

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 29th JANUARY 2018 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

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

In attendance: Cllr Alan Schofield, 2 members of public.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence 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 November were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Snodworth Road residents attended the meeting to express concern about the volume, speed, size and damage caused by traffic on Snodworth Road. Cllr Alan Schofield attended the area with Cllr Keith Iddon and have been in communication with Traffic Police Officer Gary Mekin. Suggestions for the area are to make the road a 20mph, to use traffic calming measures and to create a priority one way system.

The Clerk is to write to the Cllr Keith Iddon in support of these measures.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

5.1 ROSPA audit completed. Brian Haworth and Martin Hincks will carry out a further inspection, contact a contractor regarding the fallen tree and source a replacement equipment for the cup and saucer that is to be removed. The clerk is to contact LCC Community Champion Cllr Paul Rigby with regards to funding for the equipment.

5.2 Dilys Day from RVBC wishes to do a site visit with regards to work undertaken to repair the safety surfaces and the maintenance of the fencing.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

Post Office	£20.16	Chq 202069
Rospa inv 31419	£205.80	Chq 202070
Nurture Landscape inv 21704 and 210513	£456.10	Chq 202071
Clerk December Wage	£333.46	Chq 202072
Clerk HMRC	£83.20	Chq 202073

Clerk January Wage	£333.16	Chq 202074
Clerk HMRC	£83.20	Chq 202075

ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2017/1126	19 The Rydings Langho BB6 8BQ	Move the existing garden fence line approximately 1.5 meters to the pavement.	No Objections
3/2017/1031	Land to the rear of 24 and 26 Highwoods Park Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8HN	Crown reduce of silver birch trees at the rear of 24 and 26 highwoods Park.	No Objections
3/2017/1089	Cunliffe House Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Change of use of existing barn to single dwelling.	No Objections
3/2017/1151	58 Pasturelands Drive Billington	Proposed dormer extensions to front and rear	No Objections
3/2017/1131	7 Bonny Grass Terrace Whalley Road Billington BB7 9LY	Proposed single-storey, flat-roof extension to rear, and alterations to existing rear fenestration. Insertion of velux roof light in main roof slope to rear.	No Objections
3/2017/1119	Land off Dale View Billington	Erection of a detached bungalow with en-suite bedroom in roof space and attached single garage.	No Objections
3/2018/0027	Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Change of use of barn to form one dwelling (modifications to scheme approved under 3/2013/0713).	No Objections
3/2018/0055	10 The Drive Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8BJ	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single-storey extension to rear.	No Objections

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 Snodworth Road, dealt with under Public Participation - minute reference 41

8.2 Whalley Old Road – speed restrictions. A request was made by local residents for Whalley Old Road for a lower speed limit, at a meeting of the Ribble Valley Traffic Liaison Meeting (held 28 November) it was stated that current speed limit is appropriate The local resident also requested traffic calming measures such as humps, this was also refused due to the cost of relocating /extending the number of hump warning signs in addition to carriageway works.

8.3 Northcote Road north, ongoing issues regarding surface water from the highway gullies and blocked drains. Cllr Alan Schofield has inspected the site and contacted Police Inspector Andrew Winter and the head of Highways. A request has been made for additional drainage system gullies.

8.4 Whitehalgh Lane, it was reported that the drainage system on Whitehalgh lane is overflowing this leads to water travelling across the road which in winter then freezes. This has been reported via the "report me" button on the Parish Councils website.

8.5 Two large pot holes reported, the first at Billington Gardens Housing Estate and a very bad pot hole and road surface just past the brass band club at Billington.

8.6 Footpath 43 from Longworth Road to the Iron Bridge, (Old Sol's footbridge) Harrisons Engineering have improved the area but there is still ongoing issues. CCllr Schofield reported that the delivery of LCC scheme to widen the public footpath has been delayed, apparently because of incomplete negotiation so far with landowner's agent. A further update has been requested from PRow senior officer now that a tenancy for existing use of the field for cattle has been ended.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS

Tony Austin attended the Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting held on 25.01.18.

9.1 A59 roundabout – no date has been set

9.2 Concurrent Funding, this is now active.

9.3 Parish Council records – Diane Rice of RVBC has asked that all Councillor interests be kept up to date.

9.4 Clitheroe Interchange, there is an impending consultation from LCC about the closure of the Interchange facility to save money. The clerk is to email Mike Walker with reasons for keeping the interchange facility.

9.5 WW1 Celebrations, the Police have only resources to cover one parade for 2018 per borough.

9.6 Barclays Bank in Whalley and the cash machine is to close. People are encouraged to complain about losing this facility

Billington Poors Charity.

9.10 Consultation has taken place to determine interest in being trustee's of the charity. There is to be an extraordinary general meeting to be held at 7pm on 26th February, and a meeting of new trustee's at 7.20pm. An agenda is to be published with the details.

Tony Austin was thanked for his hard work.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

1. Bank statement 318
2. Minutes of Council Meetings
3. Proposed Expansion of Barrow Primary School

4. Pensions Regulator acknowledgement letter
5. Email from Resident – Snodworth Road traffic issues
6. Email re Management of Litter Collections – Langho in Bloom Volunteers
7. Bank Statement 319
8. HMRC changes to VAT126 system
9. Email from Came and Company
10. Whalley Old Road – speed restrictions
11. Countryside Services New Volunteer Offer
12. Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting from 25th January 2018
13. Boundary Council email from Cllr A Schofield.

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 The Armistice 2018 Celebrations for Whalley and surrounding villages that want to join in with us. To this end I am holding an open public meeting in Whalley Primary School on Tuesday 6th February at 7pm. Chairman Brian Haworth is to work with the local school to produce a display showing that there was a Military Hospital in the area during WW1
- 11.2 Volunteer opportunities within the Lancashire Countryside Service, it was decided that the Parish Council is to organise a walk to the area at the end of March 2018.
- 11.3 Best Kept Village, the Parish Council is to submit nominations for this.
- 11.4 Reports of dog poo from St Augustin's school along the footpath towards Whalley and along Longworth Road. The Clerk to write to RVBC to ask for a new dog poo bin to be sited on the footpath on Whitehalgh Lane.
- 11.5 Complaints were received regarding a practicing rock band in the building behind Petre Garage, the clerk to contact environmental health regarding the noise levels.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 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 21.55hrs