

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 17th July 2017

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

No issues were raised in the public session and no police report was received.

No 34 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Cleary and S Murphy.

No 35 Declaration of interest from Members

No declarations were made.

No 36 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th June 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

No 37 Planning Applications

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

Reference	Address
P2017/0496	Ashfield Farm, Garswood Road
P2017/0510	61 Carr Mill Road
P2017/0529	102 Beacon Road

Resolved: The Council agreed that the Clerk should inform St. Helens Council that it objects to application P/2017/0547/HHFP (20 Rainford Road) and the proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear and front extensions. The Council is concerned that this development would not be in keeping with the area or with the original building.

No 38 Financial Matters

Resolved: The Council agrees to make a donation of £200 under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the Mayor's Appeal for St Helens Mind.

Resolved: The Council received and noted the budget monitoring report to 30 June 2017. There were no issues arising from this.

Resolved: The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 28 to 36 for the total sum of £2,394.11 (attached). This includes one payment under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (no. 36).

No 39

Arrangements to Record Questions from the Public

Resolved: It was agreed to make amendments to the proposed form for recording questions from the public and to implement this process from the next meeting. The Clerk will circulate the revised form.

No 40

Social Media

Resolved: It was agreed to set up a Parish Council Facebook page. This will be used mainly as a notice board to provide information about the Council and events, and for any future surveys. Cllr Smith and the Clerk will have access to the site and will follow the guidance in St Helens Council's Social Media policy. It was agreed that the Council will not comment on posts but it reserves the right to remove any that are inappropriate.

No 41

Fly the Red Ensign Campaign

Resolved: The Council confirms its involvement in this campaign. The Clerk confirmed that the Labour Club is happy for their flagpole to be used and councillors now need to plan for this.

No 42

Issues Raised by Councillors

Resolved: It was agreed that:

- The Clerk will confirm with the Trees and Woodland Officer whether or not the Tree Preservation Order will expire
- It was agreed the railings on Beacon Road need to be repainted and that St Helens Council do not have the funds to do this. The Clerk will therefore obtain a quotation from St Helens Council for this work.

No 43

Liverpool City Region Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The Council has no comments on this consultation.

No 44

Renewal of Gas Contract

Resolved: The Council confirms it wishes to accept the quotation from Contract Natural Gas Ltd for the gas supply at the Public Hall. The Clerk will make arrangements to accept this.

No 45

Clerk's report

Resolved: The Clerk's report for June is received and noted.
The Clerk noted that a Holiday Club will be held during August.

No 46

Exclusion of Press and Public

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

No 47

Offer from a Local Organisation

Resolved: As the Council is still waiting for information, the Clerk will arrange a Working Party meeting once this is received.

Chairman

21 August 2017

**BILLINGE CHAPEL END PARISH COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT
July 2017**

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
28	British Telecom	Broadband charges (DD)	13.20
29	British Telecom	Telephone charges (DD)	50.40
30	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	338.15
31	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	856.03
32	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	370.34
33	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	459.39
34	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	14.79
35	St Helens Council	Replacement swing at Dam Slacks play area	91.81
36	The Mayor's Appeal	Donation under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972	200.00
		TOTAL	£2,394.11