

# Billingborough Parish Council Newsletter

**Due to a recent resignation we have a Councillor vacancy** - so if you'd like to make a difference and help shape the future of your village, now is your opportunity to do so. For more information go to our website or contact our Clerk. If no election is requested, we will hold selection interviews to choose a councillor via co-option at our meeting on **13<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Change to Council Meetings** – in order to accommodate the ever increasing workload the Council has to manage, it was agreed at our July meeting to meet 9 times a year instead of 6, from January 2023. Therefore; we will meet on the second Tuesday of January, February, March, June, July, September, October and November.

**LIVES Donation** – the Council's recent £100 donation to LIVES was gratefully received.

**Now is the time** - to let us know what you'd like us to budget for when we plan our expenditure for the coming year at our November meeting. So if there's anything specific you'd like to see happen in 2023/24 or long term please let our Clerk know by **31<sup>st</sup> October**. We can make choices on your behalf **but it would be much better if our decisions were based on your desires!**

**EV charging point** – the Council is currently considering the possibility of installing a pay as you use community electric vehicle charging point and would like your views on this. We could most probably get a grant of around 60% toward the initial purchase, installation and projected maintenance costs. So do you think this would be beneficial to the village or not. Please give your comments to our Clerk by **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

**Repairs to the play area** – have been completed and quotes to address repairs to the skate park and play park entrance gate are currently being sourced.

**We'd like to hear your views on any crime related issues in the village** - so if you can spare a minute to complete our survey at <https://www.facebook.com/Billingborough-Parish-Council-107945005250794>, it would be very much appreciated, **Thank you**.

**Can you help?** – we are looking for a kind soul to look after our **Folkingham Road planter**. All it entails is watering once a week and a little bit of weeding or dead heading. So if you can spare **15 mins a week** we'd love to hear from you.

**Folkingham Road's potholes and craters** – in response to the Council's concerns and comments Cllr Martin Hill has requested that LCC put this road on their list for a complete upgrade.

**HGVs in West Road** – following a request from the Council Cllr Martin Hill met with the site manager of Worldwide Logistics Group, to discuss residents' concerns over HGVs using West Road to access their site. Consequently the company have agreed to install signs on Station Road directing all HGVs past West Road toward their Station Road access gate. The Company will also liaise with concerned residents. Some residents had also requested that a weight limit be imposed on West Road. **Unfortunately**, such a limit wouldn't solve the problem as the site's West Rd entrance is a legal access point.

**Church dates for your diary** - Sunday **October 2nd 11am - Harvest Service** followed by **12.15pm Harvest Lunch** in village hall, tickets are **£10 adult, £5 under 13's**. Sunday **November 6th 10am - Communion** with the **Bishop of Lincoln**. Sunday **November 6th 4pm - All Souls Service**. Every **Second Sunday 3pm - Family friendly Service with fun & Crafts**. **NB** The recent **Garage Sale** raised **£465** for the church, so thank you to everyone who made this possible.

**Billingsborough Village Hall Committee** - would like to thank everyone for their patience during the fortnight of disruption when their new energy efficient infra-red heating system was installed. This major improvement will provide clean comfortable heat and allow for cost effective zonal control throughout the hall and gym. The committee are very grateful to Bicker Trust, Lottery Awards for All Grant and the Bernard Sunley Foundation, whose generosity made this possible.

**Village hall Dates for diary** - Social Bingo evening (adults only) will be held on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** doors open 7pm. **Autumn Fair 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Also keep your eyes peeled for information on their **Family Halloween Evening of spookiness** planned for **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**. Don't forget you can follow the hall on their Facebook Page - **@villagehallbillingsborough**.

**Freedom to roam with a Concessionary Bus Pass** – if you are in receipt of a state pension or have a listed disability, you are eligible to apply for one of these passes. There's no application or renewal charge and applications can now be made online at [www.lincsbus.info/freedom](http://www.lincsbus.info/freedom) or by telephone on **0345 456 4474**. The bus pass allows free travel on off- peak scheduled bus services in England, however; **in Lincolnshire they can also be used on local journeys before 9.30 am if the journey originated in Lincolnshire**. So they're well worth applying for, even if you just use it occasionally.

**Volunteers are required** – to help with the village cricket sessions that are held in the recreation ground on a Monday evening. So if you'd like to help please contact **Katie** on **07415174458**/[Katie-falkner-cricket@outlook.com](mailto:Katie-falkner-cricket@outlook.com) or **Kiran** on **07957471665**/[Mak1-Kiran-cricket@outlook.com](mailto:Mak1-Kiran-cricket@outlook.com).

**We ducks are very grateful that you feed us BUT** – we really would appreciate it if you could place all our food on the two concrete slip ways, not on the grassed areas. Karen has worked so hard to get the grass looking nice and we really want to keep it looking that way. Us pecking about, especially for seeds messes it up no end! – **Thank you!**

**We politely ask** – that you trim or cut back any foliage that overhangs public footpaths, access points or the jitties. It would also be very helpful if you could clear any debris from drains that are close to your property – **Thank you!**

**We encourage you to report** – any anti-social behaviour or speeding you may witness to **111**, (please never take matters into your own hands), any road issues to <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk> and fly tipping to <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk>

**Water** – is something we all take for granted, we just turn on the tap and there it is. Though ever increasing temperatures and lack of rainfall **may soon** make this immediate access a thing of the past. To ensure that future generations have the same access to water as we currently have, we really need to start rethinking how we use WATER. **So start now** with little steps like turning off the tap when you clean your teeth, installing a water displacer in your toilet cistern or maximising the loads in your washing machine. For further water saving tips visit [www.anglinwater.co.uk](http://www.anglinwater.co.uk) where you can also take a quiz to identify what sort of user you are. **Let's all become savvy ones!!** To ensure water doesn't become the modern day Dodo.

**We say goodbye and thanks to Cllr Vic Vince** - who recently resigned from the Council after five years of service. Thank you so much Vic for all your hard work and dedication!

**Notice of closure** – our **tennis courts** will close for the winter from the end of the day on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

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