

## **Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 18 January 2016**

Present; Councillor T McEvoy (Chairman)  
Councillors B Bradbury, D Clift, H Craig, D McDonnell, J Parr, P  
Murphy, P Roberts  
T Kelly (Clerk to the Council)

*In the public session, residents discussed a planning application at the Stork Inn and issues arising from the police report.*

### **No 90 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillor K Cleary.

### **No 91 Declaration of interest from Members**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **No 92 Minutes of last meeting**

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 December 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **No 93 Planning Applications**

Resolved: The Clerk should inform St. Helens Council that the Council raises no objection to the following application:

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>
P2016/0004	9 Ellis Road

Resolved: The Clerk should inform St. Helens Council that the Parish Council objects to application P/2015/0884 (Stork Inn, Main Street) and the proposed erection of a convenience store on the existing pub car park. It has concerns about the impact of the development on parking and safety. It is also considered as being an inappropriate development for this historic area.

### **No 94 Financial Matters**

Resolved: The Council received and noted the budget monitoring report to 31 December 2015. There were no issues arising from this.

Resolved: The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 111 to 119 for the total sum of £4,944.20 (attached).

### **No 95 Skate Park and Play Area**

Councillor Murphy will be meeting St Helens Council officers shortly to discuss the proposed skate park.

Resolved: Following receipt of the plans from Wicksteed, the Council agrees to pursue the proposed play area in principle through St Helens Council. This will involve clarifying ownership of the land, seeking permission to use the land if necessary, submitting a planning application and obtaining two further quotations.

**No 96**

**Sector Led Body for external audit**

Resolved: Members noted the new arrangements for the procurement of external audit services from 2017 and the role of the 'sector led body'. The Council wishes to opt in to the new arrangements.

**No 97**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

Resolved: The Council suspends Standing Order 5j ix to allow it to consider changing the date of the Estimates Committee meeting in February 2016. (Proposed: Cllr Bradbury, Seconded: Cllr Craig – unanimous)

**No 98**

**Date and Time of Estimates Committee Meeting**

Resolved: The Council agrees to change the date of the Estimates Committee meeting to Monday 15 February (6.45 pm).

**No 99**

**Issues raised by councillors**

Resolved: The Clerk will contact St Helens Council for advice on how it can require a local businessman to repair a wall.

Resolved: In order to pursue the proposed conservation area, the Clerk will invite St Helens Council's Conservation Officer to meet councillors and discuss how to progress this issue.

**No 100**

**Clerk's report**

Resolved: The Clerk's report for January is received and noted.

**PARISH COUNCIL OF BILLINGE CHAPEL END**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
 January 2016

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
111	British Telecom	Telephone charges (DD)	55.63
112	British Telecom	Broadband charges (DD)	11.15
113	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	245.42
114	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	850.02
115	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	387.84
116	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	313.95
117	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	39.66
118	St Helens Council	Grounds maintenance at Public Hall, Dam Slacks and Millennium Garden	2,547.33
119	St Helens Council	Repair to wall at Millennium Garden	493.20
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,944.20</b>