

## **Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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

*The meeting began with a discussion of the Local Plan Preferred Options, led by district councillors. Residents set out their concerns about the consultation options.*

*A number of issues were raised by residents in the public session, including the Council's minutes from the October meeting.*

*The Police report led to a discussion of recent incidents and whether crime figures should be included in Council minutes.*

### **No 81**

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillor K Cleary.

### **No 82**

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

No declarations of interest were made.

### **No 83**

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

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that St Helens Council have advised that the Parish Council should apply for planning permission themselves rather than through Environmental Services. The Clerk will do this in the new year.

### **No 84**

#### **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>     |
|------------------|--------------------|
| P2016/0850       | 28 London Fields   |
| P2016/0860       | 1 Hollin Hey Close |

### **No 85**

#### **Financial Matters**

Resolved:

The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 87 to 96 for the total sum of £2,556.84 (attached). This includes two payments made under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (numbers 88 and 96).

**No 86****Consultation on St Helens Local Plan Preferred Options**

After listening to residents' views at the beginning of the meeting, Councillors Bradbury and Clift will raise these concerns at the consultation event for parish councils on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The Council will then agree its response to the consultation at its January meeting.

**No 87****Renewal of Insurance Policy**

After discussing the options, it was resolved that the Council should accept the quotation from Zurich Municipal for a five year long-term agreement. The Council authorises the payment of the first year's premium (£1129.26) to Zurich Municipal.

**No 88****Local Issues Raise by Councillors**

After discussing local issues, it was agreed that:

- Councillor McDonnell will contact the Planning Department Solicitor to determine whether any more can be done to address concerns about the pot hole outside the shops and the land opposite the Billinge Arms.
- The Council will consider additional Christmas lights if this is raised in the planned survey of residents.
- The Clerk will write to St Helens Council about repairing the railings on Beacon Road.

**No 89****Expenditure Proposals for 2017/18**

Resolved: Members identified a number of proposals that will be reflected in the budget proposals for 2017/18. These will be considered by the Estimates Committee on 16 January 2017:

- The three primary schools will be offered funding of £500 for a cultural experience, with options to be discussed and agreed with head teachers.
- There may be a cost of alterations to allow better and safer access to the Christmas tree for the lighting contractor in future years.
- A plaque should be installed by the WW1 tree in Bankes Park.
- The Council may consider a video camera to record Parish Council meetings.
- The Council may consider planting a Christmas tree in the Millennium Garden.

**No 90****Clerk's Report**

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

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

December 2016

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Name</b>                         | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Amount</b>    |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| 87         | British Telecom                     | Broadband charges   | 13.20            |
| 88         | D McDonnell                         | Gift vouchers for poster competition<br>(Payment under s137 of Local<br>Government Act 1972)                    | 345.00           |
| 89         | Colt Alarms                         | Repair and new battery  | 60.00            |
| 90         | P. Kelly                            | Monthly Wage  | 261.69           |
| 91         | T. Kelly                            | Monthly Wage  | 847.50           |
| 92         | HMRC                                | Income tax and national insurance   | 431.53           |
| 93         | Merseyside Pension Fund             | Employer and employee contributions   | 317.10           |
| 94         | Contract Natural Gas Ltd            | Gas supply (DD)   | 21.66            |
| 95         | Society of Local Council<br>Clerks  | Annual membership   | 139.00           |
| 96         | Stork Hotel (Ryan<br>Christian Ltd) | Refreshments following childrens<br>Remembrance service (Payment<br>under s137 of Local Government Act<br>1972) | 120.16           |
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|            |                                     | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>£2,556.84</b> |