

Billesdon Parish Council

The MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Billesdon Parish Council held on Monday 4th June 2018 in the Chapel Room, Billesdon.

In attendance: Cllrs Paul Collins (Chair), Simon Ford, Nick Sedgwick and Catherine McLaren. County Cllr Simon Galton, the Parish Clerk and one member of the public were also present.

18/001 The appointment of a Chair

Cllr Paul Collins was re-elected unanimously and took the Chair.

18/002 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Francis and District Cllr Cindy Modha.

18/003 Declarations

There were no declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interest from councillors.

18/004 Minutes

The Minute of the meeting of Monday 23rd April 2018 were approved as a complete and true record and were signed by the Chair.

18/005 Matters arising from previous meeting

Wildlife Area Tree Survey.

It was resolved to appoint the Tim Alden Consultancy to undertake this survey.

Streetlamps.

It was resolved to accept LLC's proposals for replacement with LED units, and ongoing maintenance.

Phone Box.

It was agreed that the phone box is now in excellent condition. The Clerk will arrange for an unmetered power supply.

747 Bus Service

County Cllr Simon Galton presented an update on recent discussions. The number of passenger journeys (540 per month) meant that this service was not so vulnerable to loss of funding as some other subsidised routes. Work would continue to encourage more people to use the service.

Village Green fencing.

The repairs had been completed satisfactorily.

Litter.

Cllr Collins was to obtain several litter-pickers which can be handed out to members of the public.

18/006 The Annual Report

It was resolved to accept the Annual Report which was delivered by the Chair of Billesdon Parish Council.

18/007 Finance and Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that he and the Internal Auditor were still awaiting bank statements from Nat West, and this was delaying the completion of the Annual Return. However, there were no payments due, and no business had occurred since the last Parish Council meeting.

18/008 Reports

Planning Advisory Group

Cllr Ford reported that it was felt the security around the White Hart site was inadequate, but there had no response to attempts to contact the landowner.

Coplow Centre

Cllr Francis reported that the Abba evening had been successful and made a profit. A grant of £12.5K had been offered by Sport England but was conditional on ascertaining who owned the centre.

18/009 Date of next meeting, and items for inclusion on the agenda.

It was agreed not to set a date for the next meeting until the Internal Audit had been completed.