

Billingsborough Parish Council Newsletter March 2026

Your Annual Village Meeting - will be held on **14th 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.

Your village doesn't run itself - it's run by volunteers known as councillors – which we're short of! So we're asking - could YOU be one of our Councillors? No previous experience is needed as full training will be provided. (We're also currently developing a new easy to follow procedure leaflet to help newcomers understand how everything works from day one). **All you need** is an interest in your community, a willingness to get involved & have the time to attend our nine meetings a year. We're keen to have a diverse representation & would love to see some of our younger residents join us, **you can join from 18**. So if your age or any other wrongly presumed barrier has been preventing you from previously applying, don't let it anymore. **Everyone's opinions COUNT**. If you'd like to find out more please don't hesitate to contact us. If we've peaked your interest enough to apply, a brief application form can be found on our website. **NB** Selection will be by co-option at our meeting on **10/3/26**, which will be held in **St Andrew's Church at 6.30pm**. **We can't wait to meet YOU!**

Precept for 2026/27 - was set at **£20,500**, equating to an increase of 5.9%, (last year it was 9.7%), which equates to an extra **4.46p pw** on a Band D property, ie. **£2.32 per year**. **Budget** – income **£43.5k**, (£23k + precept of £20,500) expenditure **£61,935K**, general reserve of **£20,539** & cemetery one of **5K**, full budget details can be found on our website. **NB** the precept helps us look after things SKDC or LCC don't, such as grass cutting, maintenance of the recreation ground, our many trees, the cemetery, replacing worn or broken items such as play equipment or litterbins, any emergency maintenance, electrical & fire testing, contractors & clerk's pay, paying to have our brown tourist sign, maintenance of the Springwells, printing this newsletter just to mention a few.

Flood group update – BFG continues to liaise with partner agencies in an effort to remedy outstanding issues & on plans to mitigate any future flood risk. They are also still looking to recruit volunteers to help dig out ditches etc. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Helen Middlebrook – hmiddlebrookbpc@gmail.com, Murray Turner – murray.turner1964@gmail.com or our clerk. **Staying informed** - sign up for alerts from our new telemetry alarms at innovative.resilience@lincolnshire.gov.uk – ask to be registered to the **BILLINGBOROUGH system**, providing your name, email address & mobile tel no if you wish to be alerted via text as well as emails. You will then be sent an email on how to register. If you haven't already done so also register for **flood alerts** at <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>. **BE PREPARED** - don't let the weather outwit you – remember **flooding can happen extremely quickly!**

Billingsborough Emergency Community Group (BECG) – is still accepting volunteers willing to help in an emergency (but without being involved in the committee). If you'd like to be such a volunteer please contact **Rob** on **07972 383257** or at hifivephoto@gmail.com. Joining doesn't commit you to anything other than helping when you can should an emergency occur. It also gives you the protection of being covered by their volunteer indemnity insurance & access to training. Being a **BECG** volunteer will help build a strong resilient community.

Extension of 30mph speed limit on Birthorpe Rd – LCC recently agreed to the 30mph speed limit on Birthorpe Rd being extended a short distance beyond the cemetery. However; we haven't a date yet as to when the current signage will be relocated.

Pointon Rd – we recently approached Cllr M Hill re concerns raised by a resident of Pointon Rd about the lack of street lighting on this road and vehicles travelling above the 30mph speed limit, in the hope that additional lighting may be installed & the 30mph speed limit extended further along Pointon Rd. Unfortunately we were advised that it would be highly unlikely that LCC would install any further lighting & that they may also be reluctant to extend the 30mph, as it wasn't so long ago that they implemented the 40mph, it was previously 50mph. However; Cllr Hill said that he would approach LCC re both these concerns & advised that resident support via a petition may help. Meanwhile we are going to apply to Lincs Road Safety Partnership to have an Archer Speed Check box installed on the road to assess the speed motorists are actually travelling at.

Pavements – although we have previously been given reassurances that our abysmal pavements will be attended to, we still have no date as to when this might occur, meanwhile they continue to deteriorate! The condition of many of them makes passage for the infirm or pushchair users very difficult & even prevents some people from venturing out. So we're asking **FOR YOUR HELP**. If you see a pavement that is crumbling, potholed or has any other dangerous fault such as slippery moss, please take a photo of it and send it to **fixmystreet**. The more complaints they get the more chance we may get some results. **Thank you!**

Parking – we appreciate that some people don't have driveways & may have to park partial on the pavement to allow vehicles to get by them. So we politely ask that if you are one of those people, that you do it with consideration for pedestrians by parking in a way that a pedestrian can still easily walk on the pavement & not have to go on to the road to circumnavigate your vehicle. **Thank you!**

Food waste collections – will commence in April. Before then you will be provided with a small kitchen & outdoor caddy, an initial supply of caddy liners, full instructions for use & collection dates. For further details go to southkesteven.gov.uk

Have your say on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – the government has launched a **7 week** public consultation on LGR, which will close on **26th March**. Four proposals have been put forward as part of the process that is likely to lead to a new structure across the county. All proposals can be accessed via the **Greater Lincolnshire LGR Hub**. The government is expected to announce their decision for Greater Lincolnshire in July. SKDC have partnered with NKDC to set out a comprehensive & evidence based vision to shape Greater Lincolnshire's future, ie. **YOUR FUTURE**. So why not go to the government consultation webpage at **Proposals for local government reorganisation in Lincolnshire – GOV.UK** and have your say on **YOUR FUTURE!**

Our Memorial Stability Testing – due to the very wet weather conditions, leading to very saturated ground, a decision has been taken to undertake this testing again in the summer. The public will be given notice of this a month in advance of the event.

