organising a Village Litter Pick would not be a good idea. However, a resident in attendance does carry out some regular litter picking and thanks were given to her.

16. To receive an update on the playing field situation

The swings are now complete. The field is not now cut as often as it used to be because Norse is now ^{The} cutting it _{on sick leave.} ^{employee} _{respaunt}

17. To receive items for the next agenda

No items were requested.

18. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.06 p.m.

..... *M. Jones* *3/9/19*
Chairman Date

..... *G. Hubbard* *3/9/2019*
Clerk Date