

## **Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Present; Councillor S Murphy (Chair)  
Councillors B Bradbury, D Clift, S Gardner, T McEvoy and S Rahman.  
T Kelly (Clerk to the Council)

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

*A resident raised concerns about traffic issues on Carr Mill Road.  
No police report was received.*

#### **No 56**

##### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors H Craig, D McDonnell and P Peers.

#### **No 57**

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

No declarations were made.

#### **No 58**

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

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### **No 59**

##### **Planning Applications**

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

P/2019/0666/FUL 111 Carr Mill Road  
P/2019/0688/HHFP 3 Goyt Hey Avenue  
P/2019/0709/HHFP 30 Powell Drive\*  
P/2019/0716/HHFP 6 Stuart Crescent  
P/2019/0645/HHFP 11 Trent Road  
P/2019/0744/HHFP Great Houghlands, Red Barn Road

\* The response will note the objection of the Senior Transport Officer about visibility.

#### **No 60**

##### **Financial Matters**

Resolved: It was agreed to make a grant of £200 under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to Billinge Residents Association. The Council expressed its thanks to the Residents Association for all the work they do for the community.

Resolved: It was agreed to make a grant of £100 under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the Monday Club.

Resolved: The Council authorises the payment of accounts numbered 60 to 69, for October, for the total sum of £2,838.49 (attached). This includes three payments made under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (numbers 67, 68, 69).

The Council considered the budget monitoring report at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. There were no issues arising from this.

**No 61**

**Complaint Against the Parish Council**

The Council considered a complaint made against the Parish Council by a local resident. The resident was invited to the meeting but did not respond to the invitation.

Resolved: The Council is happy that the initial response sent to the complainant addresses the issues raised. The Clerk should write to the complainant again to confirm this.

**No 62**

**Conservation Area**

The Council considered the Clerk's report on the options to protect the Stork Inn. It was agreed that the requested conservation area would be the most practical method of achieving this.

Resolved: The Council will continue to pursue a conservation area once a new officer is in post.

**No 63**

**Best Dressed Christmas Shop Window Competition**

Resolved: It was agreed to send out the proposed letter to all local businesses inviting them to take part in the competition.

It was agreed to purchase a trophy and a shield for the winning business and to present this at the Christmas Lights Switch On.

It was agreed to invite Viv Fleming to help judge the competition and to name the trophy after her.

**No 64**

**Christmas Lights Switch On**

The Clerk explained that due to the proposed move, there will be a cut Christmas tree in the Millennium Garden that will be lit on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Resolved: The Clerk will ask the Methodist Church if we can use the Church for refreshments. He will also check with Zurich Insurance to ensure the event will be covered properly. (If the Church is not available, the Clerk will contact the Labour Club).

The Clerk will ask the Residents Association if they would provide refreshments.

The Clerk should invite Mrs Fleming, Conor McGinn MP and Kyle Amor (to switch on the lights).

**No 65**

**Remembrance Services**

Resolved: It was agreed to hold a buffet after the church service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the Eagle and Child public house.

For the Childrens' Service on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, half the children will go to the Eagle and Child for refreshments, with the remainder going to the Public Hall. The Clerk will purchase refreshments for this.

**No 66**

**Training on Code of Conduct**

Resolved: Members agreed there was a need for training on the new Code and Conduct

and that all should attend. The Clerk will request St Helens Council to provide this training when it becomes available.

**No 67**

**Clerk's Report**

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

**No 68**

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved: In view of the confidential nature of the matters being discussed, the press and public should be excluded under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

**No 69**

**Proposed Purchase of a New Hall and Sale of Public Hall**

The Clerk reported the current position on the sale of the Public Hall and purchase of a new hall.

Chair

18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**BILLINGE CHAPEL END PARISH COUNCIL  
ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  
October 2019**

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
60	Bulb Energy	Electricity and gas supply (DD)	£80.00
61	British Telecom	Broadband and telephone (DD)	£108.44
62	British Telecom	Mobile SIM (DD)	£6.00
63	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	£391.08
64	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage (£892.10) and sundries including ink cartridges and Office 365 subscription (£230.74)	£1,122.84
65	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	£373.90
66	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	£382.23
67	RBL Poppy appeal	Wreaths (payment under s137 of Local Government Act 1972)	£74.00
68	Billinge Residents Association	Grant under s137 of Local Government Act 1972	£200.00
69	Billinge Monday Club	Grant under s137 of Local Government Act 1972	£100.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,838.49</b>