

Billingsborough Parish Council Newsletter

Councillor roles – Cllr Chris Woodhead was elected as Chair and Cllr Jon Surtees as Vice Chair at the Council's annual meeting held on 5th June. For all other Councillors roles and Councillor contact details please see our website: <https://Billingsborough.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business/contact-us/2>.

Would you like to make a difference? – then why not join the Council? Are you thinking well I'm not sure if I have the skills, knowledge, etc., then think again as **You will have!** We Councillors are just ordinary people, with varying life skills and experiences trying to do the best for the village by devoting our time. So why not give it a go? Or if you'd like to test before you try, then come along our next meeting to see what it's all about. We'd also be happy to meet with you on a one to one basis so you can ask all the questions you need to help you decide to join us. We currently have four vacancies all applicants for these posts will be considered at our next meeting on **11th July** and selected via co-option.

Low St paddock public meeting held on 3rd June - The Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend this meeting or contact the Council via letter or email to offer their opinion on this proposed project. We listened carefully to your opinions and discussed all matters raised at our annual meeting, resulting in the Council unanimously resolving not to progress the matter further. It did however; agree to approach the Crown Estate representatives, re several issues/concerns raised about the paddock and have since arranged to meet with them on 22nd June to discuss these concerns further. Given that this aborted project would have been dedicated to our late Queen, we are now looking for something else to do/buy in her memory. So if you have any ideas as to what we can do to commemorate her, please let our clerk know by **8th July**.

Let us know – we always welcome your opinion so please let us know what you're thinking, what's concerning you, what you'd like to see happen, even what we've got right. If you don't tell us then we can't address the matter. So please let us know by contacting our clerk – **thank you**.

D Day 80 years celebrations – the Council plans to hold a public meeting in September – (date to be confirmed in our next newsletter) to look at forming a village committee to organise an event to celebrate this landmark. If you have any ideas or would like to form/be part of a committee please let our clerk know by **8th July**.

What's happening with the old Aveland School site? LCC still plans to develop this site for housing. However; their planning application expired and to date they have not submitted a new one. So it looks likely that no work will commence this year. We will continue to flowing this up with Cllr Hill and keep you informed accordingly.

Planning - S23/0511 proposed solar farm –the Council **resolved to object**. Whilst on balance the Council is not against the erection of a solar farm, it considered that for the following reasons this was the best course of action - proposal meant there would be a loss of grade 2 arable land, possible flooding due to water run-off, that there was no guarantee re 106 monies going directly to our community, that there are a considerable number of applications currently being considered for this area, that may be on more appropriate land than this and that the traffic management plan was inadequate. **S23/0047** – proposed dwelling on the car park of the Fortescue Arms – it resolved to reiterate its objection to this application with additional comments questioning the validity of the recent arboriculture report. **NB** All planning applications can be viewed in full on SKDC's website.

SKDC local plan – adopted in 2020 committed them to undertake an early review of it. However due to impending changes to the National Policy Framework consultation on the Draft Local Plan has been delayed. Consequently the SKDC local development scheme has been revised to ensure that a timetable for the Local Plan review is realistic and achievable. The revised Local development scheme (2023 -2026) was approved at Cabinet on 30th May 2023 and can be viewed at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview . The next stage of the consultation will be on a draft version of the plan this winter.

Public footpath between Billingsborough & Pointon – we have been advised by Cllr Martin Hill that LCC intend to repair/reinstate this footpath, which currently is in an abysmal condition.

School crossing patrol attendant – we have been advised by Cllr Martin Hill that our application for an attendant was **SUCCESSFUL!** So we are now looking for someone to take up the post, which is for two hours per day during term time. A job share may be possible. If you're interested in applying for this please contact LCC or the Chair, who will pass your details to them. **NB** this post will be funded by LCC.

Jitty between Brewery Lane & Burton Lane – we have been advised by Cllr Martin Hill that LCC have agreed to repair it, though unfortunately we do not have a date as to when this will be. However we will maintain pressure until it is rectified.

