

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27th MARCH 2017 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

Parish councillors – Brian Haworth, Martin Hincks, Tony Austin, Frank Havard, John Aspden, Michael Collins

In attendance: C Cllr. Alan Schofield, 4 members of the public.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Heather McCarthy.

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 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2017 were signed as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public attended the meeting.

Allotments – a request was made for allotments within the Billington and Langho area. The Parish Council has no land for allotments. Concern was raised that residents of Billington were being refused a place on the Clitheroe allotments waiting list – the Clerk to contact Ribble Valley Borough Council to clarify the Borough Councils policy.

Contact details were given for Gary Hoerty Associates, as Gary Hoerty Associates have indicated to residents that they are aware of regarding potential allotment land in Billington, the Clerk is to contact them.

Defibrillator – the lock was given for the defibrillator as per the minutes of the meeting held October 2016. Concern was raised about the lack of defibrillator's in the area with a suggestion that more be placed in the village. The need for better signage as to the location of the defibrillator's was also discussed. The Parish Council will put the locations of the defibrillators on the website in due course.

Concerns were raised regarding who owns the land next to the substation on Longworth Road, Billington. There is an issue of a caravan, boat and trailer being parked here.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

Quotes have been secured for the work needed in Billington Playground, the safety surface and the re-spray of the railings. Due to the cost the railings will be done in two parts as grant funding becomes available.

Lengthsman – two tenders have been received for the Lengthsman duties for 2017 / 2018

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

Borglocks for Longworth Road Residents Defibrillator	£164.40	Cheque 202030
Amazon Ink for Clerk	£48.97	Cheque 202031
Post office	£8.99	Cheque 202032
Clerk for March 2017	£416.66	Cheque 202033
Nurture Landscapes	£122.80	Cheque 202034
Walton	£276.29	Cheque 202035

The following accounts were approved as income

HM Rev and Customs	£2429.85	VAT Claim
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ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2017/0137	59 St Marys Drive Langho BB6 8DL	Proposed dormer conversion and single storey rear extension.	No objections
3/2017/0191	Land rear of Petre Arms Langho	Stable building for private recreational use.	No objections
3/2017/0136	27 Whalley Old Road York Village Langho BB6 8DU	Demolition of existing timber stables and erection of new sheep shelter and access track.	No objections
3/2017/0128	29 Calder Avenue Billington BB7 9NQ	Erection of a new detached dwelling.	No objections
3/2017/0203	The Shippon Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Conversion of a single storey barn to form a dwelling. Modifications to a scheme approved under planning permission 3/2013/0713 (Resubmission of application 3/2016/1150).	No objections
3/2017/0133	Land off Dale View Billington	The erection of 48 dwellings and associated works.	Objections lodged with RVBC on the grounds of flooding, traffic, infrastructure and services.

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

Formal Notification - Whalley Road/Longridge Road/Clitheroe Road, Hurst Green & Ribchester [15/05/2017-16/06/2017]

Initial Notification - Whalley Road, Longridge Road, Clitheroe Road. Hurst Green & Ribchester

The Belisha Beacons on the two Zebra crossings located by the station at Langho and the playground at Billington need replacing as they are faded and difficult to see. C. Cllr Alan Schofield to send notice regarding these. A request was made for these to be upgraded to LED beacons.

The drains on Northcote Road are still not working.

There are ongoing issues with the potholes on Old Langho Road.

The footpath sign at the stile on Elker Lane is in need of repair – C Cllr Alan Schofield is to refer this.

CCllr Alan Schofield is to report the pothole on Whinney Lane. The Parish Council were asked to consider requesting Whinney Lane being made into a 20mph zone.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS

Battles Over – Commemorations to take place on 11.11.18, 100years after WW1. Chatburn will do a village function, West Bradford is building a Cenotaph and Downham will probably light a bonfire on Pendle.

Dog Chipping – there are free dog micro chipping sessions being offered via the Dogs Trust across the region.

Boundary Commission – there is a website www.bce2018.org.uk There are new proposal in October 2017.

Parking - issues around parking problems were raised with consideration to parking for commuters and the use of Parkwise to monitor parking violations.

Tony Austin was thanked for his report.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

- Email received from Rev Swindels regarding Poor's Charity
- Information and booking form for LALC Annual Conference
- Minutes of Parish Councils' Liaison Committee
- Draft School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20
- April 2017 bus timetable
- BDO Audit details

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 12 TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

Frank Havard updated the Parish Council regarding the website, he expressed concern about the amount of time it was taking to get answers to questions, a way around this would be to look at getting a commercial contract rather than rely on goodwill.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th April 2017
The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Chairman _____

Date _____