

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 20th March 2017

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

A number of issues were raised by residents in the public session, including the proposed re-designation of Barrows Farm in the local plan, findings from the residents' survey, the lack of youth facilities, crime statistics, the impact of spending cuts at St Helens Council and speeding traffic on Avon Road/Powell Drive.

No 116

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Cleary and H Craig. It was also explained that Cllr Cleary's continued absence was due to ill health and this reason was approved by the Council.

No 117

Declaration of interest from Members

No declarations of interest were made.

No 118

Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th February 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No 119

Planning Applications

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

| Reference | Address |
|------------------|-------------------|
| P2017/0069 | 23 Carr Mill Road |
| P2017/0167 | 102 Beacon Road |
| P2017/0188 | 18 Avon Road |
| P2017/0191 | 41 Birchley Road |

Resolved: Councillors Bradbury and McDonnell will consider the proposed extension at 41 Birchley Road (P/2017/0191/HHFP) to ensure this does not overlook other houses. They are authorised to make a decision on the Council's response to this application and the Clerk will then inform St Helens Council.

(It was subsequently confirmed this property does not overlook others and the Clerk should therefore inform St. Helens Council that there are no objections).

Resolved: The Council agreed unanimously that the Clerk should inform St. Helens Council that it objects to application P/2017/0185/FUL (Portland Wine Warehouse, 5 Rainford Road) and the retrospective application to retain changes to extension to the

boundary with 3 Rainford Road, raised tiled area to the western side of building, changes to windows to front and side and erection of railing to raised area. It has concerns, particularly about the impact of this proposal on neighbours. The Clerk should also contact Licensing to express the Council's concerns.

No 120

Financial Matters

Resolved: The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 122 to 132 for the total sum of £2,221.50 (attached).

No 121

Consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Options 2018-2033 – Barrows Farm

Resolved: The Council objects to the proposed re-designation of Barrows Farm in the local plan, particularly because there are no exceptional circumstances why this should be done. The Clerk will write to St Helens Council in response to this consultation.

No 122

Survey of Residents

Following a discussion of the results of the survey, it was resolved that:

- The next edition of the Beacon should highlight the results of the survey and responses to the top 5 issues
- The Clerk should write to the dog warden setting out areas with significant dog fouling and asking for their views on how to address this
- The Clerk should write to the Police explaining the concerns about inconsiderate parking and speeding and asking them to address this
- The Clerk should write to Highways and set out concerns identified from the survey
- Councillor Roberts will contact local schools asking for their views on how to address the perceived lack of youth facilities.
- The winners of the prize draw for those completing the survey will be drawn at the next Council meeting.

No 123

Grounds Maintenance work 2017/18

Resolved: The Council accepts the proposed work programme and costs from St Helens Council for grounds maintenance work at Public Hall, Dam Slacks and Millennium Garden in 2017/18. The Clerk will return the forms to request this service.

No 124

St Helens Council's Budget Challenge

The Council noted that St Helens Council have not yet made any decisions on specific spending reductions.

No 125

LALC Annual Conference

No members will be attending the conference.

No 126
Clerk's Report

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

Chairman

10 April 2017

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

March 2017

| No. | Name | Purpose | Amount |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 122 | British Telecom | Broadband charges (DD) | 13.20 |
| 123 | P. Kelly | Monthly Wage | 261.69 |
| 124 | T. Kelly | Monthly Wage | 847.50 |
| 125 | HMRC | Income tax and national insurance | 431.53 |
| 126 | Merseyside Pension Fund | Employer and employee contributions | 317.10 |
| 127 | Contract Natural Gas Ltd | Gas supply (DD) | 63.79 |
| 128 | Campaign to Protect Rural England | Annual membership | 36.00 |
| 129 | T Kelly | Stamps, cleaning materials, stationery, Bullguard IT security etc - £121.64 Travel expenses Feb 16 –Feb 17 - £49.20 | 170.84 |
| 130 | Unity Trust Bank | Bank Charges (Jan – March 2017) | 18.00 |
| 131 | British Telecom | Broadband charges (DD) | 13.20 |
| 132 | British Telecom | Telephone charges (DD) | 48.65 |
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| | | TOTAL | £2,221.50 |