

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 20th 2018 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

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

In attendance:

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Frank Harvard.

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 25th June 2018 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

5.1 The RoSPA playground inspection took place on the 9th August 2018 by Inspector Bob Wallace. It was resolved that Phil Riley Ltd and Lengthsman C Walton undertake additional works.

5.2 Dilys Day has inspected the parks with reference to the Parish Grant

5.3 Four members of the Parish Council attended Billington Park, for a site visit, due to drainage issues. It was resolved that urgent works needed to be undertaken to create additional drainage.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

6.1 The Annual Return was signed off for the financial year 2017 to 2018.

6.2 It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment,

Expenditure

Nurture Landscapes	Chq 202110	£126.49
C Walton Lengthsman	Chq 202111	£279.29

HMRC	Chq 202112	£90.00
R Greenwood Clerk July	Chq 202113	£360.00
Saw Doctors Forestry Ltd	Chq 202114	£3300.00
Phil Riley Ltd	Chq 202115	£702.00
ROSPA	Chq 202116	£205.80
Printer Ink	Chq 202117	£47.50
HMRC	Chq 202118	£90.00
R Greenwood Clerk Aug	Chq 202119	£350.00
Open Office – D Harvey	Chq 202120	£300.00

ITEM 7 PLANNING

LCC/2018/0028	ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHALLEY ROAD, LANGHO, BLACKBURN	PROPOSAL: TWO SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS, ONE WITH A LINK CORRIDOR TO THE MAIN BUILDING. EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING CAR PARK, THE PROVISION OF AN ALL WEATHER MULTI GAMES AREA AND 2.4 METRE HIGH SECURITY FENCING	Email, no objections.
3/2018/0621	5 West View Terrace Whalley Road Billington BB7 9LT	First floor rear extension.	Granted, email no objections
3/2018/0704	Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 8 (sight lines) and 9 (implementation of access road improvements) from planning permission 3/2018/0082 to allow an amended design relating to alterations to the access road.	No objections
3/2018/0696	Calding Bank Cottage Whalley Old Road Billington BB7 9JE	Not valid	Not valid
3/2018/0595	The Lord Nelson Public House Whalley Old Road Langho BB6 8DU	Proposed raised terrace to rear.	Email, no objections

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

- 8.1 Snodworth Road, ongoing issues that are being dealt with by Cllr Alan Schofield
- 8.2 Bushburn Drive drainage issues
- 8.3 Whalley Road, A666 speed limit.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS -

9.1 LALC-RV meeting, members attended from across the region. Bernard Murtagh was elected as Vice Chair. The matters arising included concerns about the monitoring of holiday lets and the speaking on planning applications – this has been forwarded for consideration at the AGM of LALC Sabden raised concerns about the poor signage whilst the A59 roundabout is being worked on – local businesses are suffering, Mellor reported that the playground is much enhanced. Lancashire

Partnership against crime are offering grants of up to £2.500 for crime fighting issues (via the lanpac website) and BT officers have said that rural communities are low priority for wifi. Discussion was held regarding the communication failure between LCC and Parishes, this matter will be escalated to LALC AGM. Concerns were raised about RVBC additional housing consultation – Tony Austin is responding by the 7th September.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

1. Special planning and development committee meeting – 17th July 2018
2. Parish Champions newsletter – forwarded by email
3. Highways Park – ongoing planning issues – forwarded by email
4. Rospa inspection report – forwarded by email
5. Press release from the Police and Crime – forwarded by email
6. Audit request – by email
7. Flower Festival invitation.

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Poores Charity, progress is being made towards attaining the bank balance and stock holdings.

PCSO K Ferguson has sent the following report:-

24/8 – Vehicle stolen from Billington overnight, it has been stolen without keys but is a keyless entry vehicle, our advice to those with keyless cars is to consider more old fashioned security measures such as crook locks.

15/8 – Entry gained to insecure vehicle in Langho fortunately nothing believed to have been taken, however an important reminder to lock it or lose it as offenders like these are unfortunately very active.

13/8 – Burglary in Langho in which 2 vehicles were stolen with keys found inside the property.

11/8 – Commercial burglary in Langho in which cigarettes and tobacco were stolen.

7/8 – Report of suspicious males going door to door seemingly to more vulnerable residents addresses offering to trim hedges for an exorbitant fee, they were quite intimidating in their sales techniques and a concerned member of the public called it in and provided registrations numbers. These vehicles were checked and registered keeper and insurance details obtained with the named parties also being checked which has resulted in some intelligence being submitted about these individuals and a marker being added to the vehicle. An excellent example of the community and Police working together to protect the most vulnerable.

6/8 – Commercial Burglary at Langho in which cigarettes were stolen.

1/8 – Vehicle broken into at Painter wood, purse was left in the vehicle and they've smashed the car window to steal purse. Please remove all valuables from your vehicle when you park up, if nothing is visible it deters a would be thief from going to the time and effort of forcing entry.

31/7 – Entry gained to insecure house and car in Billington with various items being taken, again a lesson learnt about securing property and vehicles.

31/7 – Damage caused to a vehicle parked up in Billington, rear window smashed.

30/7 – A suspicious abandoned vehicle reported at Billington, checked by Police and had been stolen earlier on from a burglary in Clitheroe. Police can't be in all places at all times and rely on members of the public for things such as this J

28/7 – Report of noise nuisance / possibly fight on residential street in Langho Police attend and this is a party that has got a little out of hand.

ITEM 12 TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

If anyone has any photographs of the local area that they could share on the website, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

The website can be found at <http://www.billingtonlanghopc.org/>

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday 24th September 2018 at 7.30pm
- Monday 29th October 2018 at 7.30pm
- Monday 26th November 2018 at 7.30pm