

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 13 January 2014

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

Before the meeting, a resident asked a question about allotments.

No 101

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Cleary, B Finnigan and D McDonnell.

No 102

Declaration of interest from Members

No declarations were made.

No 103

Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 December 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No 104

Planning Applications

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

Reference	Address
P2013/0907	32 St Marys Avenue
P2013/0940	Billinge Post Office, 5 Rainford Road
P2013/0945	20 Greenhill Crescent
P2013/0947	9 and 10 School Brow

No 105

Financial Matters - Accounts for Payment

Resolved: The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 96 to 107 for the sum of £6,702.33 (attached).

The Council confirms that payments 102 and 107 were made under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

No 106

Financial Matters – Budget Monitoring Report

Resolved: The Council received and noted the budget monitoring report to 31 December 2013. There were no issues arising from this.

No 107

Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolved: The Council suspends Standing Order 2j ix to allow it to consider changing the dates of Council meetings. (Proposed: Cllr Craig, Seconded: Cllr Roberts – unanimous)

No 108

Dates and Times of Council Meetings

Resolved: The Council agrees to change the dates of Council meetings for the remainder of the municipal year. Future meetings will be on the third Monday of the month unless there is a bank holiday (when it reverts to the second Monday).

Meetings will begin at 7.30 pm

Meetings will be held on 17 February, 17 March and 14 April. The two Annual Meetings will be held on 19 May.

No 109

Assessment of Risks – Safety Inspection 2013/14

Resolved: The Council considered the report on the safety inspection and agrees that the recommended improvements should be made. The Clerk will include the costs of two new notice boards and a sign for the Public Hall in the estimates for 2014/15.

No 110

Assessment of Risks – Risk Assessment for 2013/14

Resolved: The Council reviewed the risk assessment and considers it is taking appropriate steps to manage the risks it faces. It also approves the recommendations arising from the report.

No 111

Concerns about Changes to the State Pension Age

Councillors noted their concerns about changes to the state pension age, particularly the impact on some women and the contributions required for a full pension.

No 112

LALC Events

Councillors noted the upcoming events and that Councillor Cleary is likely to attend the Spring Conference in his role as LALC Chairman.

No 113

Missed Refuse Collections

Councillors highlighted concerns about missed recycling collections, particularly over the Christmas period. It was however noted that St Helens Council is addressing these concerns and is purchasing additional collection vehicles.

No 114

Clerk's report

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

Chairman

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

January 2014

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
96	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	274.06
97	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	761.62
98	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	289.87
99	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	230.24
100	St Helens Council	Grounds maintenance for Millennium Garden, Dam Slacks and Public Hall	2,435.83
101	R Bleakley	Design and installation of new website, including annual hosting and maintenance	1,350.00
102	Billinge East Residents Association	Refreshments for Christmas Lights (payment under s.137 of 1972 Local Government Act)	60.00
103	British Telecom	Internet services (DD)	17.98
104	British Telecom	telephone services (DD)	56.56
105	British Telecom	Final bill for emergency telephone (DD) (£46.35 paid less refund due in January of £45.35)	1.00
106	Zurich Insurance	Insurance premium for 2014/15	1,025.17
107	Princes Trust	Grant under s.137 of 1972 Local Government Act	200.00
		TOTAL	£6,702.33