

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

Parish councillors Brian Haworth, Tony Austin, Simon Kerins, Michael Collins, John Aspden, Martin Hincks and Frank Havard. Councillor Alan Schofield was also present.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Green.

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 AUGUST 28th 2015

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2015 were signed as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, no issues were discussed.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

The recent playsafety reports were emailed to Councillor Haworth and Hincks.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

C Walton Lengthsman	£270.88
Nurture Landscapes	£119.20
BDO	£120.00
Tracey McCarney Clerks Salary	£416.66
Playsafety	£195.60

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

ITEM 7

PLANNING

3/2015/0739 – Proposed Extensions to dwelling and creation of new access at Wildmans Farm, Longsight Road, Langho

The parish council object to this application specifically to the proposed change of access. Currently this property has access onto the A59, a road which has the national speed limit of 60mph. It is a two lane straight road with extensive sight lines and a pavement. It is proposed, in this application to change the access to the revised property onto Whitehalgh Lane, a single track road (speed limit 60mph) on an extremely sharp, blind bend (with chevrons) with no verge, with no pavement.

This change of access is dangerous and unnecessary. The diagrams submitted by the developers are of very poor quality and, based solely on their drawings, it is difficult to see the potential dangers. The only argument put forward by the applicant for the change in access is to ease low-speed movement within the development which is more easily achieved and without the potential for a significant increase in risk to others and themselves.

The residents of Wildmans Farm will still have to join the A59, less than 50 metres from the existing access point, if they are travelling west, north or east. This junction has the added complication that it is staggered with the addition of Chapel Lane.

3/2015/0728 – Proposed demolition of existing garage, stores, garden room, kitchen/porch and conservatory. Erection of a single storey garage and en-suite guest room to western side of existing house. Erection of single storey to eastern side of existing house. Retention of unauthorised extension to existing rear garden. New entrance gates/posts. External works including landscaping improvements. Alterations to existing rooflights and windows/doors. New shed and bin store. (Resubmission of 3/2014/0830 with design amendments. at Nabside Farm

No objections

3/2015/0618 – Single storey extension to side and rear at 2, Hacking Close

No objections

3/2015/0597 - Proposed side extension at first floor level at 55, Rogersfield, Langho.

No objections

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

There was one highways issue raised,

1. Several councillors had been approached by residents who were concerned about the wall that had been painted in white on Snodworth Road.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS

There were several officers reports,

1. Councillor Austin had attended the latest parish council liaison meeting where a talk had been given by the local inspector of police. The inspector stated that they were suffering from serious budget cuts but hoped to keep sufficient officers on the front line.
2. Councillor Austin was given information re capital grants.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

1. RV Rail News
2. Planning and Development Committee Minutes
3. LCR
4. Footpath Order
5. Parish Grant Scheme
6. Minutes and proceedings of the council.

ITEM 11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Monday October 26th 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman _____

Date _____