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## BILLINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present:- Cllr M Davies, Cllr A Lake, Cllr R Thorneley, Cllr K Crudgington,  
Cllr M Reeve and Cllr P Payne.

Others Present: - 10 members of the Public and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

### **1. Welcome and to accept Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge.

The Chairman showed those present a Plaque that had been delivered by a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk to the Clerk for her to give to the Parish Council. The Plaque was created and given to be displayed probably in the village hall. It is a commissioned plaque to commemorate the community's resilience during the time of the Covid Pandemic.

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

There were no Interests declared.

### **3. To confirm and accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2021**

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Crudgington proposed that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Lake and carried, so the Chairman signed them as a true record.

### **4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of August 24<sup>th</sup> (not on the Agenda)**

Cllr Lake mentioned the state of the Church and wondered if the Parish Council could do anything regarding the situation and if it could help in any way. The Chairman will contact the Rector and explain that concerns were raised at the Parish Council meeting by residents and Councillors regarding the Church situation. There was some discussion regarding funds being obtained from the Norfolk Churches Fund. The Chairman will obtain an update on the situation and ensure that the Parish Council receives regular updates in the future.

### **5. To discuss any notified Planning Issues**

3PL/2021/1249/HOU 14 Festival Road, removal of existing porch to front and extension to form porch and single storey extension to rear to form family area. Planning permission approved.

### **6. To receive update on contact with the new owners of Billingford Lakes re speed limits**

No reply had been received from the letter sent, so there was no update.

### **7. To discuss any correspondence received**

The Clerk had circulated an email from ASTCO regarding a Clothing Bank. The idea was to place it on the car park. The company will pay £300.00 for every tonne of clothes collected. The Chairman will discuss the project idea with Mr Kelvin Golding to obtain his views on the matter.

### **8. To receive an update on the 1 million trees project**

An application has been made to Norfolk County Council for some trees and the Parish Council has asked that the trees be allowed to be planted on the Playing Field. It will be called a small woodland park. The area is suitable and fits the criteria. Permission has been obtained from the Holkham Estate to do this. The Parish Council expects a response from Norfolk County Council by the end of November.

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

Cllr Lake proposed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment, seconded by Cllr Thorneley and carried:-

Clerk's net salary for Sept.-Nov £603.40	HMRC tax for Sept.-Nov. £98.60
Clerk's expenses for Sept.-Nov. £50.52	T T Jones Electrical Ltd. £150.66

In September £75.00 had been paid to T D Gardens for grass cutting.

The Clerk has contacted Diane Coston and she will be carrying out the internal audit of the accounts next year.

### **10. To set the Precept for 2022 -2023**

Cllr Lake proposed the Precept for 2022-2023 be set at £4,000.00, seconded by Cllr Crudgington and carried.

### **11 To receive speeding/traffic calming update**

Cllr Crudgington delivered some data information obtained from recent use of the SAM2 Speed Sign. The SAM 2 Speedwatch was sited to the west of the village between the 12<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October, monitoring eastbound traffic. A total of 27,154 vehicles were recorded. On any given day an average of between 32% to 37% of vehicles were speeding. The average speeder was recorded travelling at over 40 m.p.h. every day. In addition, every day a vehicle or vehicles were caught travelling at least 60 m.p.h. when approaching and passing the village boundary, some days it was 65 m.p.h., other days 70 m.p.h. and on the 28th October at 1920hours a vehicle was caught at 80 m.p.h. As a volunteer booked on the Christmas lunch we thought it would be useful to share the seating plan. May Taylor is overall host and contact point on the day and has the attached and everyone's menu choices that have been sent through to the hotel. There will also be name place cards with what people have chosen.

All drinks need to be purchased at the bar and not by table service which has been agreed with the hotel (to prevent any tabs being missed and BUILD picking up the bill!) Please can you reinforce this and support the beneficiaries on your table with this as necessary. Following the government announcement regarding face masks we would also ask that everyone who is not exempt to wear masks when moving around the restaurant.

The data is being passed onto Norfolk Constabulary and it helps regarding the push to get the speed reduced through the village.

Norfolk County Council Highways have confirmed that Billingford have been put forward for consideration for a 20 m.p.h. speed reduction under their new Road Safety Community Fund. This

has been further supported by Cllr Bill Borrett, Norfolk County Councillor. This is not a guarantee that Billingford will be successful in their request for a reduction in the speed limit but it will be discussed and considered. This is not going to be a quick decision and the process could take up to

3 years. In the meantime, the parish council and Speedwatch team will continue to work hard on it's existing traffic calming measures and keep Highways informed to further support our cause.

**12. To discuss Waste on Private Land on Holl Lane**

The Parish Council has been in contact with two Planning Officers, Serco and an Environmental person regarding the removal of the waste. The Parish Council will continue to remind them to do what they should be doing. Cllr Lake and Cllr Crudgington had met up with a gentleman from Breckland regarding this matter. Cllr Payne asked about the footpath going to the south west and was told it is still work in progress.

**13. To discuss the idea of having a Defibrillator in the Village**

Cllr Thorneley will investigate all the facts regarding having a defibrillator in the village. He will be working with some contacts to find out the information needed. He suggested the idea of cards being printed and a copy given to households. The cards will contain useful information. He will get some printed and delivered.

**14 To receive items for next agenda**

Update on the defibrillator situation

Update on the Church situation

Update on the drain problem in the village

**15 To confirm date and time of next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 18th February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

**16. Time allowed for public input (15mins)**

A resident present had caused several interruptions to Cllrs Thorneley and Crudgington whilst they were speaking on a couple of points on the agenda. He eventually left the meeting.

A resident explained that he works for the East of England Ambulance Service and he thought a Defibrillator placed in the village is essential. He explained some of the problems that had been occurring and how defibrillators had been saving people's lives.

Another resident lives near the Church and she des not think the wall will be repaired in the near future.

The Chairman wished it minutes that a vote of thanks be given to Cllr Crudgington for his work over the last few weeks regarding the difficulties that the Parish Council had experienced and Cllr Lake asked that the Clerk be thanked also for all her extra work. The rest of the Council endorsed both votes of thanks.

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.

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