

## **Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 19 October 2015**

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

*Before the meeting, the Council received a presentation from Town Green Athletic Junior Football Club and discussed youth work, football pitches, possible grants and using 'Billinge' as part of their name.*

*In the public session members of the public raised issues about planning application P/2015/0702 and possible speed bumps on Beacon Road. The police report was also discussed.*

### **No 60**

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors B Bradbury, K Cleary, D Clift and P Murphy.

### **No 61**

#### **Declaration of interest from Members**

Councillor Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Residents Association, in the request for financial assistance (no 64).

### **No 62**

#### **Minutes of last meeting**

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

### **No 63**

#### **Planning Applications**

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

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>
P2015/0715	3 Upholland Road
P2015/0757	20 Carr Mill Crescent

**Resolved:** The Clerk should inform St. Helens Council that the Parish Council objects to application P/2015/0702 (26 Coultshhead Avenue) and the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, with first floor rear balcony and pitched roof to existing rear dormers and first floor dormer extension with pitched roof to front. This is an amended application that does not address the concerns raised with the original proposal about a loss of the privacy for the next door property. The Parish Council reaffirms its concerns about this application.

**No 64****Financial Matters**

Resolved:

The Council agree to make grants under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the Residents Association (£200) and Mature Billingers (£100). The Clerk should send out the new grant awarding policy and application to these organisations for any future requests.

The Council received and noted the budget monitoring report to 30 September 2015. There were no issues arising from this.

The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 67 to 80 for the total sum of £5,061.01 (attached). This includes two payments under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (no 79 and 80).

**No 65****Youth Work**

Resolved: After taking account of the presentation from Town Green Athletic Junior Football Club, the Council agreed that the Clerk should write to the Director of Children and Young People's Services about the sparse facilities for youth work in Billinge and asking what school facilities can be made available for this work.

**No 66****Proposed Conservation Area**

Resolved: Members agreed to propose to St Helens Council that the area around the Stork Inn should be considered for designation as a conservation area. The Clerk will write to the Conservation and Design Officer about this.

**No 67****Arrangements for Field of Hope**

Resolved: Councillor Roberts will agree a date with schools for planting daffodils and the Clerk will then ask St Helens Council to dig the ground and supply the bulbs.

**No 68****Local Issues**

Resolved: The Council discussed the various local issues and agreed to the following:

- The Clerk will contact the Head of Traffic about signs/markings at the junction of Beacon Road and Oakley Avenue
- The Clerk will also contact the Head of Traffic about whether speed bumps would be suitable on Beacon Road
- The Clerk will respond to the resident that parking restrictions near the shops would not be feasible as they would never be enforced
- The Clerk will write to the owner of the Billinge Arms about the state of the wall in the car park and ask him to address these concerns. Councillor McDonnell will also pursue this matter with officers from St Helens Council.

**No 69**

**Draft Training Policy**

Resolved: Members considered the draft training policy and approved this as Council policy. It will be reviewed annually.

**No 70**

**LALC Training**

No members will be attending the Finance workshop.

**No 71**

**Clerk's report**

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

Chairman

16 November 2015

**PARISH COUNCIL OF BILLINGE CHAPEL END**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
 October 2015

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
67	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	243.25
68	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	849.82
69	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	387.64
70	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	313.95
71	British Telecom	Broadband charges (DD)	12.60
72	British Telecom	Telephone charges (DD)	56.04
73	United Utilities	Wastewater charges (DD)	153.17
74	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	25.39
75	Public Works Loan Board	Principal and interest for Millennium Garden loan (DD)	2,013.08
76	T Kelly	Stamps, cleaning materials, stationery etc - £144.50 Travel expenses June – Oct 2015 £17.55	162.05
77	Hoyles Fire and Safety Ltd	Fire equipment service and replacement	470.02
78	St Helens Council	Election charges	74.00
79	Billinge Residents Association	Grant under s137 of Local Government Act 1972	200.00
80	Mature Billingers	Grant under s137 of Local Government Act 1972	100.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,061.01</b>