

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 28th 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

Parish councillors – Brian Haworth, Kate Swingewood, Cllr Tony Austin, John Aspden, Dennis Johnson, Michael Collins, Martin Hincks, Frank Havard, Steve Farmer.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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 30th September 2019 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 There was no public participation.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

- 5.1 Playground report received from Chris Walton, Lengthsman. Nothing since March 2019 from Phil Riley.
- 5.2 Martin Hincks and Dennis Johnson had a site meeting, with two local contractors, for repairs to the playground.
- 5.3 The clerk to contact the land registry regarding both playgrounds.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

6.1 Expenditure

C Walton, Lengthsman August inv 3483	£276.29	Chq 2020198
C Walton, Lengthsman September inv 3498	£405.29	Chq 202199
Nurture	£129.04	Chq 202200
Clerk salary	£360.00	Chq 202201
HMRC	£90.00	Chq 202202

6.2 Precept – the budget for the spend next year means an increase per household of 27p
Proposed by Tony Austin, seconded by Frank Havard.

6.3 Assets – Brian Haworth has photographed all the assets of the parish council. Two Jessica Lofthouse benches are in need of repair. This will not be with wooden planks as previous but plastic planks that need less maintenance.

6.4 Concurrent Functions Grant for £2136.00 has been paid for 2018/19.

6.5 Money will be moved from the parish councils Business Select Account into the parish councils main account to be used to repair the Jessica Lofthouse benches. The total moved will be £204.40 and this will be ringfenced. Proposed Michael Collins, seconded Frank Havard.

ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2019/0902	Hillside Longworth Road Billington BB7 9TS	Two storey extension to side.	No objections
3/2019/0585	Managers Accommodation/Reception Building Potterford Lodge Hackings Caravan Park Elker Lane Billington BB7 9HZ	Proposed new single-storey porch on front entrance.	No objections
3/2019/0915	17 The Woodlands Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8BH	Fell two beech trees.	No objections
3/2019/0958	34 Painter Wood Whalley Old Road Billington BB7 9JD	Amendment of planning permission 3/2019/0648 to allow alterations to approved windows.	No objections
3/2019/0762	15 Bridge End Whalley Road Billington BB7 9NU	Discharge of condition 3 (materials) from planning permission 3/2018/0842.	No objections
3/2019/0661	Land at Petre Wood Close Langho BB6 8FD		Feedback given to Cllr Austin for the meeting.
3/2019/0671	Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD		Feedback given to Cllr Austin for the meeting,

7.2 RV Strategic Housing plan, a response to this has been sent by the Parish Council outlining the progressive reduction of the outstanding environmental quality of the Ribble Valley by increasing house build on greenfield sites. Cllr Austin will speak at the meeting.

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 Response from Highways re Elker Meadows stating that there is no signed section 38 agreement in place and therefore Elker Meadows remains a private road.

8.2 Two members of the parish council have had a site visit to Colliers Farm after a resident reported that the size of the stiles was too great.. They reported that they were satisfied all was in order and that the stile is not too high and is well maintained.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS –

9.1 Langho in Bloom Welcome Stone, LCC will not give LIB permission to erect a welcome stone unless the parish council take ownership of the stone. The accepting of the stone onto the parish councils assets was accepted by all members.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDENCE

- RV Strategic housing and economic needs assessment.
- Request by a detectorist to metal detect at the playground. Permission refused.
- Completion of Community Orchard – 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

12.1 PCSO Pemberton's report :-

- 1 x Burglary Dwelling - Northcote Road - ipad stolen - The offender stated that he had broken down and the elderly lady let them into the house to allow them to use the phone. Forensics have attended.
- 1 x Criminal Damage - Shelter and ticket machine at Langho train station - details passed to British Transport Police for them to check CCTV.
- 1 x Vehicle damage - DV related
- 1 x Arson - car on fire Whalley Old Road - car found on the side of the road on fire. No further details at this stage
- 1x Nuisance - parking at St Leonards school
- Cannabis cultivation at Billington - large sophisticated cannabis cultivation set up - dismantled enquires on-going at this stage

I have been made aware of parking issues at St Marys school, this has been ongoing for some time and will pose a problem until the end of Jan until the building work is complete. I am liaising with the school, Alan Schofield and LCC.

Cronshaw Common.

A spring visit is to be taken to ascertain which trees need maintenance work and thinning out.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 25th November at 7.30pm
Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.30pm
Monday 24th February, 2020 at 7.30pm
Monday 30th March 2020 at 7.30pm
Monday 27th April 2020 at 7.30pm
Monday, 25th May 2020 at 7.00pm for AGM
Monday, 29th June 2020 at 7.30pm