

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 18 May 2015

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

ANNUAL MEETING

No 1

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: Councillor Terry McEvoy appointed Chairman for the 2015/16 year. He read and signed the declaration of office. He also received the chain of office and the ladies badge.

Councillor McEvoy thanked his predecessor, Councillor Bradbury, for his achievements and for the energy he brought to his time as Chairman.

No 2

Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved: Councillor P Roberts appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2015/16 year.

No 3

Appointments

Resolved: The following appointments are made:

Council Committees and Roles	
Estimates Committee - 9 February 2015	all members
Public Hall Committee – as required	all members
Personnel Committee – as required	all members
Christmas Tree Committee – as required	all members
Editor of Billinge Beacon	Councillor P Roberts
Press Officer	Councillor K Cleary
Other Bodies	
Merseyside Association of Local Councils	Vice-Chairman, Councillor P Murphy, Clerk
St Helens Sports Council	Councillor P Roberts
John Eddleston Trust	Councillor D McDonnell
Residents' Association	Monthly rota

No 4

Delegation for Urgent Decisions

Resolved: If the Clerk believes an urgent matter arises between Council meetings, it shall be determined by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor D McDonnell. Such matters shall be reported to the next meeting.

No 5

Approval of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Resolved: The Council approves the updated versions of these documents.

No 6

Review of deeds and asset register and insurance arrangements

Resolved: The Council reviews and notes the contents of the asset register and the insurance arrangements.

No 7

Dates, times and place of Council meetings

Resolved: Council meetings will be held at the Public Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm (unless circumstances require a change). The Clerk has circulated dates for the municipal year.

No 8

Annual Return 2014/15

Resolved: The Council reviews and approves the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15. The Chairman signed these on behalf of the Council.

PUBLIC SESSION

Issues were discussed regarding the Police

ORDINARY BUSINESS

No 9

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors B Bradbury and D Clift.

No 10

Declaration of interest from Members

No declarations were made.

No 11

Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20 April 2015 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

No 12

Planning Applications

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

Reference	Address
P2015/0270	21 Goyt Hey Avenue
P2015/0278	9 School Brow
P2015/0288	19 Avon Road
P2015/0317	Little Houghwood Farm, Red Barn Road
P2015/0324	Pharmacy, Rainford Road

Resolved: The Clerk should inform St. Helens Council that the Parish Council objects to application P/2015/00277 (Crookhurst Farmhouse, Rainford Road) and the proposed installation of 48 solar panels. It has concerns about the green belt, a listed building and the scale of the development.

No 13

Financial Matters

Resolved:

The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 12 to 23 for the total sum of £2,263.09 (attached). This includes one payment (no. 17) made under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

No 14

Training events

Resolved: Councillor Cleary will attend the LALC Annual Conference on 6th June.

No 15

Renewal of Gas Contract

Resolved: The Council accepts the quotation from Contract Natural Gas Limited for a two year period. However, the Clerk should have discretion negotiate and accept a lower price.

No 16

Clerk's report

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

Chairman

15 June 2015

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

May 2015

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
12	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	243.25
13	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	828.50
14	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	374.52
15	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	305.33
16	British Telecom	Broadband charges (DD)	12.00
17	Jennifers Buffets	Buffet at firefighters visit (Payment under s137 of Local Government Act 1972)	140.00
18	Viking	Ink cartridges	71.78
19	Arena Group Limited	Photocopying charges	27.36
20	OCS Group Limited	Sanitary services	69.82
21	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	29.86
22	Brian Heaton	Re-hanging door and pruning at Millennium Garden	120.00
23	United Utilities	Waste and wastewater	40.67
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