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BILLINGFORD PARISH

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Billingford Parish meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 8.30 p.m. in Billingford Village Hall.

Present:- Mrs G Hubbard (Parish Council Clerk), Mr M Davies (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mrs Philippa Payne, Mr Arthur Lake, Mr and Mrs W Reeve, Mrs S Bulbrook, Mr Roger Thorneley, Mr & Mrs Crudginton, Mr & Mrs Dawson, Mr Ian Warren and Sgt Pete Fuller

1. Welcome and to accept Apologies for Absence

Mr Davies, the Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence received.

2. To confirm and accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 18th 2021

The minutes had been circulated and read. Mr Crudginton proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the last meeting, seconded by Mr Lake and carried so Mr Davies signed them.

3. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of May 18th (not on the Agenda)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. To receive reports from the District Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Gordon Bambridge and Cllr Bill Borrett had both sent reports for the meeting. The reports will be attached to the minutes and put on the website.

5. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Mr Davies reported that during the year one of the Parish Councillors, Val Wilson, had to resign from the Council, due to severe ill health and she is sadly missed. She worked very hard for the Parish Council, had a lovely personality, and was a very willing volunteer, particularly in leading the village community speedwatch and we wish her well for the future.

A lot of activity from various councillors has gone into many requests and evidence to Norfolk County Council to extend the 30 m.p.h. limit and it now looks like this will be resolved. The Sam2 sign has been placed in the village at both ends of the main road and has recorded several severe incidents of excessive speed and result summaries are on the website. The next session starts this week. There has been more training for the community speedwatch for both existing and new members and 6 residents have now be trained and can officially train others.

The village sign will be repainted by the man who made it originally about 20 years ago.

Grant money for a community defibrillator was applied for and received from the National Lottery Community Fund for installation in the next few months. The Jubilee Community trees have been planted on the village field area opposite the Church.

Flooding persists in Bintree Road and on the main road by the underground pipe to the Wensum and is under constant requests for maintenance by County Highways.

Various requests have been made to Breckland Council on environmental health, waste disposal and street cleaning matters. There has been frequent contact with County Councillor Bill Borrett and District Councillor Gordon Bambridge.

6. To receive reports from organisations connected to the village

Mr Kelvin Golding, a Trustee, had given a report to Mr Davies regarding the Village Hall. The community account, up to 7th March had £14,478.20. Grass cutting will cost £550.00 and insurance £650.00 - £750.00. Some other smaller costs amounting to £350.00 will be paid out. The electrical testing cost will be £220.00. Since that date £190.02 has been paid for the service and replacement of the fire extinguishers. The hall has very little income but the hall is not used a great deal.

The Clerk had received a report from Paula Gilluley, the Kings Lynn and Breckland Community Engagement Officer with the Norfolk Constabulary and it will be attached to the minutes.

Sgt Fuller gave a brief resume about himself and his team of 6 people. He and his team cover Dereham, Swaffham and Watton and he explained what their work entails.

7. To receive a report including accounts on the Billingford Fuel Allotment Charity

Mr Warren circulated the accounts of the Charity. He spoke about the financial side of the Charity. He said that if anyone knew of a person struggling with fuel costs they should contact a Trustee of the Charity.

8. To discuss the Parish Council accounts

No-one had any questions regarding the accounts.

9. To discuss any future village plans

Those present thought more usage of the Village Hall was needed. A point of view was that if more people attended Parish Council meetings then they might be willing to become involved with village events. Mr Crudginton thought that regular Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall would be welcome. A suggestion was made that when the newly painted Village Sign is put up, then a celebration could be arranged for the event. Mr Crudginton thought a leaflet through letter boxes would be a good idea and he offered to create the leaflet, which would be in the form of a questionnaire and he would help distribute it.

10. To discuss any other business

There was no further business to discuss.

11. To set the date and time of next year's Annual Parish Meeting

The date of the Parish meeting was set for Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.00 p.m. Mr Davies thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman Date

Clerk Date