

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

PRESENT

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

In attendance: Cllr Alan Schofield. Vicar Tracy Swindells

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence Tony Austin and 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 30th October 2017 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

The fence work at Billington Park continues paid for under the RVBC Parish Grant Scheme.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

Nurture Landscapes	£456.10	Chq no. 202064
Clerk Salary for November 2017	£333.26	Chq no 202065
HMRC PAYE and NIC	£83.40	Chq no 202066
BDO Audit	£282.00	Chq no. 202067
Harrisons Engineering re Billington playground	£3000.00	Chq no 202068

- Pensions Enrolment Scheme – the Parish Council to sign off the Declaration document.
- BDO Audit is complete with outstanding issues (now resolved) copy available on the Parish Website. The issues outstanding were a PAYE registration – now done via HMRC and minute references now adopted as good practice.
- All outstanding invoices have been submitted to RVBC for payment under the Parish Grant Scheme.

ITEM 7 PLANNING

Proposed single story extension, extension to existing car park, replacement of hard play area, at St. Leonards C of E Primary School.

3/2017/1015	Mr & Mrs Wood Tilberthwaite Snodworth Road Langho	Proposed single storey extension.	No Objections
3/2017/1089	Cunliffe House Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Change of use of existing barn to single dwelling.	No Objections
3/2017/1028	Thirlmere 69 Whalley Road Langho BB6 8EF	Single storey extension to rear.	No Objections
3/2017/1049	Sudells Farm Cottage Northcote Road Langho BB6 8BD	Erection of a single storey lean to extension.	No Objections

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

- Email re westbound bus stop relocation – ED34367 Whalley Road, Billington, this is ongoing and Cllr Alan Schofield is dealing with this.
- Whalley Old Road – Speed limits, the existing 60mph speed limit on this road will be reviewed at the next Ribble Valley Traffic Liaison Meeting which is scheduled to be held on 28 November, Cllr Alan Schofield is dealing with this.
- Northcote Road, one of the drains (outside Northcote entrance) has now been mended but the two further down the road are surcharging, the right hand bend as you travel down Northcote Road is completely awash. Concerns were raised regarding this surface water freezing and a serious accident happening. Cllr Alan Schofield and Martin Hincks are to speak to the Highway Department. For anyone wishing to report concerns there is a “report it “ link on the Parish Councils website <http://www.billingtonlanghopc.org/>
- Old Langho Road – this has been made a speed concern area with a 30mph limit in Old Langho and Brockhall village, however concern has been raised about the sheer volume of traffic that are speeding particularly motorists from out of the area accessing Blackburn Rovers training.
- Whinney Lane, Langho – Cllr Alan Schofield has visited the area and spoken to the residents about their concerns regarding traffic speeds on Whinney Lane and Snodsworth Lane. An additional issue is that of HGV’s travelling along Snodsworth Lane and getting stuck. Cllr Schofield has contacted the Highways Dept and the Police with reference to this.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS

Parish Liaison Meeting - Matters Arising.

No news yet on when the new A59 roundabout will be opened.

Speaker - Director of Public Health, Lancashire. Commented that the average live expectancy is now at least 75 years at birth, but currently the pressing issue is whether we have good health over the whole period - recent survey in Lancs. showed at least one area where good health deteriorated from

50 years ! Social isolation is a serious issue and living an extremely solitary life can be statistically as bad as smoking 15 cigarettes daily. Speaker emphasised that 30 minutes meaningful activity daily and socialising with others was helpful, whilst children in urban areas needed to visit playgrounds.

Speaker - Cllr. Sue Bibby, Chair of Ribble Valley Dementia Action Alliance. She opened her talk very powerfully by saying that sufferers still retained their core cerebral interests though their behaviour and memory changed dramatically. They needed serious understanding and should not just be put in a corner left to their own devices. Dementia organisations in the Ribble Valley needed more volunteers. RVBC was working towards a 'dementia friendly' designation. Sue has started meetings at the Sanctuary (on edge of Langho) to increase awareness of dementia and provide some respite for carers. By 2025, one million sufferers predicted in UK, two million by 2050. The Public Health Director confirmed that much vascular dementia was caused by poor life-style.

Volunteer driving. It was stated that expenses were always reimbursed.

Best Kept Awards. Our York village was mentioned, whilst Whalley had won an award in small town category.

Concurrent Funding. RVBC confirmed that they would be paying 25% in arrears for all lengthsman and playground grass-cutting costs. I received personal confirmation from the Chief Executive and apparently a Lawson Oddie is dealing with this.

Clitheroe Heritage Open Days. The town council said this scheme had now been going nationally for 25 years and then had 7 sites this last autumn. They encouraged others to participate.

John Shorter (Sabden) asked if any potholes had been filled in the Borough. Only Slaidburn said Yes.

Tony Austin was thanked for his report.

Concern has been raised about the number of gas canisters found in the Parish, these are being left by local youths who use the canisters to sniff the gas.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

- Co-operative bank terms and conditions
- Community Asset re Blackburn Rovers Training Centre
- Countryside sites management LALC
- Register of Electors 2018
- Bank statement number 317
- The Pension Regulator Auto Enrolment Duties
- Bank statement number 206
- BDO invoice and findings
- RVBC Parish Council Liaison Committee congratulating York on the "most improved small village" award.
- RVBC Planning and Development Committee agenda and minutes

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Poores Charity – it was agreed that Rev. Tracy Swindells would request two members of the Parish to sit as trustees for the Poores Charity, in addition to herself. The Parish Council has nominated two members as trustees, these are Michael Collins and Tony Austin. A meeting was proposed for February 2018.

ITEM 12 TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

Frank Havard, who runs the Parish Website has requested photographs of the parish. Anyone wishing to share their photographs should contact any member of the Parish Council. The website address is <http://www.billingtonlanghopc.org/>

Frank Havard has been asked to do a talk in January 2018 for the Langho in Bloom Committee.

Consideration is being given to the Parish Council providing internet access for the Village Hall under the Transparency Fund.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday 29th January 2018 at 19:30 hrs
- Monday 26th February 2018 at 19:30 hrs
- Monday 26th March 2018 at 19:30 hrs
- Monday 30th April 2018 at 19:30 hrs

Meeting closed at 21:10 hrs