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Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday  
11<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in Billingford Village Hall

Councillors Present:- Cllr A Lake, Cllr A Cutcher and Cllr S Wilson

Other Members Present:- 7 electors, Dist. Cllr G Bambridge and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

**1. Welcome by the Chairman and to receive apologies for absence.**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr P Richardson and these were considered and accepted.

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

There were no interests declared.

**3. To confirm and accept the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Cutcher proposed that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Wilson and carried. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the minutes.

**4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of May (not on the Agenda).**

There were no matters raised.

**Matters Raised by The Public.**

Some electors present spoke about their desire to try and turn the Villag Hall into a Community Village Hub with many more activities on offer so the suggestion of a meeting was made to try to find out what the residents would like to see happening in the village hall.

The problem of speeding down Bintree Road and especially by farm traffic was discussed. The Parish Council will send an email to the company that uses the farm vehicles and ask them if they could instruct the drivers not to drive so fast. The subject of speeding through the village was discussed at length. Cllr Cutcher informed those present that the Paish Council is very well aware of the problems and have been trying to get the speed restrictions on the B1145 extended but so far have not been successful. There was also some discussion about Speedwatch and using it on Bintree Road.

**5. To submit any required questions to Dist. Cllrs G Bambridge and Bill Borrett (if present).**

Cllr Cutcher explained to Cllr Bambridge that Cllr Borrett was involved with the Application to Norfolk County Council for some road signs through the Parish Partnership Scheme and he promised to help with the funding of the signs. Since he was not re-elected in May he has not attended a meeting. Cllr Bambridge gave his opinion on where the money was that had been promised for the signs and it was still available. He mentioned to the Public present that there were grants available through Breckland Council for community projects (referring back to the Village Hall).

**6. To discuss any necessary correspondence received.**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**7. To discuss any Planning Issues, if necessary.**

The consultation period for the Local Plan has started and anyone can comment on it. On August 20<sup>th</sup> at Dereham Library from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. there is a drop-in session where people can comment on the Plan.

There is also a Drop-In session at Breckland Council on 7<sup>th</sup> September from 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Ref PL/2026/1065/HOU Church Farm, Bintree Road, 2 storey rear extension (including a Juliette Balcony), side extension, front porch and detached garage block. The Parish Council did not object to the application but a letter will be sent to Breckland Council regarding some observations that the Parish Council wished to have noted.

**8. To receive play equipment, update and discuss the report.**

The RoSPA report had been received so it will be studied by the Chairman.

**9. To authorise any necessary Financial Payments.**

Cllr Cutcher proposed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment, seconded by Cllr Lake and carried.

Clerk's net salary (part of) June to August £419.40 Rest of salary June to Aug. £256.80  
Tax March to May £104.60 Tax June to August £4.80  
Zurich Municipal Insurance £421.00 Playsafety Ltd. £99.60  
Norfolk Parish Training & Support Subs. £72.00

**10. To discuss the Financial Update and raise any queries.**

The document had been circulated and no-one had any questions relating to the document.

**11. To receive an update on forthcoming events at the V. Hall and events that have taken place since the last meeting.**

A quiz took place in the Village Hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and 3 teams took part, involving 18 people. At the end of November a quiz will take place again but probably on a Saturday evening next time.

The village hall was hired out by Breckland Council for elections.

The summer Solstice walk took place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, leaving the village hall and ended at the Bintree pub and it was well attended.

**12. To receive an update on St. Peter's Church.**

The Harvest Festival will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> September and the service will be by Mrs Alice Richardson. There have been many repairs done in the Church over the last few years. Cllr Bambridge thought that whoever did the work in the Church did an excellent job. There is still some work to be carried out. A resident present at the meeting offered to unlock and lock up again the Church daily.

**13. To discuss any Highways issues in the village.**

This subject was discussed under Public Participation.

**14. To discuss the SAM2 sign and Community Speed Watch (if any reporting available).**

The sign was not able to be in Billingford the last time it was due to as Cllr Wilson was away. It will be in the village in August soon, from August 30<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September. There has been an increase in traffic and this is probably due to the A47 road being closed sometimes.

**15. To discuss the vacancy situation on the Parish Council.**

Two electors present stated they wished to join the Parish Council so they will be co-opted on at the next meeting.

**16. To receive from Cllr Cutcher an update regarding the application for TPOs on 2 Oak trees on Bintree Rd.**

Cllr Cutcher has been sending emails to Mr Richard Fisher for some time but is still waiting for information. He is trying to get the TPOs put on the two oak trees in Bintree Road. In the spring Mr Fisher had said that the department was very busy but he is still trying to get it put on the agenda of work. On the playing field 30 new trees have been planted and a grant of £1,000 was obtained for the Kings Coronation to buy them. They have been watered regularly through the exceptional drought. Soon 30 small trees will be arriving because Cllr Cutcher was able to access another grant.

**17. Update on narrow road type sign for Bintree Road following any information given under item 5.**

This was covered under item 5.

**18. To receive items for next agenda.**

Co-option of Sarah Stevenson and Stephanie Harris

**19. To set date and time of the next 'equinox walk'.**

This will probably take place on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, setting off from the Village Hall but the date will be confirmed.

**20. To set date and time of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in Billingford Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

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