

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.**

**PRESENT**

Parish councillors Tony Austin, Brian Haworth, John Aspden and Frank Havard. One member of the public attended.

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Michael Collins, John Green and Martin Hincks.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2016 were signed as a true record.

**ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised

**ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS**

Clerk had received a phone call about overflowing litter bins on the playgrounds. Clerk will ask the lengthsman to empty them.

**ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS**

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

C Walton Lengthsman	£276.29
Nurture Landscapes	£119.20
Tracey McCarney Clerks Salary	£833.32
Rachel Greenwood Internal auditor	£330.00

No statements were signed as the accounts are with the auditor. The June/July expenditure was circulated. The annual accounts were approved and signed.

## **ITEM 7**      **PLANNING**

3/2016/0464 – Application for the construction of 4 all-weather pitches on Land to the West of Gleneagles Drive Brockhall Village Old Langho.

The parish council to object to this application for the following reasons,

- It is a loss of amenity land specified as a kick around area for older children which will result in the older children having nowhere to go. Local children will have use of the pitches between 3-5pm Monday to Friday and no use at weekends
- There will be spotlights on 10m poles which will cause light pollution
- Traffic increase is another objection with parking problems on the Avenue and surrounding roads
- There will also be increased noise for local residents as the pitches will be open until 10pm
- There will be a detrimental visual impact for local residents

3/2016/0445 Applications for full consent - Retention of two unauthorised pole-mounted high-definition PTZ CCTV cameras.

The parish council wish to object to this application for the following reasons,

- It overlooks gardens, bedrooms and conservatories of a number of properties,
- It uses selected locations to provide wide angle views, when tighter positioning would better serve the stated purpose.
- The camera covering the roundabout is argued to be required for 'insurance purposes' by the management company. A CCTV camera overlooking the roundabout *may* be required, but this can be close to the roundabout rather than overlooking a wide residential area.
- The installations are planned without any consultation with the residents, particularly those residents most impacted upon.
- Residents have trimmed back tall screening hedges following their consultation with the management company. It transpires that the management company were already planning for these CCTV towers at the time, and residents would not have proceeded with the hedge reductions should they have been so aware.
- A substantial pine tree has very recently been removed (with planning consent) by HDAC or their agents which would have provided a physical screen to the residents at 1 'The Woodlands' .
- Promises of screening and/or collaring of the cameras carry no weight with the residents as there is a lack of confidence in the actions of the management company and their agents in this important area of privacy.
- Mrs McCarthy has offered the tall pine tree in her garden to provide a much more subtle and camouflaged mounting for the 'playground' camera. This would provide less visual impact, increase effectiveness and also screen Mrs McCarthy's garden, bedroom and conservatory from view.

- The bases for the CCTV cameras have already been installed prior to any attempt to follow planning procedures.

3/2016/0443 Applications for full consent. Proposed extension to rear (part single-storey, part two-storey) and extension to front porch. No objections.

**ITEM 8      HIGHWAYS**

There were several highways issues raised,

1. The drains on Whinney Lane are blocked.
2. The hedges on Whitehalgh Lane and Northcote Road need cutting back.

**ITEM 9      OFFICERS REPORTS**

1. Due to other work commitments the clerk will be resigning.

**ITEM 10   CO-OPTION**

Following the correct legal procedure Heather McCarthy was co-opted onto the parish council.

**ITEM 10   CORRESPONDANCE**

1. Local Council Review
2. Nurture Landscape renewal

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_