

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council Minutes of Council Meeting held on 18th December 2017

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

In the public session, a resident raised a number of issues including the footpath between Brownheath Avenue and Nugent land, and problems when contacting the police. No police report was received.

No 96 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cleary, McCormack and Murphy.

No 97 Declaration of interest from Members

No interests were declared.

No 98 Minutes of last meeting

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

No 99 Planning Applications

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

Reference	Address
P2017/08888	188 Main Street

No 100 Financial Matters

Resolved: The Council authorise the payment of accounts numbered 88 to 103 for the total sum of £4,742.95 (attached). This includes one payment under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (no. 88).

No 101 Proposals for Expenditure 2018/19

Resolved: Members identified proposals that will be reflected in the budget proposals for 2018/19. These will be considered by the Estimates Committee on 15th January 2018:

- Establish a reserve to support the continuation of school crossing patrols, if required. (Cllrs Bradbury and McDonnell declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item, as school governors).
- The revenue costs if the Council decided to sell the Public Hall and purchase another building.

No 102**Internal Audit Arrangements 2017/18**

Resolved: The Council has considered the 'review of effectiveness' and has identified no concerns from this. It notes this review provides assurance about the effectiveness of internal control and that this will be reflected in the Annual Governance Statement at the year end.

The Council notes and approves the Engagement Letter and Work Plan for the internal auditor for 2017/18.

The Council confirms that it wishes to continue with the current internal audit arrangements in 2018/19, where the audit will be carried out by an experienced clerk from another parish council.

No 103**Community Cinema**

This item was deferred to the January Council meeting.

No 104**Co-option of new councillor**

With one candidate for the vacancy, the Chairman noted that Sue Rahman should be co-opted unless there were any objections (no objections were raised).

Resolved: Sue Rahman should be co-opted as a parish councillor. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

No 105**Clerk's report**

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

The Clerk noted that the next version of the Local Plan (the "proposed submission" version) is likely to be published in summer 2018. This will be followed by a period of consultation.

Chairman

15th January 2018

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

No.	Name	Purpose	Amount
88	Cllr D McDonnell	Vouchers for Christmas tree poster competition - payment under s137 of Local Government Act 1972	£345.00
89	British Telecom	Broadband charges (DD)	£23.48
90	P. Kelly	Monthly Wage	£338.15
91	T. Kelly	Monthly Wage	£856.23
92	Merseyside Pension Fund	Employer and employee contributions	£359.39
93	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance	£370.14
94	Contract Natural Gas Ltd	Gas supply (DD)	£48.52
95	Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual membership	£147.00
96	Information Commissioner's Office	Annual data protection registration fee (DD)	£35.00
97	Zurich Municipal	Renewal of insurance policy	£1,152.28
98	R Bleakley	Website design, hosting and maintenance	£175.00
99	Triprint	Printing Beacon and survey	£340.00
100	Menuboy (chq to T Kelly)	Delivery of Billinge Beacon	£90.00
101	Brian Heaton	Repairs to flagging	£75.00
102	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges - Sept - Dec (DD)	£18.00
103	St Helens Council	Repairs to Dam Slacks play area	£369.76
TOTAL			£4,742.95