

Home watch/Crime.

There are still incidents of robberies from cars when people leave their cars open. Check each night before you go to bed. As summer is coming up don't forget to close all windows and patio doors especially lock up sheds **as there has been an increase in shed thefts.** Tools should be secured in a substantial metal box or kept indoors. Some recent break-ins through conservatories & smashed windows. Dogs disturbed some!!

Look out for dates of Police surgeries.

Incidents ring 0151 709 6010. Only emergency ring 999. Any 101 calls shunted to Manchester complain.

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[This Newsletter is on our website](#)

[We are looking to update this site with much more local information on it-all "singing & dancing"? Local Groups ought to be on it such as residents, Buddy and Clubs.](#)

Why not attend the Parish Council meetings which are held on the 3rd. Monday of every month in the Public Hall at 7.30pm.? Anything to say? tell us.



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Orchard and Allotments-Progress Report.

We have finally received permission from the Eddleston Trust at its last meeting in March, (subject to contract) to begin fencing the area. The Parish Council will provide the fencing and water supply, which the secretary of the Trust is looking into to connect to the existing and there will be some work needed for the pathway down to the site and on the site itself. It has been a long process on which there has been some very patient people but we will get there in the end as I have predicted.

As they have a constitution and an Allotments committee in waiting, once the infrastructure is down (it won't happen overnight) they can begin informing those who have applied for allotments which currently is in excess of 20. There will be some details such as rent payment, which I understand will be in the same range as other allotments in the Town, but the start-up will be sorted by those involved. They can then start to apply for Grant Funding to develop the site. *Good News at last!!*

Dog Fouling.

This subject (together with Parking) is a constant grumble throughout the village especially on the Eddleston Fields, where there are adequate dog bins. Playing football trying to dodge such or players having to spend some time clearing the mess is not only inconvenient but a health hazard. Cllrs. and public recognise the same faeces each morning on some routes so to those, please take a dog bag and clear up. Someone got a £1000 fine in St.Helens, It could be YOU!?

Summer Event in Bankes Park.

This will take place on Sunday August 17th. Starting 1pm. Much is still in the planning but it is hoped there will be music, food and events and will be ideal for a picnic with the family. Resident and local groups will be involved so keep your eyes out for notices throughout the village.

Improvements in Billinge.

I would not have escaped your notice that these have taken place around Spar on a one way system as well as the footpaths outside the Newsagent/ Co-op precinct plus a new road surface by the bus stop and around the Texaco bend. Some residents have also at last got their no parking white lines which should aid access to their homes. Quite a few pavements have been re-surfaced. We still await a replacement bus shelter which was knocked down outside the Eddleston Trust Building.

One item for improvement is to replace our tattered Public Hall notice board for if it were to stay up any longer it would claim to be a national monument of historic interest! The hall is due for a paint inside. No one can recall when it was last done!!

Hall for Hire

Any group or residents who wish to hire it for a meeting activity group contact the Parish Clerk, Tom Kelly– excellent rates. Quite a few children's parties are held.

Speeding through the Village.

The police radar is often active on Newton Road, Upholland Road and Main St. Birchley Rd. and beyond so keep your speed down and your licence clear of points!!

Planning.

At every Parish Meeting we review and either pass or oppose but the final decision is with the District Council taking our views and residents into account. If permission has been refused and it goes ahead then it is up to the Council to do something about it.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

The Annual Parish Meeting for Billinge Chapel End, will take place on Monday 19th May ***in the Public Hall at 7.00pm.*** All the village residents who are local government electors are entitled to attend. The annual Parish meeting may, by law, discuss all community affairs and vote on all matters transacted thereat.

1. Election of Chairman (if the Parish Chairman is not in attendance).
2. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish.
3. Annual Report and Financial Statement.
4. Parish matters.

This is a change from past years at it is being held before the Annual Parish Council Meeting which will commence after.

The Parish Council over the last 6 years have managed no increase in its precept but in the report you will be able to hear who we have supported throughout the year.

The Report comes with this edition of the Beacon, delivered by students of the Princes Trust based at St.Helens College. The Parish Council is pleased to support this excellent group of students.

Parish Cllrs. meet with Youth Group

Cllrs. Bill Bradbury and Dennis McDonnell had a very informative question and answer session at the Methodist Hall. We were impressed by not only by the excellent cakes they baked but the interest they showed in our village. We also regularly visit our 3 Primary Schools especially when presenting the Art Christmas Tree competition prizes and supporting trips to the Fire Station. We are very lucky to have such schools and pupils/students.

Parish Council Website. (see over)

Anyone wishing to promote an event can access the website and put your information on it. It's Free so contact the Parish Clerk.