Our Allotments – Why not Join the waiting list – Ever fancied swapping supermarket 'fresh' for fresh pulled/dug up fresh? Dreamed of saying – you love my carrots – well I grew them? Then why not let that seed of interest flourish by contacting FayeHalifax214@gamil.com to be added to the waiting list. You'll never get your home grown produce if you're not on the list. So why not apply today?

Great British Spring Clean – runs from **13st March to 29th March**, if you'd like to take part either individually or as part of a team please let our clerk know, as she can provide the necessary litter picking equipment. **NB** – this equipment can be also borrowed at any other time.

Church News – a service to celebrate **Mothering Sunday** will be held at **10.30am on 15th March** when all Mums will be given a small posy of flowers. **Easter services** - there will be a **Maundy Thursday** meal in the village hall on the evening of **2nd April at 5.30pm, food by donation**. **Good Friday - Stations of the Cross** will start in Horbling & finish in Billingborough with hot cross buns. The **Easter Sunday** service will be held in Billingborough at **10.30** & **Palm Sunday** will be celebrated in **Aslakby**. The **PCC AGM** which is open to the public is being held on **25th April**, in the church. **100 Club is starting its new year**. The cost is **£52 pa** & you can pay weekly, monthly or yearly. If you'd like to join please contact Georgina Colyer gecolyer@hotmail.co.uk. Church Warden is Trevor Wells, who can be contacted on **01529 241325** or by email trevor_wells@btinternet.com.

Fee-fi-fo-FUN! The village panto climbs to new heights this year with BATS interpretation of Jack in the Bean Stalk. Join Jack, his long suffering mum, a larger than life dame, a very hungry giant & suspicious livestock for a fun filled experience. Family fun guaranteed & audience participation actively encouraged. Tickets now on sale at **Post 'n' More** & the **Fortescue Arms £7.00 each**. Show times are **Saturday 28th March 2pm & 7pm** and **Sunday 29th March 2pm**. Don't hesitate, as it's sure to be a **sell out!**

Aveland Art club are holding a Spring Market on 21st March from 10am to 2pm – where you'll be able to buy a vibrant selection of goods, enjoy a cuppa and delicious homemade cakes & have the opportunity to win amazing raffle prizes. Not only save the date but also spread the word, as all proceeds will go towards the Village Hall refurbishment fund.

A Spring Fair & Coffee Morning – raising funds for **Brain Tumour Research & the Alzheimer's Society** is being held in the Village hall on **25th April from 10am to 2pm**. There'll be a great selection of stalls with a variety of crafts to suit all taste, plus a raffle. So make sure to pop the date in your diary!

The Scout Troop - will be hosting their annual Spring Bingo fundraiser on **Sat the 14th of March at Billingborough Village Hall**. Doors open **6pm**, eyes down **6.30 pm**. All ages welcome for prize bingo, bar, treats, food and raffle. Cash only. All proceeds to Horbling & Billingborough Scout Group. They are looking forward to seeing you for a fun family night.

Billingborough Cricket Club - committee details - Chairman – Barriey Light, **Vice Chair & Secretary** – Shane George. If you wish to join or would like more information please call Barriey on **07506 739413** or email at barrieylight@yahoo.co.uk. This year they have **Matt Carter**, an off spinner, who played professionally for Trent Rockets joining them, he also won the 100 for his team. Eight clubs were hoping to have him join them but luckily for us Billingborough succeeded in securing him! You will be able to see him in action at their first **home** game which is against Stamford Town on **Sat 25th April**.

Village Hall Bingo - the next sessions of their **very successful cash bingo** will be held on **Friday 6th March & 3rd April, doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm**, (Over 18s only). Bar & refreshments are available. **Lottery** – the VH is now part of Lottery SK community fundraising lottery, a simple & fun way to raise funds for the VH. For just £1pw you'll have a chance to win up to **£25k** in the weekly draw, while supporting the hall, as 60p of every pound goes local causes like our hall. To buy a ticket, please go to <https://www.lotterysk.co.uk/.../billingborough-village...> For information & hall hire which is **£20 ph**. call **07704 298402** or you can book direct at hallbookingonline.com

Ladies Wednesday Club – if you like meeting up for a coffee/tea and a natter while learning about various topics in a light hearted way, then why not pop along to the Village Hall, at 7.30pm, on the first Wednesday of the month? You can either attend as a guest **£4** per meeting or become a member which costs **£20 pa.** **4th March** the talk is by **Sleaford Can (climate action network)** & on **1st April** it's the AGM & the speaker is **Richard Dutton** the Author & Editor of Local Lincs Magazine.

Library van dates - Vine St – **2nd & 30th March** and **27th April** 15.30 to 16.15, **Village Hall** – **25th March** and **22nd April**, 9.45 to 10.45. There's also **Books to your door** - for more details about this service please call **01522 782010** or email benjamin.tatton@gll.org.

Wellbeing walks – take place on the second Thursday of the month at **10am**, meeting and ending at the church with tea & biscuits. The walk is approx. 1 hr long & is suitable for all abilities. For more information please contact Jennifer.pitt3@nhs.net or call **07789 533703**.

LPFT Dementia Prevention – have developed a comprehensive, inclusive dementia resource to support people at every life stage. If you go to [Dementia prevention::Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust](#), you will find videos, links to advice & local support services across Lincolnshire, helping people connect to what's available in their community. As well as an opportunity to join up to dementia research.

Our tennis courts re open on Sunday 29th March 2026 – as usual use of these is free. All we ask is that you treat them with respect by wearing appropriate footwear, abiding by the guidelines on our notice and that you report any concerns or issues to our Clerk ASAP

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