

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 21st August 2017

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

In the public session, a local business owner discussed recent planning applications and explained the steps she has taken to develop her business and to consult with residents. No police report was received.

No 48 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

No 49 Declaration of interest from Members

Councillor Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 57, as a member of St Helens Council's Cabinet.

No 50 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th July 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

No 51 Co-option of new councillors

Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Anne McCormack and Mark Flynn should be co-opted as Parish Councillors. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

No 52 Appointment of Chairman

It was agreed to defer this item until the September Council meeting.

No 53 Planning Applications

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

Reference	Address
P2017/0576	1A Windsor Road
P2017/0578	7 Wells Avenue
P2017/0580	21 Garswood Road
P2017/0602	21 St Marys Avenue*
P2017/0610	17C St Marys Avenue

*The Clerk will ask St. Helens Council to consider possible terracing and the impact on light to neighbouring properties.

No 54

Financial Matters

Resolved: The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 37 to 50 for the total sum of £2,846.34 (attached).

No 55

Completion of External Audit

Resolved: The Council considered the completion of the external audit and approves and accepts the audited Annual Return and certificate for 2016/17.

No 56

Defibrillator for the Public Hall

Resolved: The Council accepts the quotation received from The Community Heartbeat Trust and agrees to apply for a grant to fund the purchase a defibrillator.

No 57

Consultation on School Crossing Patrols

Resolved: The Clerk should respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council and express its concerns about this proposal. He should also ask whether there will be individual assessments of road safety at the two crossings in Billinge.

No 58

Railings on Beacon Road

Councillors McDonnell and Murphy will consider whether this work can be financed from the Councillor Improvement Fund and will report back to next meeting.

No 59

Long-Term Future of the Public Hall

Resolved: It was agreed to consult with the public about the future of the Public Hall via a survey on the Council's Facebook page. The results will be reported to the next Council meeting.

No 60

Clerk's report

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

No 61

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 62

Standards Committee and Subsequent Training

Resolved: It was agreed to invite the Monitoring Officer to meet councillors to discuss their concerns. It was also agreed to write to him suggesting proposals to improve the operation of the Standards Committee, taking account of the ACAS discipline and grievance procedures.

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

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
37	British Telecom	Broadband charges (DD)	13.20
38	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	338.15
39	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	856.23
40	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	370.14
41	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	359.39
42	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	12.60
43	T Kelly	Stamps, cleaning materials, stationery, printer cartridges	198.58
44	OCS Group UK Ltd (Cannon)	Sanitary disposal	94.68
45	Arena Group Ltd	Photocopying charges	21.61
46	British Gas	Electricity supply (DD)	98.77
47	Hampshire Flag Company	Red ensign flag	33.60
48	Lancashire County Training Partnership	Training course	25.00
49	Water Plus	Waste and wastewater (DD)	64.39
50	BDO LLP	External audit fee	360.00
		TOTAL	£2,846.34