

**Notes of the Billingham Parish Council Meeting held 7pm Monday 4 February 2019 at Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billingham LN4 4EY**

**Present** Chair Cllr Locke (KL), Miller (RM), Clark (SC), Bell (TB), Greetham (RG) Kirk (CK) & Chatten (RC)

Parish Clerk & RFO Carol Willingham (CW)

Minutes Secretary (LH)

No members of the Public were present

**Public Session**

No members of public attended.

**1. Acceptance of reasons for apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received as a matter of courtesy from District Councillors Ogden & Matthan.

**2. To receive declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

Nil

**3. Notes of 14 January 2019 to adopt by resolution as true record and minutes**

It was proposed by TB, seconded by KL and carried unanimously that the notes for the 14 January 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record and minutes.

**4. Clerk's Update**

Most items had been circulated before the meeting, but the following matters were discussed:

- Details were given regarding training for prospective Parish & District Councillors.
- The Clerk agreed to deliver all applications received by her for the forthcoming Parish Council Election.
- There is a workshop for Arts Projects in the Village Hall on 15 February (10.00 to 16.00) and attendance is open to everyone.
- The Clerk had met with a representative of Lincolnshire County Council regarding the offer to the Parish to lease land at the Lafford School site behind the area for the proposed houses fronting on to Fen Road. This offer was part of the conditions for acceptance of the Planning Application. There is no option to buy but the Parish need not lease all the land (3.8 acres). Conditions applying in the lease would include:
  1. No erection of permanent buildings
  2. If land was required for expansion of the school, this would be taken albeit with reasonable notice
  3. The charge for leasing the whole area would start at £970 per annum (Not negotiable) and be reviewed on a regular basis.

The Clerk has been asked to respond to the offer as soon as possible with details of proposed usage should the Council take up the lease. Ideas are needed as to possible use and, at present, ones put forward include the erection of a Community Building for use as a Scout Hut although available for other

Organisations. This would have to comply with 1 above. Another idea is to create Garden Allotments.

It was agreed use the Newsletter and Facebook to request residents to put forward ideas. Councillors were also asked to put forward their ideas as soon as possible.

- Apparently, the Co-op no longer offer photocopying facilities and it was agreed to offer this service at the Parish Office (the charge per sheet would be 10p for mono and 20p for colour)

## **5. Planning Matters**

### **a) Applications Received**

- 19/0017** Old Pumping Station First Hurn Drove - Extension & Alteration  
The Clerk was asked to comment on the probable exceeding of the weight restriction on the bridge on Hurn Drove. Also, reservations were expressed about the flood risk.
- 19/0089** 46 Victoria Street – demolish existing extension and replace with new extension and double garage.  
No comments

### **b) Approved Applications**

- 18/1604** 3 Shire Close - extension

## **6. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The plan goes to referendum on the 7 March with polling taking place at the Village Hall (7.00 to 22.00). NKDC are responsible for arranging and paying for the poll and resident's eligible to vote should receive their polling cards soon. Copies of the final plan will be available for viewing in locations around the village. Details of the referendum will be given in the Newsletter and on Facebook.

## **7. Plans for Annual Parish Meeting**

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting (not a Council Meeting) is the 20 May. It was agreed to invite all local Businesses. Clubs and Groups to attend and have a stall so they can impart information about their Organisation. Councillors have been requested to attend to discuss relevant local matters with the residents.

There will be an opportunity for residents to express their views on the usage of the Lafford School site for which a lease has been offered.

The village PCSO will also be invited to attend.

## **8. Highways and Police Matters**

The long-standing problem with the manhole cover in Walcott Road has been fixed. Councillors were not happy with the work done along the High street and Walcott Road by the Road Contractors last year. They asked the Clerk to inform LCC Highways that there is a lot of loose grit on the road and footpaths.

S.I.D has now been returned from Martin/Timberland and it was agreed that this be deployed along Mill Lane.

## **9. Correspondence**

These Items had already been circulated to Councillors.

## **10. Finance**

a) Financial Activity information since the last meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that this be accepted.

b) It was proposed by SC, seconded by RC and agreed unanimously to accept the accounts for the quarter ending 31 December 2018. These had been circulated prior to the meeting.

c) Risk Assessment

TB agreed to carry out the outstanding Risk Assessments.

## **11. Burial Ground and Allotment Business**

The Clerk is now acting on the problem headstones identified in the report prepared by RC.

## **12. Councillors Reports**

The following issues were raised:

- There is still a problem with the manhole cover outside 83 High Street
- One of the street lights in Ringmoor Close needs attention (already reported)
- The provision of a light on Ringmoor House to illuminate the area down to the High Street was requested. The Clerk will discuss with NKDC.
- A question regarding the privacy of residents in Ringmoor House relating to the effect of the Community Garden project was raised. The Councillor was assured that the plans included the fencing off their outside patio areas.
- Issues with dog fouling were raised and it was suggested that the dog warden be used to deter the offending owners. The Clerk will contact him.
- The Clerk advised that two new dog bins were being installed by a local handyman who was also going to renovate the Parish Noticeboards.
- The poor state of some of the litter and dog bins was mentioned and it was agreed that any action required would be based on the Risk Assessment that is due to take place.
- The Clerk mentioned that she is discussing the possibility of one large Black bin at the cemetery as visitors do not seem to be able to place the rubbish in the correct bins currently in use.

**Meeting ended at 8.28pm**