

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

Parish councillors Simon Kerins, Martin Hincks, John Green, John Aspden, Frank Havard, Brian Haworth and Michael Collins.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Register of Interests – Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b) No members disclosed any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting.

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th AUGUST 2014

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2014 were signed as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rachel O'Connell from St.Vincent's housing and Alan Kinder from Avalon Town Planning attended to discuss planning application number 3/2014/0801 – Construction of 19 2 bed apartments for the over 55s and a 120 place children's day nursery, associated car parking and landscaping on Land off Elker Lane, Billington.

Rachel explained that St Vincent's housing had succeeded with their bid for the care and support scheme for a development of homes for the over 55s. The proposed development would consist of large units with flexible layouts and would be built for local residents. 10 of the properties would be affordable rent and 9 shared ownership/purchase. There would be excellent landscaping and security.

Councillor Hincks stated that the parish council had not been made aware of this land being earmarked for development and the councillors were concerned about village creep. Councillor Havard stated that there were already significant problems with traffic in the area.

The councillors discussed their concerns with Rachel and Alan and told them that even though they supported the application in principle they would be objecting mainly due to the perceived issues with traffic.

ITEM 5 **PLAYGROUNDS**

Clerk to make enquires as to who undertakes safety reports at other village playgrounds and report back at the next meeting.

ITEM 6 **ACCOUNTS**

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

C Walton Lengthsman	£265.57
Nurture Landscapes	£119.20
Tracey McCarney Clerks Salary	£416.66
Viking Direct	£185.52

The August bank reconciliation was reviewed and signed by the chairman, the September expenditure was circulated.

ITEM 7 **PLANNING**

3/2014/0753– Substitution of plots 12-15 of application 3/2013/0747 with 5 houses at Wilkinsons Haulage Yard and adjacent land Whalley Road.

The council wishes to object as this would be an additional house than what was originally agreed when planning permission was first granted. The parish council are concerned about the density of houses on the site.

3/2014/0659 – Proposed two storey annex building extending amenity space for purpose of rehabilitation of injured and infirm police officers. St Michaels Lodge, Northcote Road, Langho.

No objections

3/2014/0779– Proposed development of 18 dwellings to include 5 affordable units and 13 open market dwellings together with associated access roads, garages and gardens on land of Dale View, Billington.

The parish council objects for the following reasons,

1. It is a further erosion of the green space in Billington, the land is outside the development boundary and there will be a loss of amenity space.
2. We are concerned about the increased volume of traffic and the access to and from the site.
3. The parish council are aware that this site has been flooded in the past.

3/2014/0775 – Demolition and replacement of existing garage to south elevation at 2, Chapel Rise, Billington.

No objections

3/2014/0768– Outline planning application for the erection of one detached dwelling together with associated garage, parking/turning area and garden on Land at Neddy Lane, Billington.

No objections

3/2014/0777 – Erection of first floor extension and change of use from community centre into 2 one bedroom flats at Hodgefield, Billington Gardens, Billington.

The parish council objects to this application as it is a loss of a public amenity.

3/2014/0801 – Construction of 19 2 bed apartments for the over 55s and a 120 place childrens day nursery, associated car parking and landscaping on Land off Elker Lane, Billington.

The parish council wish to object to this application as we are worried about the additional volume of traffic that would be using Elker Lane. This road is already heavily congested during school hours and the number of vehicles that park on the road result in the road becoming single track. This development would result in a much higher volume of traffic which would only add to the problems already being caused for local residents.

The parish council support the principal of the development but must object due to the traffic issues.

ITEM 8 **HIGHWAYS**

There were several highways issue,

1. The footpath near Billington Brass Band club is easily flooded
2. The road signs have faded as you come up Whitehalgh Lane.
3. The road sign on Pashmire Brow is hidden in the hedge.

ITEM 9 **OFFICERS REPORTS**

There were two officer's reports,

1. As no progress had been made with the charity commission over the telephone clerk was asked to write to them re the Billington Poors charity.

ITEM 10 **CORRESPONDANCE**

1. Planning and Development Committee Minutes

2. Parish Councils Liaison Committee minutes.
3. LCR

ITEM 11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th October 2014.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman _____

Date _____