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Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council meeting held on  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Billingford Village Hall

Present:- Cllr Arthur Lake (Chairman), Cllr Stephanie Harris, Cllr P Payne,  
Cllr Val Wilson and Cllr Mary Reeve

Other Members Present: - 4 members of the Public and Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge.

Matters raised under time allocated to the Public.

An elector present suggested that it might be a good idea to change Parish Council meetings to Parish meetings and abolish the Parish Council. He stated he did not feel that Parish Council meetings cover all the topics that should be covered at Parish Council meetings. Some discussion took place regarding this suggestion and will probably be discussed again in the future. The concern was, as the Clerk would become redundant, who would carry out the tasks currently carried out by the Clerk and the Councillors.

**1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies received from Cllr Andrew Skinn and Cllr Baldwin and these were accepted.

**2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda**

There were no Interests declared.

**3. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Wilson proposed that the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> September be accepted as accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Harris and carried, so the Chairman signed them as a true copy.

**4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> September (not on the agenda)**

There were no matters arising.

**5. To discuss Correspondence received**

Donation request from Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr Harris proposed 25.00 be sent, seconded by Cllr Wilson and carried.

2 copies of the Clerks & Councils magazine and a copy of the Open Spaces magazine.

2 letters from Vattenfall regarding the wind farm proposals.

A letter regarding the Norwich Western Link

**6. To discuss any Planning Issues**

3PL/2018/0997/O Holl Lane, erection of 9 dwellings. This application has been resubmitted and the Parish Council instructed the Clerk to inform Breckland Council that Billingford Parish Council does not support this application and the reasons are the same as before.

3PL/2018/1254 Old Bells Farm, Elmham Road, 2 detached dwellings on site of old barns, the Parish Council does not object to this application.

Lanpro - New Town Development. This is not going ahead. 42 of the Breckland Councillors were against it so it is not going ahead but it could come back later on.



Garage built opposite Blacksmith Cottage, Bintree Road. Report from Clerk on the situation. Breckland Council had sent the Clerk a form to report a breach of Planning Regulations. The Clerk will contact Breckland, as the Parish Council does not know whether a breach of Planning Regulations has occurred and ask Breckland to send a Planner to visit the site in question.

**7. To discuss Highways Matters – speed calming**

Cllr Reeve and Cllr Payne met with Mr Cotton from Highways and the main outcome is that there could be a big white gate with a speeding sign put up. The gate will go near the entrance to the Lakes and will cost £2,000.00. Other signs were discussed. Unnecessary signs would have to be taken down. There is a sign at Guist which might be removed. There was also the possibility of siting a bollard on the side of the road, outside an elector's property, which might help speed calming. Cllr Payne will talk to Highways again and the Parish Council thanked Cllr Reeve and Cllr Payne for their work on this problem.

**8. To receive a report from the Community Speedwatch organisers**

Speedwatch is not taking place at the moment because people are busy and the volunteers that had signed up to take part cannot carry out the task all of the time. Some more volunteers are desperately needed. It is extremely difficult to find people who can commit to carrying out the task all of the time.

**9. To receive a report from the SAM2 speed sign organisers**

The SAM2 sign is in Billingford now and will be erected soon.

**10. To authorize financial payments**

The Parish Council agreed to pay the following necessary financial payments:-

Clerk's gross salary	£686.58	Clerk's expenses for August to Sept.	£52.40
T T Jones Electrical Ltd. street lighting maintenance	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019		£101.40
Ngf Play Ltd	£4,211.64	Citizens Advice Bureau (donation)	£25.00

**11. To set the precept for 2019 – 2020**

The document the Clerk had prepared was discussed. Cllr Harris proposed the precept be set at £4,000.00 and this proposal was seconded by Cllr Reeve and carried.

**12. To discuss the possibility of purchasing a SAM2 sign solely for Billingford Parish Council**

This idea was discussed and it was decided not to buy a sign solely for Billingford's use but to continue using the one that is shared by Billingford and four other Parish Councils.

**13. To receive an update on the playing field situation**

There is a hold up on the new play equipment being sited. The new swings need to be put in place as soon as possible. By spring time next year the play equipment should be ready for use.

**14. To adopt the revised Standing Orders**

Cllr Harris proposed the amended Standing Orders be adopted, seconded by Cllr Reeve and carried.

**15. To receive items for the next agenda**


To discuss fly tipping

To discuss the idea of a Litter Pick

**16. To confirm date and time of next meeting**

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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Chairman Date 5/2/2019

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