Coronation celebrations – the Council would like to thank the village hall committee & BATS for all their hard work to provide the village with a very enjoyable afternoon and fun filled evening. In total they raised £1,043.00 for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. We'd also like to thank all those that decorated the church so beautifully! **Thank you!**

Vacancy at The Nests Almshouse Charity – an “older person of good character, resident in the Billingborough 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, Billingborough.

No more PCSO for our village – unfortunately Lincolnshire Police have taken the decision to reduce the number of PCSOs, meaning that we will no longer have one for our village or surrounding area from August, when our nearest PCSO will then be based in Grantham. We encourage you to report all crimes directly via 999 if it's happening and for non-urgent matters to call 101.

Us ducks are still in our mating season so perhaps still a little ‘quackers’ – resulting in us not always looking where we are going, especially if we have babies in tow, nor 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 – a little reminder that our tennis courts, i.e. the section with the net across is for **tennis use ONLY** and **not for any other sort of sport or ball game.** – **thank you!**

Dog excrement left where the dog deposited – unfortunately still prevails and especially so in the recreation ground, where many owners let their dogs run free without keeping an eye on them. We'd hate to have to impose a lead only policy because of the actions of the selfish few. So we politely ask yet again please clean up after your dog – ***it can't clean up after itself!* -Thank you.**

Billingborough Cricket Club fixtures – **JULY 1st** – Firsts away v Ancaster **2nd**, Sundays away v Baruston & Syston , **8th** Firsts home v Castor & Ailsworth 2, Seconds - away v Ketton 2, **15th** – Firsts away v Skegness 2, Seconds away v Orton 3, **16th** Sundays home v Blankney , **22nd** Firsts home v Burghley Park 1, **23rd** Seconds away v Frieston 2, **29th** Firsts home v Newborough 2, **30th** Sundays away v North Slale 1. **AUGUST 5th** seconds home v Belton Park, Firsts away v Spalding 2, **6th** Sundays away v Cherry Willingham, **12th** Firsts home v Grantham 3, **13th** Seconds home v Spalding 3, **19th** Seconds away v Royal Boston, **20th** Sundays home v Hartsholme, **26th** Firsts away v Newborough 2, **27th** – Sundays home v North Sale 1. **NB** - all matches commence at **1pm** & **Spectators welcome at all matches!**

Springwells medical fund - is creating a new programme to help raise funds but mainly to create a conduit to help deliver information on events, health matters etc., to all the 6500 patients in the villages served by the surgery. As well as the usual avenues of doing this they wish to recruit an ambassador for each village to work with them to create a team of 8 to represent their village in any community wide events that are organised. If you'd like to volunteer for this post or get more information about it, please call Graham on **07881 415924**.

Is your email account secure? – Your e mail account contains a lot of personal information, so it's crucial to make your password strong. You can do this by using 3 random words, avoiding names, pets, birthdays etc. and by adding symbols/numbers. You should always use a different password for every account. Also turn on 2 step verification (2SV) which doubles your protection should a cyber-criminal have your password, most providers have this facility, if not it might be worth changing provider. Services such as www.haveibeenpwned.com can tell you if your personal information or any of your account passwords have been public in a major data breach. For more advice how to stay safe online go to www.cyberaware.gov.uk

The memory lane music group – is held fortnightly from 1 to 2pm, in Worth Court (main lounge), Willoughby Rd, Bourne, PE10 9LD. It is a relaxed, fun and friendly group for seniors wanting to share songs, music and memories and you can just turn up. For more information contact sound LINCS on **01522 510073**. Thenext session will be on **3rd July**.

We need to be more water savvy – as this very precious commodity is dwindling. We are so accustomed to just turning on the tap and it being available but unless we take steps to stop our bad habits of wasting water by leaving taps running and ignoring that leak, this may not always be so. So please become a **conscientious user**. You can take the first steps toward this by applying to Anglin Water for a free bathroom and garden water saving kit. For more information and to order these kits, please go to <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk>

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