

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

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

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Alan Schofield and Frank Havard.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Register of Interests – Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- 2.2 No members disclosed any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting.
- 2.3 Resignation of Heather McCarthy from the Parish Council, Heather was thanked for her work and dedication on the Parish Council.

ITEM 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2019 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 4.1 There was no public participant.
- 4.2 The Parish Council is not at full allocation, if any member of the public would like to join please contact any member of the Parish Council. There are no inhabitants of Billington itself on the Council at present.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

- 5.1 Lengthsman playground report was presented.
- 5.2 Further to correspondence with RVBC who indicated that the bollards would be replaced email correspondence from Jack Holdsworth RVBC confirming that this work was scheduled to be completed by 31/1/19 – the bollards are now in place.
- 5.3 Chair Brian Haworth is in correspondence with a local resident who has concerns regarding the playgrounds.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

- 6.1 Expenditure

C Walton Lengthsman	Chq 202151	£276.29
R Greenwood Salary	Chq 202152	£360.00
HMRC	Chq 202153	£90.00
Post Office	Chq 202154	£13.92

6.2 Concurrent Functions Grant has been signed off.

6.3 Heather McCarthy was removed as a bank signatory following her resignation from the Parish Council.

ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2018/0844 Tony Austin responded to Rachel Stotts email regarding affordable housing stating that the Parish Council would prefer, in the event of oversubscription, that preference would be given to applicants with a parish connection to Billington and Langho over those connected to the other parishes within Ribble Valley. The Parish Council feels that family connections in the same village as applicants can substantially assist in child and aged care and potentially save on the need for outside help.

3/2019/0024 questions were raised at last months meeting regarding this application. RVBC replied and no objections was submitted.

3/2019/0039	Highcroft Painter Wood Billington BB7 9JD	Two storey extension to side and raising of existing roof by approximately 1.5m.	No objections
3/2019/0165	Chapels 16 The Drive Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8BJ	G20 Nos 1, 2 and 3 sycamores to be felled. No 5 sycamore to be crowned. No 4 Horse Chestnut to be felled.	Concerns regarding the felling of mature trees.
3/2019/0154	83 The Rydings Langho BB6 8BQ	Certificate of Lawfulness - Proposed	No objection
3/2019/0122	No 1 Restaurant and Bar Gleneagles Drive Old Langho BB6 8AY	Change of use of upper floors from B1 offices and C3 dwelling to gym/leisure facility (use class D2).	No objection

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 Moorland Road Estate pothole report – LCC have confirmed that this road is on the programme for future consideration.

8.2 Whitehalgh Lane / Langho in Bloom planting – correspondence from Cllr Alan Schofield requesting that Langho in Bloom be allowed to adopt this area.

8.3 Elker Lane / Old Langho Road – bend vicinity safety – email from Cllr Schofield

8.4 A request was made for litter notices, these are issued by RVBC – the clerk to write to RVBC re the notices.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS -

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9.1 Tony Austin attended the January meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting where the Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw outlined his role with Lancashire Constabulary and how the needs of the public are changing i.e. the increase in cybercrime. Questions were taken by the Commissioner regarding number of Police Constables in the Ribble Valley and the request to reopen the enquiry desk at Clitheroe Police Station.

9.2 Notice of Poll will be issued on 26th March for the May elections, Ribble Valley will not be used for trials of elector identity checking

9.3 The matter of “orphan defibrillators” where defibs are provided but not regularly maintained was raised.

9.4 Concerns were raised regarding sewage at Sudells Farm manhole.

9.5 RVBC Licensing – Cumulative Impact Assessment in relation to licensed premises in Whalley, the clerk to write to RVBC to support initiative.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

- Scope – request for clothing collection.
- Best Kept Village forms
- LALC – training course information.
- Questions re website from neighbouring parish council
- Billington Hub at Ebenezer chapel
- Question from a resident regarding allotments – referred to RVBC.
- LALC Community Framework
- Letter from Hebden Royd re flooding

ITEM 11 BUS SHELTERS

11.1 The clerk has written to Daniel Sutcliffe, 6/2/19, regarding RVBC undertake the repairs to the roof and the installation of seating in the bus shelter – response has been received stating this can be done. The Parish Council are looking for funding for this repair.

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/>

ITEM 13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 No Cold Calling Area (NCCA) it is proposed to set up a NCCA and a consultation with all the residents in the proposed area/ street and request they confirm they would like to be involved in the Area. This will go ahead with a 50% response rate. LCC after discussion with Cllr Schofield, suggest making the streets of St Mary's Drive and Tudor Close a NCCA. Trading Standards has available 'Doorstep sellers Beware' stickers which are available for anyone to have to deter callers, whether in a NCCA or otherwise.

13.2 NALC Flood defences consultation DEFRA have identified opportunities to modernise regulation to enable better long-term planning and give regulators the powers that they need to improve our water environment and water services. This consultation sets out proposals for:

- **Better long-term planning for water resources and drainage through:**

Improved water resources planning to facilitate collaborative regional planning and consider all sectors of water users; and statutory drainage and wastewater planning to assess fully wastewater network capacity and to develop collaborative solutions with local authorities, who are responsible for parts of the drainage system.

- **Modernising water regulation by:**

Reforming elements of abstraction licensing to link it more tightly to our objectives for the water environment. In particular, we propose to clarify the conditions under which the Environment Agency can amend licences to secure good ecological status for water bodies; o amend existing legislation to enable a new charging methodology for Internal Drainage Boards. Internal Drainage Boards are flood Risk Management Authorities and carry out an important duty in managing water levels in Drainage Districts. The proposed change will enable government, where there is local support, to create new or expand existing Internal Drainage Boards;

13.3 Memorial / Cenotaph – a contractor has been found. The grant has now been submitted for consideration.

13.4 Community Hub at the Ebenezer Chapel – are to be invited to speak at the next Parish Council meeting.

13.5 LALC Community Framework, email forwarded, Kate raised questions regarding the public being invited to contribute.

13.6 Electoral Wards email from Cllr Schofield and RVBC Diane Rice

13.7 It was suggested that a request for members of the Parish Council to represent Billington be advertised on the next door neighbour website, Kate to implement this,

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 25th March 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 29th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 24th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 29th July 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 30th September at 7.30pm

Monday 28th October 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 25th November at 7.30pm