

# Billingborough Parish Council Newsletter

*We Remember Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II* who sadly died on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. She reigned for seventy years and was an extraordinary person who selflessly dedicated her life to serving others! One cannot imagine the loss her family must still be feeling. So we'd like to take this opportunity to once again extend our and the villagers' heartfelt condolences to them and thank her Majesty for her generosity of spirit. May she rest in peace beside her beloved Phillip.

*We'd also like to reiterate our best wishes to his Majesty King Charles the III on his accession to the throne – may he have a long and healthy reign.*

*A time to remember the valour of those who selflessly gave their lives for our freedom –* at this year's Remembrance Day service, which will be held in **St Andrews Church, Horbling, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. Time as yet to be confirmed.

*Do you want to make a difference to your village?* – Then why not apply for our Councillor vacancy? For more information or an application form please go to our website or contact our clerk. *Interviews* to select a councillor via co-option will take place at our meeting on **8<sup>th</sup> November**.

*You still have 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 on the **8<sup>th</sup> November**. So if there's anything specific you'd like to see happen in 2023/24 or long term please let our Clerk know by **7<sup>th</sup> November**. We can make choices on your behalf though *it would be much better if our decisions were based on your desires!*

*We thank – Trevor, Geoff, Karen and Tom* who kindly helped the Council during the mourning period for our late Queen. Their help ensured that everything ran smoothly! **Thank You Very Much!!**

*Our New Facebook Page* – is now active. <https://www.facebook.com/Billingborough-Parish-Council-107945005250794>. We know that this is rather a long link if you're typing this, however; once we have above 50 likes can have a shorter one. So if you could click and like us that would be very much appreciated – **thank you**.

*Flooding in West Street* – Despite extensive works by LLC to rectify this problem, it's still flooding. Cllr Martin Hill has advised us that a further blockage was identified during these works that is the responsibility of Anglian Water and that LCC are to liaise with them to ensure the problem is rectified ASAP.

*Community Speed Watch* – during our recent watch on Folkingham Road 146 vehicles passed by, of which 6 were driving above the permitted legal limit, which is **6 TOO MANY!** Speed limits are there for a reason, which is basically to keep people i.e. **YOU** safe. So please remember this next time you're tempted to press down on the accelerator, rather than ease off as enter a 20mph or 30mph zone. **We politely ask all drivers to always drive within the legal limits in our village - thank you.**

*Cost of living challenge* – many households will find this winter financially extra challenging, however; there are several government funds that can help. You may be eligible for the Warm Home Discount, general information at <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>, the extended scheme at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/warm-home-discount-better-targeted-support-from-2022>. Winter fuel payment at <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>. There is also an energy bill support scheme, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/400-energy-bills-discount-to-support-households-this-winter>. There is also a cost of living support package, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-living-support/cost-of-living-support-factsheet-26-may-2022>. There are also grants to help you insulate your home that you may be eligible for, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/find-energy-grants-for-you-home-help-to-heat>.

*Please be aware that if you receive this text message-* "GOVUK: You are eligible for a discounted energy bill under the Energy Bills Support Scheme. You can apply here". Clicking on the

link will take you to a webpage where you'll be asked to fill in your personal and financial details. **Don't fall for it, it's a SCAM!** Please forward it to **7726** or report emails to Action Fraud.

**Washdyke Solar Farm** – although the proposed site on Mareham Lane is situated within the boundary of Folkingham, it is in fact 2 miles from that village but only a mile from our village. This is why we asked the developer to come and speak to our village, which they did on 20<sup>th</sup> October. They also met with the Council on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Council will support the majority opinion of the villages in respect to this development. So if you have an opinion please let our clerk know by 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Proposed New Reservoir** – Anglian Water are currently undertaking a non- statutory consultation on the proposed new reservoir for Lincolnshire and an information day is being held in our Village Hall on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm to 7pm**. You can give Feedback to them up to **23.59 on 21<sup>st</sup> December**. Information about this proposed reservoir and consultation materials can be found at [www.lincsreservoir.co.uk](http://www.lincsreservoir.co.uk).

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 is the date for the Coronation of his majesty King Charles III** - If you have ideas as to how the village should celebrate this momentous occasion or wish to organise something, please let us know.

**Church dates for your diary - November 6th 10am - Communion** with the **Bishop of Lincoln**, and at **4pm the All Souls Service**. There will a carol service on **18<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**, followed by tea and mince pies. Also look out for the **Christmas Raffle**.

**Village hall Dates for your diary - Social Bingo** evenings (adults only) will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** and the Christmas one including a raffle on **2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Doors open at 7pm. The **AGM** when the committee is elected will take place at **10am on 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Everyone's welcome.

**Unfortunately illegal and inconsiderate parking is still a major problem in the village** – so yet again we appeal to everyone to just think before you park. Please ask yourself “will leaving my car here cause a nuisance” i.e. is it blocking someone's drive or exit view from a junction or is it legal? Parking on double yellow lines is unlawful, unless you're a blue badge user, as is on single yellow lines between **8am and 6pm**.

**WARNING - We may have to prohibit dog walkers from letting their dogs off lead in the recreation ground – WHY** – because some inconsiderate dog walkers **do not clean up after their dogs!** Unfortunately this is becoming an ever increasing problem, with several piles recently even being left in the Children's play area! Implementing this restriction isn't an action we'd really want to take, however; if things do not improve we may be forced to. **So if you walk a dog in the rec, PLEASE be aware of what your dog's doing and not be so engrossed in conversation with your friend/s or on your phone not to notice when your dog poops! – Thank you!**

**A little reminder to** - trim or cut back any foliage/branches on your property that overhang public footpaths, access points or the jitties. It would also be very helpful in preventing flooding if you could clear any debris from drains that are close to you property – **Thank you!**

**Do you know you** – that on our website you can find links to – Bus Times, Call Connect, Fix My Street, Report It, SKDC, LCC, to report a water leak, highway fault, power cut and fly tipping. You can also find information about bin collections dates, roadworks, planning applications, recycling centres and libraries. If there's some other link/s that you think may be useful to add please let our clerk know.

**We say a sad farewell too our oldest resident Kath Iwanyckyj** (nee Derby born 20/11/17) - who sadly died on the 4th September **aged 104**. She'll be fondly remembered by all those who knew her. May she rest in peace.

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