

Billinge Chapel End Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting held on

18 December 2023

Present: Councillor Fiona Gill (Chair) Councillor B Bates (Vice Chair)

Councillors B Bradbury, S Gardner, Frank Gill, M Webster

H Broatch (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

PUBLIC SESSION

No Members of the Public were present.

Merseyside Police were not present but had shared crime statistics which had been circulated to Parish Councillors.

Borough Councillor P Peers advised that he had written to the Leader of St Helens Borough Council and was awaiting a response. He would report to the next meeting.

The Public Session closed at 7.38pm

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barnes and Murphy and the reasons for absence were approved.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2023 were approved.
Noted the verbal report on progress on the Action Log from the Clerk.

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS 2023/24

Noted updates on Dam Slacks, Defibrillator at Billinge Arms, Community Led Book Service, Food Pantry, Community Events and Citizenship Awards.

Noted that the Chair had received a letter from Connor McGinn MP thanking the Parish Council for its contribution to the Childrens Remembrance Service and the Remembrance Service at St Aidans Church.

Noted that the Chair had thanked those who had supported the Christmas Tree Lighting Event by donating tree and installing it at the Millennium Garden. She had also thanked the Billinge Residents Association for their support.

Noted that the Chair had attended assemblies at the schools to present the overall winners and runners-up in the Christmas Poster Competition with their prizes.

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PLANNING

Resolved to submit no observations on planning applications

P/2023/0667/HHFP 54 Clifton Road

P/2023/0689/HHFP 93 Carr Mill Road

Noted the Planning Authority had

Granted permission to P/2023/0582/HHFP 55 Claremont Road

Refused permission to P/2023/0583/TELPA The Old Barn, Blackley Hurst Farm

Noted that P/2023/0575/FUL - Little Houghton Farm - had withdrawn their application

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved to approve amendment to total of November 2023 Schedule of Payments to £4027.61.

Noted the Interim Internal Audit had been completed.

Resolved to authorise the payments on Schedule of Payments VN92-101 totalling £3660.74 for December 2023 (which included £1140.00 VN92-VN94 S137 expenditure).

Noted that Schedule of Payments included for the new laptop (authorised under emergency powers by Parish Councillors) purchased by Clerk/RFO because of the memory failure of the old laptop.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.