

Billingsborough Parish Council Newsletter

Many Congratulations to King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their coronation.

The election of Parish Councillors for Billingsborough was uncontested so the following people were duly elected - Rhea Rayside, Roger Stafford, Jon Surtees, Murray Turner and Chris Woodhead, who will take up office at the annual Council meeting on 16th May. All current councillors remain in post until 9th May.

Calling all community heroes – an opportunity awaits you to help make a difference to your village and look after its interests by becoming a ***councillor***. So if you've some spare time on your hands and think you could be the person we're looking, contact our clerk or complete the brief application form that can be found on our website. ***Act now*** before this amazing opportunity passes you by. Selection by co-option will take place at our Council meeting on ***16th May***.

Don't forget your photo ID when you go to vote in the Elections for District councillors on 4th May –.

Unfortunately if you have no photo ID you will not be issued with a ballot paper.

Your Annual Village Meeting will be held on ***16th May at 6pm in the Recreation Ground sports pavilion***. This is ***not*** a council meeting but one organised by us to give parishioners i.e. ***YOU*** the opportunity to voice your opinions on what you want for the village or tell everyone about your club, organisation etc. no matter of its size or membership. So why not take this opportunity to voice your ideas or present a report on your club or organisation? As always our clerk will be happy to read them out on your behalf. This meeting will be directly followed by ***The Annual Council Meeting***, which you're welcome to attend.

The postponed public consultation meeting re the paddock on Low St – will now take place on ***3rd June at 11am*** in the ***Village Hall***. So please come along and let us know what you think. If you cannot attend please email your opinion to our clerk. ***NB our decision to proceed or not will be influenced on the outcome of this consultation.***

Fields in Trust – we have received our Deed in Trust, which means that our recreation ground is now a designated green space which is protected from ever being used for any other purpose than recreational use and from any future undesired development.

Coronation celebrations – the Council has purchased a commemorative medal for each village schoolchild of 11 and under. (This includes our children that attend Pointon and Horbling schools). ***The Village Hall Committee*** - invites you to celebrate at the Village Hall on ***Sunday 7th May*** at their ***Sausage & Cider Festival from 2pm – 6pm*** – when there will be music and activities for children - ***Free Entry*** - everyone welcome. This will be followed by a performance by ***BATS*** celebrating King Charles - ***This is Your Life in Music and TV***. Doors open ***7pm***. ***NB entry by ticket only £5 pp***, these are available from the ***post office*** and the ***Fortescue Arms***. (Funds raised will go to Notts Air Ambulance).

8th May the big help out - is about inspiring people to try volunteering for the first time. So why not think of something you can volunteer to do to help the village or your favourite charity? Something as simple as doing an hour's litter picking would count and you can borrow all the necessary equipment for this from our clerk.

Billingsborough Allotment and Garden Society Annual Plant and Craft Sale – will be held on the ***28th May 2023 from 10:00 - 14:00***. All are welcome. There will be a variety of plant and craft stalls as well as a refreshment stall. This will be held at the Allotments on Birthorpe Road and will also give you the opportunity to look at the different plots as well as chat to some of the allotment holders. If you are interested in having a stall, please do get in touch with Jeannie (contact details on the Parish website, under the allotment section).

Vacancy at The Nests Almshouse Charity – an older person of good character, resident in the Billingsborough group of parishes, of limited means and member of the Church of England" given preference. Please contact: Mr C. J. Senior (Clerk) 01529 240130. 2, Grosvenor Square, Low Street, Billingsborough

Washdyke solar farm - the planning application for this has now been submitted. No ***S23/0511***. In order that the Council has adequate time to gather public opinion and respond accordingly, the council has requested that the date

for responses be extended to **26th June 2023**. So if you have an opinion be for or against please let our clerk know. You can also make your views known directly to SKDC.

Zebra crossing- we recently applied to be assessed for a pedestrian refuge or a Zebra or Puffin crossing, on Victoria St outside the school. However; it was deemed that there was insufficient width in the carriageway for a pedestrian refuge to be installed and insufficient space on either footway to install the equipment required for either a Zebra or Puffin crossing facility. So we have now asked our district councillor to support us to be considered for a school crossing patrol attendant (lollipop person). Hopefully our request will be successful.

Folkingham Road – after many, many months of us repeatedly asking Cllr Martin Hill when LCC would sort this road, he advised us at our February meeting that highways had been out to assess the situation and that they intend to resurface it when the weather permits. Meanwhile temporary repairs would be undertaken to address some of the most dangerous holes, which have already been undertaken.

Weeding of Jitties – we agreed in our budget to pay to have all the jitties in the village, weed sprayed three times a year, in an effort to try to keep them looking more presentable. The first spraying recently took place.

No mow May – the Council resolved at our March meeting to once again not cut the Aveland field during the month of May in order to boost wild flowers and thus the amount of nectar available to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies and moths. **You could decide to do this too.**

Grosvenor Rd post box – we have been advised by Royal Mail that they will not be installing a replacement box for the one that recently fell down and was subsequently removed.

Us ducks go a little ‘quackers’ – when it’s the mating season and often don’t look where we are going or realise that we are sitting in the middle of a busy road! So we politely ask **that you drive with caution so as not to mow us down – quack quack - thank you!!**

Tennis courts – we politely ask all parents to please remind your children that our tennis courts are **ONLY** for **TENNIS** and **not cycling, scooters, football or another other activity**, as its very expensive surface is very easily damaged by any activities other than tennis – **thank you.**

If the charity clothes bins on West Rd are full – please take your items home with and not leave them or any other rubbish by the bins, as this is both unsightly and fly tipping – **thank you.**

We politely ask – that you do not drop your litter wherever you happen to be or throw it out of your car window! Please dispose of it in one of our many litterbins or that take it home with you – **thank you.**

Dog poo – we recently submitted CCTV footage and car details to SKDC of two dog walkers who did not pick up after their dogs in the recreation ground. This may lead to a prosecution! So if your one of the few who thinks it’s acceptable to not to pick up after your dog, think twice next time you’re tempted not to do so, as you may be caught on camera and subsequently prosecuted.

Road closure - un-named road from Birthorpe to Mareham (Between 350m & 900m Southwest of Oseby Lane) from 02/05/2023 - 04/05/2023 these restrictions will be implemented for 3 days as and when required during this period, signage detailing accurate dates and times will be displayed on site in advance and diversion routes and vehicular or pedestrian access arrangements will be signposted.

We say goodbye and thanks to David and Catherine - two of our councillors who will be leaving us on the 9th May. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them very much for all their hard work and dedication during their time in office – **thank you very much!**

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