

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 21 September 2015

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

In the public session, the police report was discussed and councillors noted the good work by PCSO Neil Draper who is leaving.

No 49

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Cleary and D Clift. It was noted that Councillor Cleary is unwell and councillors asked the Clerk to send him their best wishes.

No 50

Declaration of interest from Members

Councillor Bradbury declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application P2015/0640, as a governor of Nugent House School.

No 51

Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 August 2015 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

No 52

Planning Applications

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

Reference	Address
P2015/0617	29 Main Street
P2015/0624	4 Carr Mill Crescent
P2015/0640	Nugent House School, Carr Mil Road
P2015/0674	Billinge C of E Church, Newton Road

No 53

Financial Matters

Resolved:

The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 56 to 66 for the total sum of £3,466.31 (attached).

No 54

Options for Youth Work

Councillors discussed various aspects of youth work.

Resolved: The Clerk will contact the representative of Town Green Athletic Junior Football Club and invite them to a meeting at 7 pm, before the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Murphy outlined a proposal for a skate park at Dam Slacks play area. The estimated cost of this would be £107,530 but it is likely that grants will be available. It was agreed that Councillor Murphy should investigate this further.

Councillor McDonnell noted the previous commitment to a play area at Douglas Avenue. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotations for this facility.

No 55

Consideration of Draft Policies

Resolved: Members considered the following draft policies and approved them as Council policy:

- Complaints procedure
- Freedom of information publication scheme
- Grant awarding policy
- Disciplinary procedure
- Grievance procedure

The Council will review these annually.

No 56

Arrangements for Field of Hope

Resolved: Councillor Craig will contact the Billinge Blog about the proposed replanting of daffodils and Councillor Roberts will contact the schools about their involvement. The Clerk will then contact Parks and Open Spaces and agree a date for the replanting.

No 57

National Council Award Scheme

Resolved: The Council agreed to maintain its foundation level accreditation under the Local Council Award Scheme. The Clerk will make arrangements to achieve this.

No 58

Arrangements for Future Events

Resolved: Christmas lights will be switched on from 6.00 pm on Friday 11 December. It was agreed the switch on will be by a community champion and it was agreed to approach Graham Morris. The Clerk will arrange a certificate as part of this. Councillor McDonnell will contact the schools regarding the poster competition.

There will be a Childrens' Act of Remembrance on Friday 6 November for local schools. This will involve a walk from the Millennium Garden to the Remembrance Garden. There will be refreshments at the Stork Inn and Eagle and Child. There will also be a buffet after the service on Sunday 8 November and the Clerk will make arrangements for this.

The Clerk will respond to the letter regarding a war memorial and explain the garden is for remembrance and is not a war memorial.

No 59

Clerk's report

Resolved: The Clerk's report for September is received and noted. It was agreed to change the date of the Council meeting in August 2016.

Chairman

19 October 2015

PARISH COUNCIL OF BILLINGE CHAPEL END
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
September 2015

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
56	Lancashire County Training Partnership	Chairmanship course for Cllr Roberts	25.00
57	Triprint	Banner to advertise Council meetings	54.00
58	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	243.25
59	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	892.46
60	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	413.87
61	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	331.20
62	British Telecom	Broadband charges (DD)	12.60
63	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	21.12
64	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA playground inspection	78.00
65	OCS Group UK Limited	Sanitary services	83.45
66	St Helens Council	Barrier baskets	1,311.36
		TOTAL	£3,466.31