

Billingsborough Parish Council Newsletter

We wish you a Very Happy New Year and that 2022 will bring you much happiness and joy.

We are pleased to welcome - Mr Murray Turner to the Council, who took up office following our November meeting. This means that we now have our full complement of nine Councillors. His details and those of all of our Councillors can be found on our website.

Save this date 8th January – as we are holding a public meeting at **11am** in the Village Hall to discuss how the village wants to celebrate/recognise the historic occasion of our Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. We really want your input and ideas to ensure that whatever is agreed on is what the village wants so please put on your thinking caps and bring all ideas/suggestions to us on that day or if you can’t make it e mail them to us. This is a once in a life time event so let’s work together to ensure our commemorative celebrations are something that will be fondly reflected on and make a mark on the village’s history.

Grass cutters - are invited to quote for the cutting of the grass at Birthorpe Road Cemetery from March 2022. For more information of what we require please contact our clerk. **The closing date for submissions is 6pm on 9th Jan 2022.**

Thank you – very much to those who submitted designs for our village entry signs. We were highly impressed by the standard of these. Once we have proofs of our chosen design they will be posted on our website.

Congratulations go to – Billingsborough Community Gym on winning the **Active Community Award**. An inscribed glass trophy was received by four members of the gym staff at the Lincolnshire Sport and Physical Activity Awards 2021, which were held at the Lincoln Hilton on the 11th November. This award is a recognition and thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of the gym and community.

Congratulations also go to **Billingsborough, Horbling and Threkingham CC – ‘The Swans’** whose Saturday first and second teams were promoted to the SLBL Premier division and 1st division respectively and their Sunday side held on to a mid-table finish in division one! The club currently has three open age cricket teams, two of which play in the South Lincs and Borders league on Saturdays and another team which plays Sunday cricket in the Lincoln league. News of how well they played this summer rapidly spread throughout the county, as nine individual centuries were scored as well as a large amount of five wicket hauls including players twice taking eight wickets in an innings. The club also had success off the field with a new kit arriving and the complete relaying and seeding of the cricket square. The Club is forging ahead to improve facilities and will install an all-weather practice area over the winter which the club hopes will attract new players of all ages. Did you know that club was established in **1898?**

Junior cricket – we were recently approached by a gentleman looking to set up a junior cricket group on the lines of Dynamo All Star Cricket. So if you have a budding Ben Stokes or

Ellyse Perry living with you who would be interested in being part of such a team, then please let our clerk know.

Speed checking vehicle – in response to our many requests to the police, we have recently had such a vehicle on a weekly basis checking the speed of vehicles exiting the village via Folkingham Road. We hope it made those who feel the need to accelerate as they go over the railway bridge and toward the forty mph sign at speeds well above thirty mph, think twice and adhere to the speed limit, not just on the days it was present but hopefully forever!

Flooding in West Road car park – Lincolnshire Highways have recently undertaken extensive works to eradicate this flooding. They not only attended to the drain in the car park but also to the ones at the top of West Road and the one near the high St junction. So hopefully all this work will remedy the problem once and for all.

Ice and Snow – please be a considerate resident and clear the pavement outside your house should we get any of this – **THANK YOU!**

What's occurred – we've installed our new notice board – thank you for all the positive comments on it and our two new items of play equipment are now in place and being enjoyed. We've also had the Wetpour surface around the Little Miss Muffit swing redone.

What's bugging us - is that drivers despite all our requests not to do so, still continue to park on the single and double yellow lines in the High St and Victoria St and that some people are still not cleaning up after their dogs! So once again we ask that you refrain from these behaviours. If you're one of the culprits, why not make it your new year's resolution to be more courteous and law abiding?

Did you know – that ***Anglian Water has a Priority Services Register?*** This offers additional practical support such as providing extra help in the event of a water incident, adding a password to your account to provide an extra layer of protection against bogus and knock & wait, which gives you a little more time to get to the door. They can also help if you're finding paying bills a challenge as they offer a wide range of **financial assistance** that may be able to help you. This includes discounted tariffs, assistance schemes if you've fallen behind with your payments, as well as flexible and affordable payment plans to suit you. You can find out more about what support is available by visiting **anglianwater.co.uk/WaterCare**, or calling their specially trained Priority Services team on **0800 232 1951**.

**PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND ABIDE BY GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GUIDANCE IN
RESPECT TO COVID-19**

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