

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

**PRESENT**

Parish councillors – Cllr Tony Austin, Katie Swingewood, Martin Hincks (Chair) Frank Havard, Brian Haworth

In attendance – Steve Farnworth

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Michael Collins, Dennis Johnson, 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 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 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4.1 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. Reports of vandalism in both parks. Cllr Tony Austin has been on a site visit to investigate the damage.
- 5.2 Concerns raised by resident, house on corner of Bushburn drive has had a lot of work done, the fork lift has killed all the grass around the park and turn the grass to mud. The delivery of stone has blocked access and sight for children getting across the road from the park.
- 5.3 Clerk wrote to Phil regarding reports not received.
- 5.4 Both parks are to have an inspection by members of the parish council.
- 5.5 Complaints were received regarding cycles being chained to the fence at the park, the clerk is to contact the owner of the bikes and ask for them to be removed.
- 5.6 The clerk to write to the Lengthsman and ask for the goal posts to be painted.

## ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

### 6.1 Expenditure

RVBC Grass cutting	£1753.44	Chq 202182
C Walton Lengthsman inv 3459	£1486.29	Chq 202183
C Walton Lengthsman inv 3444	£486.29	Chq 202184
Nurture July invoice	£129.04	Chq 202185
Ink for Clerk	£44.79	Chq 202186
Outside Office	£300.00	Chq 202187
HMRC	£90.00	Chq 202188
R Greenwood Clerk	£360.00	Chq 202189

6.2 Income – concurrent functions completed and sent.

6.3 Audit report, signed off and accepted.

## ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2019/0559	Off Old Langho Road Billington and Langho BB6 8AR	Removal of hedgerow - 20m	Objections sent to RVBC
3/2019/0661	Land at Petre Wood Close Langho BB6 8FE	31 affordable two and three-bedroom houses and two-bedroom bungalows (for rent and for shared ownership)	Objections sent to RVBC
3/2019/0662	34 Painter Wood Whalley Old Road Billington BB7 9JD	Discharge of conditions 4 (bat survey) and 5 (construction management plan) from planning permission 3/2019/0297.	No objections.
3/2019/0671	Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Construction of four two-storey holiday cottages and formation of short length of access road.	Objections sent to RVBC

## ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 Email from Marion at LALC :- Members of the public use one of the following methods to report potholes and other highway defects:

Report It <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/faultsearch>

This is the council's on-line reporting tool which allows customers to report highway defects.

Email [highways@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk) Report defects via a dedicated email address that is monitored by our customer access service.

Telephone 0300 123 6780 Report defects by telephoning the customer access service

### 8.2 Northcote Road/ Old Langho Rd

Highways officers have considered the request for the junction of Northcote Road and Old Langho Road but as this junction has a good safety record with no collisions resulting in injury

and no indication that vehicles fail to give way to traffic that has priority in this location. This area does not qualify for a stop sign. The re-painting of the road markings will be undertaken.

8.3 FP 35, RVBC have acknowledged the PC's concerns and are looking into it, PRW122462, this is the footpath near the community centre.

8.4 Elker Lane parking Cllr Austin commented " Following my recent visit to Chris Quinn and the development, I share the concern of others, regarding the poor and very limited sight lines towards Brockhall, when exiting the junction from the Meadows unadopted road. I have asked the Planning Department at Ribble Valley to check whether the junction is as specified on the plans (application. 3/2016/0927) particularly as regards the vision splays I would certainly be willing also to attend a meeting with residents, if one is arranged."

Cllr Schofield commented " May I add on the subject, as Mr Wright the Headteacher of St Augustine's high school had apparently previously suggested, the Elker Meadows' residents (or alternatively the developer St Vincent's housing association with whatever ongoing responsibility) should consider erecting a sign at the entrance to Elker Meadows indicating that it is a private road (in addition to the existing sign(s) farther in)."

8.5 Concerns were raised about vehicles traveling at high speed on Elker Lane, and the limited sight line at the junction – members of the parish council are to do a site visit.

#### ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS –

9.1 There were no reports.

#### ITEM 10 CORRESPONDANCE

- LCC campaign to raise perception of highways service delivery.
- Bus service notification of changes.
- Lancashire Volunteer Partnership – Community Champion Volunteer.
- RVBC Planning
- Concurrent Functions form
- Littlejohn Audit – via email

#### ITEM 11 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 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

War memorial – corporate responsibility funding is to be looked at for the repair of the war memorial.

Cllr Tony Austin would like any reports of faulty BT public telephone boxes to be reported to him.

#### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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