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Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council meeting held on Page No
Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Billingford Village Hall
Present:- Cllr Arthur Lake (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Skinn, Cllr Stephanie Harris,
Cllr Val Wilson and Cllr Mary Reeve

Other Members Present: - 4 members of the Public

Matters raised under time allocated to the Public.

The members of the Public present did not wish to raise any issues.

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 Philippa Payne and Cllr Melvyn Baldwin.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 8th November 2018

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Skinn proposed that the minutes of 8th November be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Harris and carried, so the Chairman signed them as a true copy.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of 8th November (not on the agenda)

At the last Parish Council meeting a Parishioner suggested that the Parish Council be disbanded and then he left the meeting. The Chairman proposed that this suggestion will not be pursued, nor does it warrant discussion by the Parish Council. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Skinn and carried.

5. To discuss Correspondence received

Correspondence received was as follows:-

Thank you letter from C.A.B. for the donation cheque sent.

Copy of Clerks & Councils Magazine

Letter from Open Spaces Society asking for a donation because of deregistration. No one proposed a donation.

Letter from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service asking for a donation to help with their work. No one proposed a donation.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Garage built opposite Blacksmith Cottage, Bintree Road. Report from Clerk on the situation.

The Clerk had received an email from Breckland stating the case is classed as low priority and to date the owner has not yet made an application to Breckland. Breckland are going to make one last attempt to contact the owner to encourage him to submit an application to regularise the garage, before considering formal action. The Clerk will contact Cllr Bambridge to see help

3PL/2018/0997/O Holl Lane, erection of 9 dwellings, this planning application has been withdrawn.

7. To discuss Highways Matters – speed calming

There was nothing to report on the subject of speed calming.

8. To receive a report from the Community Speedwatch organisers Page No

No Speedwatch work was carried out during December and January because of the weather. If the weather permits, the work will commence again soon. However, more people are desperately needed for this work. Sadly there is very little interest in the village from residents regarding this work.

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

When the SAM2 sign is due to be sited in Billingford, more volunteers are definitely needed. Volunteers are needed to put the sign up and then remove it afterwards. A resident present offered to approach his neighbour regarding this necessary help.

10. To authorize financial payments

Cllr Lake proposed the following necessary payments be made, seconded by Cllr Skinn and carried.

Clerk’s net salary for November / February £739.00 HMRC tax November/ February £93.00
Clerk’s expenses November/ Feb. £64.40 Information Commissioner (data protection) £40.00

11. To discuss Fly Tipping

The Chairman stated that if Fly Tipping is spotted then Breckland should be informed and they will come and collect the rubbish. There was some discussion regarding the ditches and stream at the Billingford Lakes. A chemical killed all the trout in the Trout Lake and now the polluted water is being pumped out. The pumping stopped about 2 weeks ago but has been restarted.

12. To discuss the idea of a Village Litter Pick

A litter pick is needed before the grass starts to grow. The date of 16th February was suggested at 10.00 a.m. for people to meet and carry out a litter picking exercise. The meeting place will be the Playing Field area and it will be advertised.

13. To receive an update on the playing field situation

When the grass has grown then the safety matting and new swings will be installed.

14. To receive items for the next agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Adoption of end of year accounts

15. To confirm date and time of next meeting

As this is the last Parish Council meeting with the current Councillors, the Chairman thanked his fellow Parish Councillors for their support and hard work and thanks also to the members of the Public for their attendance and contribution at the meetings.

The date of the Annual Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.0 p.m. This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 p.m. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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Chairman Date

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