

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.**

**PRESENT**

Parish councillors – Brian Haworth, Martin Hincks, Katie Swingehurst, Michael Collins, Frank Havard.  
In attendance – Cllr Ruth Baxter, Cllr Alan Schofield, two members of public

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Tony Austin and John Aspden

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Register of Interests – Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- 2.2 Two members disclosed any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Brian Haworth declared an interest in Ribble Valley Rail and Langho in Bloom's application for grants. Katie Swingehurst declared an interest in Langho in Bloom's application.

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4.1 One member of Public attended to raise concerns regarding Fell View Billington, the area at the back of Fell View is not a public right of way and the residents have erected a clear sign stating "private land, no public right of way". Cllr Schofield has investigated this and the Parish Council fully support the residents in erecting this sign.

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. There has been no report from Phil Riley, the clerk is to write regarding this.

5.2 Playground inspection by parish council members has been arranged for the forthcoming week.

5.3 ROSPA inspection booked.

**ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS**

6.1 Expenditure

Nurture	202173	126.49
Post Office	202174	15.89
Insurance Came and Company	202175	£1281.78

6.2 Income

Champions Grant from Cllr Rigby	£300	Bus shelter repair
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Co operative bank	£26.44	Interest on 14 day account
Co-Operative Bank	£11.79	Interest on 14 day account

## 6.3 Grants

Ebenezer Café	Request for a computer for community use	£75.00 Chq number 202178
Ribble Valley Rail Langho	Request for plants and maintenance	£75 cheque number 202179
Langho in Bloom	Request for “welcome to Langho “ stone	£150 cheque number 202180
St Leonards Church	Request for support towards the cost of Rose Queen Procession	£75 cheque number 202181

ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2019/0440	Highfield Snodworth Road Langho BB6 8DR	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new single-storey extension to rear.	No objections
3/2019/0462	27 Billington Gardens Billington BB7 9LU	Change of use of former storage room (use class C3) to a dog grooming room (sui generis).	No objections
3/2019/0491	5 Dewhurst Road	Change of use of existing, detached, domestic garage to create a self-contained, accessible holiday let, including associated fenestration alterations, external works and parking.	No objections
3/2019/0487	St Augustines RC High School Elker Lane Billington BB7 9JA	Erection of a single-storey, prefabricated, detached building for teaching, to supplement the existing school catering provision.	No objections
3/2019/0533	Land off Longsight Road Langho	Discharge of conditions 8 (S278 and highways works), 9 (construction method statement), 17 (bird and bat boxes), 18 (invasive species), 21 (lighting and wildlife impact), 28 and 29 (drainage), 30 (sustainable drainage management and maintenance) and 31 (surface water and pollution prevention) from planning permission 3/2018/0844.	Concerns expressed re surface water overflow into / from brook. This brook has a history of being unable to take the existing water and overflowing.

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 Cllr Alan Scofield's email re bus services – schools and 280 service, the 280 is mentioned in Officers Report,

8.2 Residents of Elker Meadows, are concerned with the difficulty of driving into and out of Elker Meadows on to Elker Lane, in particularly during school term times increasing numbers of parents of pupils attending [www.billingtonlanghopc.org](http://www.billingtonlanghopc.org)

St Augustine RC school now use Elker Meadows as a turning area and car park while waiting to either drop off or collect their children. This is causing problems for residents of Elker Meadows, leaving or entering Elker Lane / Elker Meadows this situation will be even more a of problem once building work starts on the land adjacent to Elker Meadows. The clerk is to write to the school to ask that parents could be asked to park more considerately.

8.3 Concerns were raised about the Give Way sign and road markings at the t junction from Northcote Road to Old Langho Road. The clerk to write to Highways. This has been reported to LCC.

## ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS –

### 9.1 Parish Council Liaison Cttee (20/06/19)

1. Election of a Chair was deferred until the next meeting, as no candidate put forward. David Peat, as elected vice-chair, took the meeting.

2. Marshall Scott (CX) said meeting was for parish councillors to set any reasonable topics that they wanted to discuss.

3. Member from Hotherstall asked what local green policies existed. Marshall mentioned recent Government policies on subject, which would lead to Local Plan possibly including local strategies. Electric charge points now had to be included in planning applications for new houses. Environment Secretary has recently said that he wanted waste collection procedure's to be standardised across the country.

4. Luncheon Clubs. Colin Hirst introduced Dilys, RVBC.

4.1 We had over 20 lunch clubs in Borough, with around 300 regularly attending, though we had around 14,000 inhabitants over 65. These clubs helped many older people overcome loneliness and isolation.

