

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 24th April 2017 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

Parish councillors – Brian Haworth, Michael Collins, Heather McCarthy, Tony Austin, John Aspden

In attendance: Cllr Alan Schofield, Rev Tracy Swindells.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence Frank Havard, 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 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

- Dinckley Bridge start date should read 2018 not 2017 as stated.
- Notice of vacancies within the Parish Council are to be advertised on the website.
- Chairman B Haworth is to contact J Green

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

The application for the Parish Grant Scheme has been submitted, to renew the front railings on the playground and to mend the hole in the safety flooring.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

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| C Walton March Invoice | £276.29 | Cheque number 202036 |
| Clerk for April 2017 | £416.66 | Cheque number 202037 |
| Nurture Landscapes | £456.10 | Cheque number 202038 |

The following accounts were approved as income

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| RBVC | £20202.00 | Precept ref 9137 |
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ITEM 7 PLANNING

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| 3/2017/0266 | Nabside Farm Moor Lane Whalley BB7 9JQ | Discharge of condition 3 from planning permission 3/2016/0340 | No objections |
| 3/2017/0271 | Jct between Cherry Drive and Geneagles Drive | Discharge of condition 2 CCTV installation from PA 3/2016/0445 | Objections lodged due to the camera is not the stipulated static camera |
| 3/2017/0276 | Dwelling (Class Q(b) only) Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road Langho Blackburn BB6 8AD | Erection of a detached garage. | No objections |
| 3/2017/0310 | 2 Whalley Road Langho Blackburn Lancashire BB6 8EJ | Extension of boundary fence and additions/repairs to existing boundary wall. | No objections |

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

- There is a scheduled closure of Old Langho Road in June for patching and resurfacing of the road between Northcote Road and Elker Lane.
- There was a report of pot holes on Elker Lane towards Whalley, just after the mini roundabout. Cllr Schofield will forward a report.
- The application to make Whinney Lane, Langho a 20mph zone continues.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS

Cllr Tony Austin attended the Liaison Committee on the 30th March. There was a presentation regarding the work to support Veterans. Veterans have been doing voluntary work such as working at the Cumbria Floods and in schools.

There is to be a tree planted at the Arboretum in memorial of all who died in service.

Cllr Austin noted that Colin Hurst of Ribble Valley Council stated that there might be funding available for Parish Council websites – Cllr Austin to forward this to Cllr F Havard.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

- Co-Operative Bank – change of details letter
- Hags – advertising
- Zurich – advertising
- Longworth Road Residents Group request for funding
- Whalley Community First Responders request for funding.
- Email request for allotment.
- CAB application for grant
- Register of Electors 2017

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr F Havard has been approached by a resident regarding the overflowing waste bin by the bus stop opposite the Petre Garage. The Clerk to write to request an additional dog bin to be placed here.

Billington Poors Charity – it was proposed to resurrect the charity that was removed from submitting annual returns in 2011. Cllr T Austin will contact the Charities Commission to take advice for reinstating the charity. An extraordinary AGM has been proposed for early July at which new trustee's will be agreed.

Boundary Change Proposal, Cllr Schofield noted that changes have been proposed for the ward boundaries in a draft recommendation by David Owen. the 'draft recommendations' include *putting the NE end of Billington & Langho parish (ie Painter Wood, Billington – and possibly the whole or part of Longworth Rd?) into Whalley* - which Cllr Schofield believes is largely what RVBC had suggested for that area. On that basis Billington itself would have different borough cllr(s) for each created part of Billington.

An interactive map of the Commission's recommendations for Ribble Valley, electorate figures and guidance on how to propose new wards is available on the consultation area at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>. Further information about the review and the Commission's work is also published on our website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk>.

ITEM 12 TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

Cllr F Havard has made some progress with RVBC with regard to the Parish Council website. He has made contact with Alice Hyde, their website guru, and a meeting is to be arranged.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd May 2017
The meeting closed at 9.05pm