

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.**

**PRESENT**

Parish councillors – Brian Haworth, Martin Hincks, Frank Havard, John Aspden, Kate Swingewood.

In attendance – PCSO Pemberton, Cllr Alan Schofield

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Tony Austin, Michael Collins

**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 Election of Councillors – result of uncontested election for Langho Ward are Tony AUSTIN and Brian HAWORTH. Result of uncontested election for Old Langho is Martin HINCKS
- 2.4 Vacancies for Langho were fulfilled by co-option of the following members Frank Havard, John Aspden and Kate Swingewood
- 2.5 Each Councillor completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Code of Conduct form and the Pecuniary Interest form.

**ITEM 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- 4.1 One member of public attended the meeting.
- 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 residents of Billington itself on the Council at present.

**ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS**

- 5.1 Lengthsman playground report was presented. Quote for painting the benches at both parks with anti rust paint is £210.00. This was accepted.  
The quote for re turfing the goal areas for both parks would be £1210.00. This was rejected.  
Essential works to play equipment was accepted.

5.2 There has been a request for exercise equipment to be placed in both playgrounds. Brian Haworth and Kate Swingewood are to look into this. The Parish Council would need to secure additional funding for this.

## ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

### 6.1 Expenditure

Best Kept Village	202163	£30.00
LALC	202164	£687.34
HMRC	202165	£90.00
R Greenwood salary	202166	£360.00
C Walton	202167	£276.29
Tyrone Morgan	202168	£700.00

6.2 Request to pay a percentage of wages into Local Government Pension Scheme. This was accepted providing there is no cost to the Parish Council.

6.3 The Co-operative Bank need a further letter to remove Heather McCarthy from the Bequest account.

6.4 The clerk to write to the Co-operative bank to enquire if monies in the accounts has been ringfenced.

### 6.5 Income

RVBC	Precept 2019/20	£21,300.00
RVBC	Concurrent Ftn Grant	£1879.00
HMRC	Vat Claim	£2680.83

## ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2019/0266	3 Braddyll Court Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8AS	Application for a single storey extension.	No objections
3/2019/0297	34 Painter Wood Whalley Old Road Billington BB7 9JD	Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of a replacement dwelling house with associated external works.	No objections
3/2019/0302	Off Old Langho Road Billington and Langho BB6 8AR	Removal of hedgerow - 20m	Concerns have been raised about the long-term limitations of the sewerage system to cope and the need to future proof the system.
3/2019/0352	12 Highwoods Park Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8HN	Application for proposed alterations including first floor extension, raising the ridge height with dormer constructions and rooflights. Single storey rear extension, conversion of the garage and external modifications to the facades, Two additional parking spaces to the front area with a new extended dropped kerb.	No objections

7.1 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its associated National Planning Practice Guidance, Ribble Valley Borough Council have updated their local list for the purposes of validating planning related applications. The Council's local list is set out in its Validation Criteria for Applications submitted to the Local Planning Authority and this document has been produced taking into consideration new local and national planning policies and is available by from RVBC for consultation purposes. This updated version will be available for a 6-week consultation period until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to make any comments on the updated version please send them to [planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk) before the end of the consultation period.

The Parish Council have requested 1. All planning documents contain identifiers of house numbers or names this particularly for streets that have no house numbers. 2. That geographic north is clearly identified on all planning applications.

## ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 Elker Lane, Billington / Old Langho Rd bend vicinity safety Last week there was another car crash on the bend in question where a car ended up on its roof after failing to get around the bend. Cllr Alan Schofield is looking for a response from Highways and Lancashire Constabulary.

8.2 Langho: part Whitehalgh Lane planting & land at corner of Moorland Rd to be adopted by Langho in Bloom. The area where RVBC installed the pre-cast L-sections is already marked in Mapzone as adopted as displayed in the plan below. RVBC state it should not be a problem for them to carry out their planting. The problem is that in the future the local residents may not be so interested in maintaining and beautifying the area.

8.3 Bollards installed by Whalley Rd entrance to/from Billington Gardens is now complete, however there is a need to install bollards the west corner of that access to/from Calder Ave. As at this location there are recurring instances of vehicles parking partly, or more typically wholly, on the footway - with adverse & unsafe impacts on sight lines for Calder Ave traffic & pedestrians coming onto Whalley Rd. Cllr Alan Schofield is dealing with this.

8.4 The clerk to write to LCC Highways to request that the road from the turn off the A59 onto Chapel Lane through to the school be made a 40mph.

8.5 The Parish Council will write to LCC Highways supporting the recent action by residents. The residents are concerned about the excessive speed's vehicles are doing when entering Langho. Concerns were raised that although Rogersfield is a 20mph zone cars are using this as a shortcut and are not adhering to the 20mph limit. These concerns were passed to PCSO Pemberton.

8.6 The clerk is to write and request the yellow smiley face / traffic calming signs and to write with the above concerns to LCC's speed management team.

## ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS –

9.1 No items.

## ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

- RVBC Planning Meeting
- Bank Statements x3
- Invite to LALC Conference 15<sup>th</sup> June
- Longridge Neighbourhood Plan
- Trading Standards Email

- Julie Waddington – No Cold Calling.
- Best Kept Village - email

## ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Billington Moor Plantation. The Parish Council has received a letter regarding the planned forestry works at Billington Moor Plantation for the necessary felling licences for the works. All being done to ensure the health & wellbeing of the site, thinning trees to leave the best to grow on to maturity. As the contractor for LCC has been subject to an internal restructure LCC have subsequently lost the window that would have avoided the bird nesting season. The plans are to do the works late summer, early autumn.

11.2 Bus Shelter – the work is scheduled to repair the shelter.

11.3 PCSO Pemberton presented the report for crimes in the area.

- 26/3 - Vehicle crime, Northcote road, insecure vehicle, items taken.
- 28/3 - Burglary - Moorland road, smashed back patio door, items stolen.
- 29/3 - Nuisance - St Marys school, youths playing football, PCSO attended, removed youths.
- 3/4 - Burglary - Whalley road, unoccupied property.
- 6/4 - Suspicious circumstances - Rogersfeild, 2 cars seen driving around slowly, no regs given.
- 7/4 - Suspicious van - Northcote car park, no reg given.
- 10/4 - Suspicious circumstances - Billington gardens, balaclava found.
- 10/4 - Suspicious circumstances - fell view, youths Anti-Social Behaviour. spoke to by resident at the time.
- 10/4 - Nuisance - Pasterlands drive, youths smoking and casing Anti-Social Behaviour
- 17/4 - Suspicious Vehicle Pasterlands drive, no reg given.

PCSO Pemberton and the community road watch volunteers spent an hour or so on York lane a couple of weeks ago with a speed gun monitoring peoples speed, all those doing above 36mph will get an advisory letter about their speed, out of 100 cars, 20 were caught going over 36mh.

11.4 No Cold Calling – Most of Billington will be a No Cold Calling area with some of Langho subject to more than 50% of respective householders responding positively to consultation. The public consultation and leaflet drop will take place after the May Elections.

### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm AGM

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm