

Minutes of the Billingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 March 2019 at the Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billingham.

Present: Cllr. Locke (KL) in the Chair, Councillors Chatten (RC), Miller (RM), Greetham (RG), Kirk (CK), Clark (SC) & Bell (AB)
District Councillor Ogden (GO)
District Councillor Matthan (SM)
County Councillor Young (BY)
Minutes Secretary Lou Hird (LH)
2 Members of the Public

As the County Councillor had to attend another meeting later in the evening it was agreed that he could address the meeting first. BY advised that:

- The question of illegal signage that had been referred to him was really a matter for NKDC to enforce and he suggested that the Office contact the Enforcement Officer at the District Council.
- The reported grass verge damage between the Convenience Store and Shire Close had been marked for “no further action” by Highways. He agreed to check if anything further could be done.
- Highways had been checking plans for 2019 and surface dressing for the following areas was included – Field Road, Meadow Way, the Causeway.
- The drain cover at Walcott Road has been fixed.
- He reported that LCC Highways were changing their process for Traffic Regulation Orders and intended to get more input from local residents and councils.
- Improvements were planned for the A153 junction with the A17 (work to commence April 2020 estimated 3 months) and the Holdingham Roundabout on the A17 (work to commence after the above was completed).

Public Session

Two residents attended the meeting to ask questions and make observations about the Neighbourhood Plan with the referendum date being close.

Concern was expressed about the impact of the planned housing on:

- The poor state of the current roads and the impact of more traffic
- How would the school cope with the increased number of children
- The ability of the Medical Centre to cope with an expanded population
- Lack of transport links

There was considerable discussion of how the Plan related to these aspects and what the adoption of the plan would give to the village if NKDC had to take its provisions into account when making their decisions. The relevance of the planning process involving each of Central Government, District and Parish was explained.

1 Acceptance of reasons for apologies for Absence

All Councillors attended the meeting

2 To receive declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

No declarations made

3 Notes of 4 February 2019 to adopt by resolution as true record and minutes

It was proposed by SC, seconded by AB and carried unanimously that the notes for the 4 February 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record and minutes.

4 Clerk's Update

The Clerk left details of the items she wished to report, and these are detailed below:

- Two dog bins on the Skirith Bank and the Playing Field have been replaced
- Some waste bins and dog bins needed repair or replacement but as AB was shortly to carry out risk assessments on these items, it was agreed to await the outcome of this.
- Electoral nomination packs have been requested and will be distributed when received.
- High Street, Walcott Road and King Street are to be resurfaced this year.
- Electoral Roll updates were handed out
- NCS want the village to host another project and RM and AB agreed to act as last year.
- Details of the NKDC Electoral Briefing meetings were circulated

5 Planning Matters

Applications

19/0237/House Twenty Foot Farm Tattershall Bridge – installation of French doors and use of the existing roof as balcony and erection of balustrade and privacy screening (part retrospective) – No comments to be made and application gas already been approved.

1867/OUT 38 High Street – erection of two dwellings – the following comments were made:

The Parish Council do not approve of the plans submitted for the following reasons:

- The plot is too small for two three bedroomed semis
- Proximity to existing buildings and type of building proposed means that it is bound to be intrusive on privacy
- There does not appear to be suitable parking for two houses as the driveway would be blocked by just one car.
- There are already parking issues on the High Street that the drive opens onto. More cars would exacerbate the problems.
- Bin collection can be a problem in that area too as the footpath is often blocked by bins awaiting collection.
- Visibility from the access to the drive is very poor especially when large numbers of vehicles are parking there.

Approved

Anglian Pottery Church Street Apartments.

6 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Date of referendum confirmed and Councillors volunteered to attend.

7. Plans for Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to:

- Send invites to Village Businesses and Organisations requesting their attendance and possibly having a stall
- Invite the PCSO
- Invite the different churches
- Obtain an estimate from the Ship for a finger buffet for 20 people – expenditure up to £150 was agreed unanimously
- Obtain some display boards so information can be disseminated. Expenditure up to £250 was approved unanimously

8. Highways and Police Matters

Highways already covered by the County Councillor's and the Clerk's reports.
No police items received.

9. Correspondence

Already circulated.

10 Finance

(a) Payments & Receipts for information - list circulated prior to meeting. It was proposed by SC, seconded by CK and agreed unanimously that this was in order.

(b) Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that a suitable candidate for the position of Internal Auditor (Julie Stevenson) had been found and she is forwarding details of her usual contract etc. Her appointment was proposed KL, seconded by RM and agreed unanimously.

(c) To agree expenditure for Annual Parish Meeting refreshments

Already agreed – see 7 above.

(d) Consider purchase of Parish Map

This was discussed but the Council did not feel that the expense was something they wanted to incur.

11. Burial Ground & Allotment Business

A problem related to removal of wreaths and floral tributes was discussed and it was agreed that residents could be compensated if the Clerk felt it was warranted.

12. Councillors Reports

The following were reported:

- There is a pothole outside Emma's Hairdressers

- A new sticker is required for the garden waste bin at the cemetery if we are to continue separating waste rather than acquire one large bin.
- Lafford land – a plan for possible use of land as Scout Hut/Community Meeting place was produced.
- The streetlight at Ringmoor House was still not functioning
- Creative projects could put forward a funding bid in East Midlands
- Councillors were reminded of requirements for completing their Election packs when received.
- The “tip” near the Mill Lane Building site has been inspected by NKDC Environment people but nothing has been done as yet. GO agreed to look into.
- District Councillors mentioned that the recent Cluster Group meeting were interested in bringing Gas into their areas. They also discussed Emergency Resilience Plans and recommended that the Council approach the County Emergency Planning Unit to update Billingham plans. Electoral procedural changes were being introduced so that ID was required at Polling Stations. Council Tax figures had been agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.43