

Billingsborough Parish Council Newsletter

Did you read our last Councillor Recruitment advert and think yes that's for me but missed the deadline for applications?

– well we have **good news for you**, as your opportunity to help make a difference to how your village is managed is still available as we have four vacancies – ***So hesitate no more***, complete our brief application form, which can be found on our website. Or if you'd just like to know more our Clerk or Chair will be happy to speak to you. All applicants will be considered at our meeting on the **12th September** and selected via co- option. – We look forward to welcoming ***YOU*** to our team.

Meeting with Crown Estate (CE) representative re Low St paddock – we were advised that:- **1.** it would be difficult to install disability access where the kissing gates are and public access across agricultural land usually had such gates or stiles. **2.** That the west side wall and boundary fence are the tenant's responsibility and that they would remind them of their duty. **3.** That they would ask a tree surveyor to inspect the trees - this inspection has occurred and subsequently a planning application has been submitted for the necessary works. **4.** We asked if it would be possible to plant around 6 saplings - agent to seek permission from CE and ask advice of tree surveyor as to what species would be most appropriate. **5.** Regarding upgrading the tarmac path that crosses the paddock - the representative reported that they couldn't find any record of its installation and that they wouldn't be looking to upgrade it. **6.** Regarding the public memory of the paddock being used by the public and belief that the land belonged to the village - we have been provided with details of the Crown's ownership. **7.** The damaged pillar on the churchyard boundary isn't CE's responsibility but SKDC's, who have since repaired it. **8.** During our meeting we asked if remedial works could be undertaken to the trees that over hang onto the jitty leading to Whiteleather Square – they agreed that they will attend to these later this year and have since submitted a planning application for permission to undertake this work.

D Day 80 years' celebrations public meeting – given the lack of public response for ideas etc., the Council voted not to hold such a meeting.

Our Coronation bench – has arrived and hopefully will be installed during the next month.

A new litterbin – has been installed by BPC on the junction of Folkingham Rd and Blasson Way.

Aveland field – the Council voted not to cut this field until the end of August.

Grass cutting – how we proceed with future grass cutting in order to meet the requirements of the new biodiversity law, will be discussed at our September meeting.

Our new village entry name signs – have been ordered. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for a picture of them.

Your Emergency plan – if you'd like to be a member of the village's emergency team, then please contact Cllr Rayside on **07380 280921** or cllrraye@gamil.com or Cllr Turner on **07971 503742** or murrayt092@gamil.com. Full training will be provided.

Possible one off art activity in the village – this summer there has been an art pop up event for teens taking place in Stamford that has been very popular. We're looking at the possibility of organising a similar one day event in the village and are looking for your opinion on this and if it did go ahead would you be happy to be volunteer helper for the day? So please let our clerk know what you think by 10th September. Or if you'd like more information please contact Cllr Rayside.

Queen Elizabeth II – the Council is looking how best to commemorate her life and thought perhaps via a colourful decorative plaque designed by the village that reflects her life. So if you have any ideas as to what such a plaque could include/look like, then please let our clerk know and if possible send us a sketch. Size hasn't yet been discussed but as a rough guide it would be no bigger than 39cm x 28cm. Or if you have any other ideas how to do this, please let our Clerk know by 10th September, for discussion at our meeting on the 12th.

Planning - S23/0511 proposed solar farm – on Thursday 27th July SKDC voted ***against*** this planning application.

School crossing patrol attendant – this position is half an hour per morning and afternoon. If you're interested in applying for the post you can do so via LCC's website. Alternatively you can contact Cllr Martin Hill about it on **07939 130665** or at cllrm.hill@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

The flu vaccination season will soon be upon us – our surgery will be receiving vaccines in September and already have clinics available to book for those **age 65 or over** on **Fri 22nd Sept** 7.15 – 12.15, **Sat 23rd Sept**, 8am to 1pm, **Mon 25th Sept** 8am to 1pm, **Tues 26th Sept** 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm, **Fri 29th Sept** 7.15 to 1pm, **Mon 2nd Oct** 8am to 1pm, **Sat 7th Oct** 8am to 1pm and **Sat 21st Oct** 8am to 1pm. If you have received a text asking you to book, please follow the link or call **01529 240234**.

Village hall events -- the very popular **Social Bingo** evening (adults only) resumes on **Friday 1st September** & then on **6th October** doors open **7pm**. Refreshments are available. **Autumn Fair** – on **7th October** from **10am to 2pm**. Proceeds from both events go to the hall. You can follow the hall on their Facebook Page - **@villagehallbillingborough**.

The harvest service - will be on **Sunday October 15th at 11am** – followed at **12.15pm** by the **Harvest Lunch** in the village hall. Tickets are **£10 adult, £5 under 13's**

Access mobile library – is a **free home delivery service**, where professional library staff can deliver books (inc large print, talking books & DVDs) every 4 weeks on a pre- arranged day, to anyone in the county who struggles to reach their local library or mobile facilities, due to mobility, age or health related issues. The staff can help choose books based on personal taste, recommend authors and help you access their online services, giving you access to the complete Lincolnshire library catalogue. For more information call Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service on **01522 782010** or email benjamin.tatton@gll.org.

Mobile library van service – will now be visiting the Pop In Too at the village hall from **13th September** from 9.45 to 10.45, then on the 11th Oct, 8th Nov & 6th Dec. This service is in addition to usual library van that stops in Vine St on a **Monday** from **15.30 to 16.15** the next ones being on the **18th Sept, 16th Oct, 13th Nov & 11th Dec**. A full timetable of all library van stops for us and surrounding villages can be found on our website

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.

Tennis courts – a little reminder that our tennis courts and basketball area will be **closing for use** at the close of day on **Sunday 29th October**. They will reopen on Sunday 31st March 2024.

Irresponsible parking - unfortunately some drivers are breaking a point of Rule 243 of the Highway Code, that states that you should **not stop or park** opposite or within 10 meters (32ft) of a junction, other than in an authorised parking space. This breach is very prevalent at the Birthorpe Rd/High St/Burton Lane crossroads, where vehicles are parking right up to the corner of the crossroads, making it very difficult and dangerous for vehicles wishing to join the High St from Birthorpe Rd or Burton Lane. It's a matter of nosing out and hoping for the best and is a disaster waiting to happen. So we politely ask that you think before you park. Please don't wait until a serious accident happens to change your parking habits. – **thank you**.

Dog excrement left where the dog deposited – unfortunately still prevails in the recreation ground, despite our pleas. We didn't really want the actions of the few people who continue to ignore our request to affect those that clean up after their dog/s. However; unfortunately due to the amount of dog dirt being left, we will be debating at our next meeting how best to address this problem, which may result in a decision to do nothing or impose that dogs will only be allowed on leads or to exclude from all areas, whether on a lead or not. **NB** All parks owned by the District Council, and some owned by Town/Parish Councils, have a Dogs on lead only policy.

Citizen Advice – give free confidential, impartial and independent advice to help you solve your problems. Advisers are available **Mon to Fri from 10.00 – 16.00** for telephone help and support on **0808 278 7996**. There is also a helpline for people making their first Universal Credit claim **0800 144 8444**, which is available from 8am to 6pm Mon – Fri. For consumer advice call **0808 223 1133**. Our local office is in **Money's Yard, Sleaford** and opens on **Monday & Wednesday from 9.30 to 12.30**.

Environmentally friendly – if you have any ideas as to how we as a council and a village can be more environmentally friendly please email them to our clerk or come and tell us at our meeting.

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