4.2 Meals on Wheels had finished in 2014. RVBC had been given funding to distribute for start-ups and help with running costs. Many communities including Wilpshire, Ribchester, Grindleton, West Bradford and Low Moor had benefited so far.

4.3 The running of these clubs attracted a reducing number of volunteers, so schemes were being tried to buy in ready meals, or use facilities of existing cafes. 'Meet & Eat' had started every Tuesday at Tastebuds,

Whalley, offering hot drink and meal for £5.

5. Ebenezer Cafe at Billington.

5.1 [ Following our presentation from Joanne at a previous Parish Council Meeting, I briefly visited the Ebenezer Cafe in the Chapel recently. It is comfortably furnished and offers low-cost snacks in a very pleasant atmosphere. Several older residents attend periodically.]

5.2 Colin Hirst's staff are currently discussing with Joanne how RVBC may be able assist in setting up a low-cost Luncheon Club in the cafe. I have enthusiastically welcomed any help that can be given.

6. Colin Hirst outlined the RVBC Community Social Partnership, chaired by a Borough councillor. Matters such as substance abuse, anti-social behaviour, road safety, domestic abuse and knife crime were discussed.

7. Alan Scholfield from Wiswell asked Marshall about the future of unitary authorities in the County. There needed to be unanimity amongst councils for the East Lancashire proposal to proceed - Blackburn are keen, whilst Ribble Valley believe that scarce resources could be diluted further.

8. Various discussions took place about the quality of Lancashire's road maintenance. Roger from Simonstone said that good pothole repairs could last for 20 years! A member from Mellor strongly disagreed. Meeting suggested that a live demo of county reporting system would be useful on another occasion.

9. David Peat outlined the Pendle Hill Heritage Lottery Scheme, which had already received £2,000,000 funding. Though we had several parishes in the designated area, much of the money had gone to Pendle

Borough villages like Barley and Newchurch. David currently represented Ribble Valley on committee, but was looking for a volunteer replacement., particularly as there was a continuing cashflow.

10. Jean Bremner from Wilpshire raised concerns about the monitoring of so-called 'holiday lets'. Meeting suggested a future report.

11. Marshall reported the continuance of the 280 bus to Skipton, to be operated by Stagecoach. RVBC had agreed a one-off contribution of £10,000 this year to help start-up. L.C.C. have contributed 75% of the £80,000 and Pendle are considering, as Earby has been added to the route.

12. Last, but not least, Colin Hirst said that he believed BT were going to try to get another round of public call-box closures. Could councillors check all their boxes for defects (and public notices) and inform Ribble Valley ? [I am willing to pass on the information from our parish, if anyone wishes to email me.]

#### ITEM 10 CORRESPONDENCE

- Change to bus timetable – by email
- Planning and Development Committee 30/5/19
- Grass cutting agreement between RVBC and B&LPC
- Lalc newsletter
- Lynne Calver, RVBC, confirmation of election papers.

#### ITEM 11 BUS SHELTERS

Work to repair the bus shelter at Taylor Buildings has finished and Langho in Bloom have painted the shelter.

The disrepair of the discontinued electronic bus timetable screen was reported. The clerk to write to RVBC.

#### ITEM 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Graveyards – service level agreement with Nurture Landscapes.

12.2 Updated details for website – contact details.

12.3 PCSO Pemberton's report

25/5 - Sus van in the area of Snodworth Road, no details given as to why it was sus and no vrm passed.

2/6 - Log created from our road police unit for a59 tasking, this is to do with the speeding motorbike I have asked them to look at, no result on that particular occasion though.

4/6 - Theft at Painterwood, Billington, walking frame taken from porch of property, front door left unlocked, no cctv, nothing seen.

9/6 - Damage to Vehicle, window smashed, entry gained and handbag taken, no cctv, nothing seen.

17/6 - Sus van on Brookside, Old Langho, parked up for 2 hours with male sat inside, police rung after that 2 hours, attended but van had left.

22/6 - Theft of pedal cycle, Calder Ave, cycle left at front of property, no cctv, nothing seen.

PCSO Pemberton did conduct a Community Roadwatch in York village on 30th May, 4:30-5:30pm.

200 cars passed in that hour with 14 doing over the 36mph we are allowed to check. some positive feedback from residents.

12.4 Reported to LCC is the blocking of the stile on the unadopted road to the community centre carpark.

12.5 Reported to LCC is the overgrown hedge at St Augustine School

12.6 Reported to LCC are the tree's obscuring the road signs on Whalley Road approaching the A59 roundabout.

#### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

[www.billingtonlanghopc.org](http://www.billingtonlanghopc.org)

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