

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.**

PRESENT

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

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Brian Haworth was elected as chairman.

ITEM 2 ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Martin Hincks was elected as vice chairman.

ITEM 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Alan Schofield

ITEM 4 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.
- c) Brian Haworth disclosed an interest in Item 16 Grants, he did not take part in this discussion.

ITEM 5 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

- a) Planning committee – Tony Austin
- b) Playground committee – Brian Haworth and Martin Hincks

ITEM 6 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

Billington Pools Charity – Tony Austin and Michael Collins
Parish Council Liaison – Tony Austin
Independent Internal Auditor – The Outside Office
Web Site Manager – Frank Havard

ITEM 7 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th APRIL 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2017 were signed as a true record.

ITEM 8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

ITEM 9 PLAYGROUNDS

A playground inspection was carried out prior to the meeting. There is a need to replant two tubs at Billington and the willow tunnel needs reweaving.

Under the Parish Grant Scheme the railings and safety surface repairs are to be repaired.

ITEM 10 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

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| Lancashire Best Kept Village | £50.00 | 202039 |
| RVBC Domain name March 17 - March 2022 | 77.40 | 202040 |
| R Greenwood Clerk | 416.66 | 202041 |
| RVBC Grass Cutting | 1685.34 | 202042 |
| Lancashire Best Kept Village | £30.00 | 202043 |
| Nurture Landscapes | £456.10 | 202044 |
| AON | 1566.14 | 202045 |
| S. Leonards | 100.00 | 202046 |
| Longworth Road Residents Group | 100.00 | 202047 |
| Langho in Bloom | 200.00 | 202048 |
| Ribble Valley Rail | 100.00 | 202049 |

The following accounts were approved as income

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| HMRC Duty/Vat repayment | £2429.05 | 15.05.17 |
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ITEM 11 PLANNING

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| 3/2017/0271 | Jct between Cherry Drive and Geneagles Drive | Discharge of condition 2 CCTV installation from PA 3/2016/0445 | Objections withdrawn |
| 3/2017/0370 | 24 Larkhill Cottages Old Langho BB6 8AR | Proposed erection of single storey rear extension | No objections |
| 3/2017/0395 | 11 The Woodlands Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8BH | New single storey extension to replace conservatory | No objections |
| 3/2017/0254 | 20 Weavers Croft Billington BB7 9NE | Erection of a conservatory to cover the existing open walled terrace over the garage | No objections |
| 3/2017/0402 | Plots 3 4 5 and 6 Eden Gardens Brockhall Village BB6 8HW | Discharge of condition 3 (material) from planning permission 3/2016/0428 | No objections |
| 3/2017/0403 | Ridings Cottage, Whalley Old Road, Billington BB7 9JF | Non-material amendment from planning permission 3/2014/0943 form amended fenestration details | No objections |
| 3/2017/0427 | Little Snodworth Farm, Snodworth Rd, BB6 8DS | Screening opinion for embedded electricity generation | Objections raised. |

A letter is to be sent to RVBC regarding the lack of information regarding the standard of planning applications and the lack of location maps making decision making difficult.

ITEM 12 HIGHWAYS

There are ongoing issues with Old Langho Road.

ITEM 13 OFFICERS REPORTS

Concerns were raised about the proposed ward boundaries, Tony Austin is to write to RVBC to object to the proposals on the grounds that at the moment there is a balance of amenities and the Parish Council can not find a benefit in change as the new boundary would leave a small "island" of Whalley that would be across the river.

ITEM 14 LENGTHSMAN REPORT

There was no Lengthsman report

ITEM 15 CORRESPONDENCE

- LCC notice for ceasing countryside service at Billington Moor
- Bank Statement
- RVBC Parish Grant letter
- Co-op Bank Change of signatories confirmation letter
- Email from Co-op with questions regarding members list
- Ribble Valley Rail – grant request
- Langho in Bloom – grant request
- Rose Queen Parade – grant request
- Longworth Road Resident - grant request
- Bank Statement number 311
- RVBC Planning and Development Committee
- Royal Lancashire Show email information
- Consultation on the permanent expansion of Barrow Primary School

ITEM 16 GRANTS

- Ribble Valley Rail
- Langho in Bloom
- Rose Queen Parade at S. Leonards
- Longworth Road Residents

ITEM 17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cronshaw Common, LCC has written to the Parish Council regarding the maintenance of the Common. Brian Haworth is to lead a walk around the parameter and to collate the list of responsibilities for the maintenance

Barrow Primary School consultation, a questionnaire was completed.

Transparency Fund, the contact details for all members of the Parish Council were checked. A request for photographs has been raised by Frank Havard.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26th June 2017. The meeting closed at 9.45 pm