



Billinge Chapel End Parish Council

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10 September 2024

Members are summoned to attend a Meeting of the Billinge Chapel End Parish Council, on Monday 16 September 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

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Clerk to the Council

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Statement (if any) from Merseyside Police
2. Statements (if any) from St Helens Borough Councillors Betts, Murphy and Peers
3. Statements (if any) from the Public who may speak on any matters of concern, but the Council may not make any lawful decision during this session. The public cannot take part at any other time in the meeting.

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 to approve reasons for absence.
2. **To receive** any declarations of interest from Members.
3. **To approve** the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2024 as a correct record.
To note the verbal report from the Clerk on progress with the Action Log.

4. **To resolve** whether, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 members of the public and press be excluded whilst Agenda Items 11 is discussed (likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Para 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act).

5. **BRSK Update**

To note that following the actions agreed at the last meeting that The Parish Council has received a number of emails from BRSK and these have been shared with all Parish Councillors.

To note that these culminated in an email from Chris Alty (Community Build Engagement Manager for BRSK) on 28/8/24 which states:

“in response to a post today from a Mike Rooke we need to highlight the following as there seems to be the impression that we at BRSK have cancelled any poling works:

We met with Ward Councillors, David Baines MP and St Helens MBC representatives on 16th August and have returned answers to the Ward Councillors to questions which were submitted by residents. We have discussed with Cllr Betts about organising a meeting with the Parish Council which we are in the process of making arrangements for.

After this we will advise regarding our roll out plans. Our Regional Head has put the poling works on hold to allow these meetings to take place first. Please be aware that We have not cancelled any plans to provide service to the Billinge area, the plans are simply on hold for the time being and once all plans and meetings are finalised we will re-engage with any complaints”

To note that to-date the Clerk/RFO has not been asked by Cllr Betts to set up a Parish Council Meeting. When she does get this request, she will comply with the transparency requirements and publish an agenda with date for meeting and any supporting papers.

To resolve that the Parish Council write to BRSK requesting that any consultation they do of the areas in Billinge impacted by the proposals for poling should be done by a qualified independent third party. This would ensure that the consultation is open; transparent; and produces evidence that it is robust and inclusive of all streets included. The independent consultation should be in such detail that BRSK could identify which areas in Billinge have a majority who are supportive of the proposals as well as those which have a majority who are against the proposals.

To resolve whether to support the proposal that BRSK be asked, following the independent consultation, to install poling only in the areas where a majority express their support in the independent consultation. This would mean that if a majority of houses on a street say that they are opposed to having poling then BRSK would not go ahead with installation on that street.

6. Key Aims and Objectives 2024/25

To note verbal reports from those involved on progressing aims and objectives (copy attached for information).

7. Events 2024/25

To note attached report following Events Coordinators Meeting on 2 September 24.

To resolve what further action to take.

8. Health and Safety Audit 2024/25

To note that the audit by Worknest identified 72 improvements /actions (37% high priority, 42% medium and 21% low).

To note that the Clerk has just received this report and will work through it and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting.

To resolve that in the meantime the Clerk act on the matters identified as high priority (as far as possible) within the budgets allocated.

9. Planning

To note the following application were granted approval by The Planning Authority:

P/2024/0282/HHFP	100 Beacon Road WN5 7JHF
P/2024/0370/PIP (South)	Land between 111 and 113 Carr Mill Road
P/2024/0371/PIP (North)	" " " " " " " "

10. Financial Matters

To resolve whether to authorise the payments listed on the attached Schedule of Payments for August and September 2024 - VNs 37 - 58 totalling £11,002.51

To note that the current supplier of the website and email support is ceasing trading at the end of October24. The Clerk has identified a highly recommended supplier called Netwise. They provide websites and email for several Parish Councils. They are based in St Helens. They are an approved registrar for ".gov.uk" domains which are regulated by JISC. The Clerk would recommend that Members visit their website to see what they offer – <http://parishcouncilwebsites.org.uk>

To resolve to appoint Netwise and to approve the one-off cost of rebuilding the website and setting up a new email account of £699.00 and the annual cost of £440.00 which enables the continuation of all the existing email addresses and the running/updating/legal requirements etc associated with the website along with day-to-day advice, servicing, problem solving etc.

Members of the Public and Press may be asked to leave the meeting (see Agenda item 4 above) for the following agenda item.