

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 21st November 2016

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

*The Police attended and discussed the crime figures. A discussion followed on the behaviour of some individuals at the previous Council meeting.
In the public session, a number of issues were raised by residents. This was mainly about the proposed play area on Douglas Avenue including questions on obesity and quotations for the work. A question was also asked about co-option arrangements for the Parish Council.*

No 70

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillor D Clift.

No 71

Declaration of interest from Members

Councillor Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 74 (below).

No 72

Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: Following an amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th October 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No 73

Planning Applications

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

Reference	Address
P2016/0764	Little Houghwood Farm, Red Barn Road
P2016/0767	21 Powell Drive

Resolved: The Clerk should inform St. Helens Council that the Council objects to application P/2016/0817/FUL (Barrows Farm, Carr Mill Road) and the retrospective application for the erection of hardstanding for the storage of plant and machinery. It has concerns about highway safety resulting from this development.

No 74

Financial Matters

Resolved:

The Council agrees to make a grant of £400 under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the Residents Association, towards the cost of two Christmas parties.

(Councillor Roberts left the meeting during this item).

The Council agrees to make a grant of £100 under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the Over 60s Monday Club, towards the cost of a Christmas meal and entertainment.

The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 71 to 86 for the total sum of £2,947.60 (attached). This includes four payments made under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (numbers 72, 73, 85 and 86).

No 75

Proposed Playground at Douglas Avenue

Councillors received five quotations for the development of a proposed playground on Douglas Avenue. It was resolved:

- To accept quotation 4, that was obtained through St Helens Council.
- Finance the development of the play area and other costs from General Reserves, noting that this may exceed the original budget of £20,000.
- Request St Helens Council to apply for planning permission to proceed with the play area.
- Request St Helens Council to inspect and maintain the play area, on an annual basis.
- Request the Clerk to make arrangements to implement these decisions.
- Inform residents through an announcement on the website and an e-mail to everybody who responded to the consultation.

No 76

Proposed Survey in Billinge Beacon

It was resolved that the Council will proceed with the proposed survey in the new year, with an announcement in the Beacon with links to an online version of the survey. It was also agreed to offer prizes of up to £100 in total in a draw of those completing the survey.

No 77

Arrangements for the Co-option of Parish Councillors

It was agreed to adopt the proposed arrangements for any future co-options of parish councillors.

No 78

Process for Handling e-mails and Letters from the Public

It was agreed that members have a right to respond to residents who contact them. However letters and e-mails sent should be copied to the Chairman and Clerk.

No 79

Consultation on the Draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

The Council has no comments on this consultation.

No 80

Clerk's Report

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

The Clerk reported that Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey has had to resign from the Parish Council. The Clerk has notified Electoral Services and a notice will be placed outside the Public Hall from 22nd October setting out how to request an election.

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

November 2016

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
71	British Telecom	Broadband charges	13.20
72	Royal British Legion	3 wreaths (payment under s.137 of Local Government Act 1972)	60.00
73	J Shepherd	Buffet after Remembrance service (payment under s.137 of Local Government Act 1972)	115.00
74	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	285.69
75	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	847.50
76	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	437.53
77	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	317.10
78	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	38.02
79	Arena Group Ltd	Photocopying charges	11.95
80	P Roberts	Mileage for training course	32.50
81	British Gas	Electricity supply (DD)	53.34
82	United Utilities	Waste and wastewater (DD)	47.66
83	Cannon (OCS Group UK Ltd)	Sanitary services	88.92
84	Viking	Stationery	99.19
85	Billinge East Residents Association	Grant under s137 of Local Government Act 1972	400.00
86	Over 60s Monday Club	Grant under s137 of Local Government Act 1972	100.00
		TOTAL	£2,947.60