

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.**

**PRESENT**

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

Colin Hirst also attended the meeting to discuss a parish Neighbourhood Plan.  
One member of the public attended the meeting

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Simon Kerins and Councillor Alan Schofield.

**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 JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were signed as a true record.

**ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Colin Hirst from Ribble Valley Borough Council planning department attended the meeting to discuss the process of compiling a neighbourhood plan. The main points were,

- The 2011 Localism agenda placed parish councils as leading organisations in developing Neighbourhood Plans for parish.
- Neighbourhood plans enable parishes to have additional input in the local planning process
- Neighbourhood plans can influence future developments
- Neighbourhood plans are statutory documents
- They can be costly to produce, grants are available
- Neighbourhood plans take a lot of time to produce
- A disadvantage would be that it would need reviewing if Ribble Valley need to change the core strategy
- It may be more feasible to produce a parish plan before a Neighbourhood plan

**ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS**

Councillor Brian Haworth and Martin Hincks will be attending a workshop re playground inspections.

**ITEM 6    ACCOUNTS**

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

C Walton Lengthsman	£270.88
Nurture Landscapes	£238.40
Tracey McCarney Clerks Salary	£416.66
Royal British Legion	£100.00
Best Kept Village	£80.00

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

The grant notices have been displayed, all applications to the clerk.

**ITEM 7    PLANNING**

There were no planning applications to be discussed.

**ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS**

There were no highways issues to be discussed.

**ITEM 9    OFFICERS REPORTS**

Councillor Tony Austin had attended the latest liaison meeting and gave information about the War Memorial Trust and proposed changes to the bus service.

Councillor Frank Havard asked for recommendations where a defibrillator could be placed in the parish. It was proposed that the village shop in Billington would be an ideal location.

**ITEM 10    CORRESPONDANCE**

1. Ribble Valley Rail News
2. Whalley Flood action group
3. Cessation of Lancashire Countryside Service

**ITEM 11    DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st March 2016

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

