



Billinge Chapel End Parish Council

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Members are summoned to attend a Parish Council Meeting of the Billinge Chapel End Parish Council, on Monday 19 February 2024 at 7.30pm.

This will be held in The Public Hall, 216 Main Street, Billinge WN5 7PE.

Hazel Broatch

Clerk to the Council

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Statement (if any) from Merseyside Police
2. Statements as follows:
 - Billinge Medical Practice** – update on steps being taken to improve the Practice
 - Proposals for Bus Services** – presentation from Liverpool City Council Officer
 - 50th Anniversary of Parish Councils** – proposals from Cllr Danny Stockton-Pugh Rainford Parish Council for joint activities to celebrate the Anniversary
3. Statements (if any) from Borough Councillors Betts, Murphy and Peer.
4. The public may speak of any matters of concern, but the Council may not make any lawful decision during the public session. The public cannot take part at any other time in the meeting.

Please note that Council Meetings are filmed.

Please note that The Clerk is publishing any reports attached on the website along with Agenda unless they are of an exempt nature (Local Government Act 1972).

AGENDA

1. **To receive** any apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence.
2. **To receive** any declarations of interests from Members.
3. **To approve** the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024 as correct record.
To note the verbal report from the Clerk on progress with the Action Log.
4. **Billinge Medical Practice – to resolve** (following the presentation) whether to make any observations on the proposals for improving the services offered by The Practice.
5. **Proposed Changes to Bus Services**
To resolve (following the presentation) whether to make any observations.
6. **50th Anniversary of Parish Council May 2024**
To resolve
 1. whether to work with other Parish Councils on joint celebrations; and
 2. what specific activities should be organised by Billinge Chapel End Parish Council

To note that the Parish Council has a photograph of the final meeting of Members and Officers of Billinge and Winstanley District Council’s final meeting before local government reorganisation in March 1974 (picture courtesy of The Wigan Observer).

The Parish Council has on display a drawing of the Billinge and Winstanley District Council offices which were built in 1889. It also has the date stone which commemorates that opening. It is at The Public Hall. It used to stand outside The Hall at Pingot Road.
7. **Community Flooding Resilience**
To note any updates from Borough Cllr C Betts regarding the GDPR restrictions on advising Parish Council of names and addresses for 21 households identified as being potentially at risk in the local community.
To resolve next steps.
8. **Highways Issues**
To resolve that Cllr S Gardner (and any other interested Councillors) work with the Clerk to organise an event open to all members of the public and other community stakeholders in Billinge in the Public Hall. The purpose of the event would be to get the community to identify the issues relating to roads, pavements, crossings, footpaths,

parking and any other highways matters to enable the Parish Council to invite St Helens Borough Councils Highways Department to attend a public engagement exercise designed for them to engage with the community around the identified issues.

9. Community Improvements

Book Services – to note updates from Cllr M Webster and from Cllr C Betts and **to resolve** next steps.

Community Events – to note updates from Cllr Fiona Gill and from Cllr Frank Gill and **to resolve** next steps including booking a venue for Citizenship Awards Event.

10. Planning

To note that the following applications were granted approval by St Helens Borough Council (The Planning Authority):

P/2023/0672/CLP – certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension

P/2023/0689/HHFP – erection of detached garage

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To note that the Insurers have said they will cover the cost of the damage to the wall that borders the pavement and front car park. The cost of repairing damage to concrete panels will have to be borne by Parish Council as will the cost of repairing the stone wall at Dam Slacks. The total estimate is £1670.00. The Clerk is in process of getting a breakdown and will then submit claim to Insurance Company.

The Clerk/RFO will bring report on CCTV to the next meeting. It may be impacted by any decisions at Agenda Item 9.

11.2 To note that the playground inspectors have identified repairs needed for swing set at Dam Slacks. They have advised that it is safe for children to continue to use the swings. The Clerk will get a quote for repairs and bring a report to the next meeting.

11.3 To note an application for a grant of £500.00 (S137 Expenditure) has been received from Billinge in Bloom towards the cost of extending the planting of spring/summer bulbs and plants whilst maintain and improving those areas already planted. They identify the total costs of purchasing Summer Plants (£700.00); Compost (£200.00); and Plant Food (£100.00) will total £1000.00.

A grant was awarded to Billinge in Bloom in May 2023 for £650.00. Members will recall a report was brought to the Parish Council Meeting on 20/11/23 detailing what Billinge in Bloom had achieved since they set up on 25/4/23.

To resolve whether to approve the grant application for £500.00.

11.4 To note the external up and over garage doors have both failed and constitute a health and safety risk. One garage is used to store equipment for the Scouts and the other to store equipment for Art Groups Exhibition and for Billinge Community Music Group. Two companies were asked to quote but only one company did so.

To resolve whether to instruct the Clerk/RFO to award the work to the company that quoted. The quote is £2000.00 plus VAT and includes for supply and fitting and some minor repairs needed to the timber frame.

11.5 To resolve whether to authorise the Clerk/RFO to order a flip chart (board, pens and paper) which she has found online for between £60-70. This would be a useful addition (especially for events and for working group meetings).

11.6 To resolve whether to authorise the payments listed on the attached Schedule of Payments VN 114– VN120 totalling £2691.77 for February 2024.

To note the Clerk/RFO will report on the refund from British Gas (see notes on Schedule of Payments).