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Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 19th December 2020 at Noon on the Playing Field beside the Village Hall

Present:- Cllr M Davies, Cllr A Lake, Cllr R Thorneley and Cllr M reeve

Others Present: - Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge, 2 members of the Public and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

Matters raised under time allocated to the Public.

A resident raised a query regarding the number of units of living accommodation on a piece of land as the resident thought there seems to be more units there than permissions have been granted for. This land has temporary planning permission and the Clerk will check with Breckland Council that the rules are still being complied with.

On another piece of land, adjacent to the previous piece of land discussed above, there seems to be some concerns regarding the amount of debris on this land and the Clerk will check out whether any rules are being contravened, although the land is actually owned.

The footpath that runs adjacent to these pieces of land is known as FP4 and the question was asked as to whose is responsible for keeping it in good shape. Mr Lake reported that he had tended to it himself, cutting back overgrowth and the Chairman responded with the fact that the footpath is common land, so no actual ownership is in place, but it is in the interest of the Parish Council to keep it accessible as possible, as it is a footpath.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr P Payne and Cllr Wilson and these were accepted. The Clerk collected the completed Covid 19 Health Questionnaire forms from those present.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests declared.

3. To co-opt onto the Parish Council Mr Keith Crudgington

Cllr A Lake proposed Mr Crudgington be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Thorneley and carried.

4. To receive from Mr Crudgington signed Dec. of Acceptance form & issue the Interests forms

Cllr Crudgington signed the Declaration of Acceptance form and was given 2 copies of the Interests form.

5. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 22nd September

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

6. To discuss any matters from the minutes of 22nd September (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2020/0901/F Annexe at rear of Blacksmiths Cottage, Bintree Road, change of use of holiday let to independent dwelling at Anvil Lodge, Planning Permission received

8. To discuss the subject of new street lighting

The Parish Council had received a quotation from T T Jones Electrical Ltd stating the cost of renewing the street lights would be £530 plus V.A.T. making the total price £636.00. The V.A.T. can be reclaimed back.

Cllr Thorneley proposed the quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr Davies and carried. However, the order will be placed subject to some conditions being met. The Clerk will pose some questions to the company and the order will be placed according to the outcome of the questions.

9. To authorize financial payments

The Parish Council agreed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment:-

T T Jones Electrical Ltd. £76.97 HMRC Tax Oct – Dec £83.00 Clerk's net salary Oct.-Dec.£541.00

10. To set the Precept for 2021 – 2022

The Parish Council discussed the budget document they had received. Cllr Lake proposed the precept be set at £4,000.00, seconded by Cllr Thorneley and carried.

11. To receive a report from the Community Speedwatch organisers

Because of the restrictions, due to Covid, Speedwatch activity has not taken place. There is still too much traffic coming through going to Kings Lynn. The speed limit is unsatisfactory. A complaint has been made to Norfolk County Council regarding the Policy,

12. To discuss Update on the White Gate situation

The idea behind the white gates is that they be repeated at the other end of the village. The trouble is that the speed limits for the village are entirely wrong. The section that has a fast speed limit should only have a 40 m.p.h. speed limit.

The Parish Council will continue to inform Norfolk County Council about their concerns.

13. To receive items for the next agenda:

To receive update on the new street lights situation, To discuss speeding through the village
To discuss any Speedwatch activity

14. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 12.00 noon and the meeting is planned to take place on the Playing Field beside the Village Hall. If the County is in Lock Down the meeting will take place through Zoom. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk