

## **Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 15 December 2014**

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

*Before the meeting, residents asked questions about traffic and parking problems.*

### **No 79**

#### **Apologies**

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

### **No 80**

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

No declarations were made.

### **No 81**

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

Resolved: The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 November 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **No 82**

#### **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>
P2014/0841	12 Brownheath Avenue
P2014/0869	37 Douglas Avenue
P2014/0879	50 Beacon Road
P2014/0882	The Surgery, Recreation Drive

On application P2014/0882, the Clerk will also request that the existing provision of disabled parking spaces be maintained.

### **No 83**

#### **Financial Matters**

Resolved: The Council adopts the NALC and SLCC recommendations and implements the national pay award 2014-2016 for its employees.

The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 95 to 110 for the sum of £28,811.40 (attached). This includes three payments made under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (no. 95, 106 and 107).

### **No 84**

#### **Members' Proposals for expenditure in 2015/16**

Resolved: Members identified the following new expenditure proposals. These will be considered by the Estimates Committee on 9 February 2015:

- Play area on Douglas Avenue

- Re-flooring the Public Hall
- Extending the Christmas poster competition to infant classes at an additional cost of £165

**No 85**

**Proposed relocation of Post Office**

Resolved: The Clerk will write to the Post Office saying the Parrish Council has no objections to the proposed move subject to suitable training for new staff.

**No 86**

**Purchase of Notice Boards and Sign**

After discussion of the quotations received, it was resolved that:

The Council accepts the quotation from Greenbarnes Limited for an aluminium sign and two notice boards at a likely cost of £1,709.86. The Council would like these in blue. The Clerk will make arrangements to purchase from the supplier and will also arrange to have the notice boards and signs fixed.

As the total cost is likely to exceed the budget, councillors agreed to vire the additional cost of this from other budget headings ('general improvements/major repairs').

**No 87**

**Consultation on the Draft Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan**

The consultation is noted and the Council has no comments.

**No 88**

**Development of Allotments**

Councillor McDonnell reported progress on the allotments including the completion of the development and the draw taking place at the beginning of the January Council meeting.

**No 89**

**Clerk's report**

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

It was also noted that Councillor Finnigan has made a donation to the Food Bank in lieu of sending Christmas cards. The Clerk will arrange to pass on this donation.

**PARISH COUNCIL OF BILLINGE CHAPEL END**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
December 2014

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
95	D McDonnell	Gift vouchers for poster competition (Payment under s137 of Local Government Act 1972)	210.00
96	Graham Morris	Initial cost of painting Public Hall	200.00
97	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage + non-consolidated pay + overtime	318.29
98	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	792.98
99	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	373.45
100	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	286.89
101	British Telecom	Internet services (DD)	12.00
102	Rob Bleakley	Website design, hosting and maintenance	175.00
103	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership renewal	149.00
104	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	83.58
105	Zurich	Renewal of insurance (three year agreement)	1,042.97
106	T Kelly	Stamps, stationery, keys, cleaning materials, internet security etc (£164.85) (includes £37 for wreaths, payment under s137 of Local Government Act 1972) Expenses – Aug – Dec 2014 (£61.10)	225.95
107	The Stork Hotel (Ryan Christian Ltd)	Refreshments following Children's Remembrance service (payment under s137 of Local Government Act 1972)	131.00
108	St Helens Council	Grounds maintenance at Public Hall, Millennium Garden and Dam Slacks	2,487.79
109	Dome Engineering Ltd	Development of allotments	22,000.00
110	Brian Heaton	Maintenance at Public Hall and Millennium Garden	322.50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£28,811.40</b>