

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th 2020 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO.

PRESENT

Parish councillors – Martin Hincks, Cllr Tony Austin, Michael Collins, Dennis Johnson, John Aspden, Frank Havard.

In attendance – R Greenwood clerk

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from K Swingewood, Steve Farmer and Brian Haworth

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

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2020 were accepted as a true record.

3.2 Community payback cannot do the road signs

3.3 Sightline blocking at Whitehalgh lane / Chapel Lane – one advertiser has agreed to move his sign, the second is an answering machine that leads to an automated text / phone calls. The clerk to contact RVBC

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 There was no public participation

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

5.1 Confidential item

5.2 Discussion was held around choosing new items for the playground, this is to be ringfenced from next year's precept giving the parish council time to look into grant funding. The timescale could be to install after May 2021

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

6.1 Expenditure

Nurture Landscapes	Chq 202222	£129.04
Clerk Salary	Chq 202223	£360.00
HMRC	Chq 202224	£90.00

Office Expenses	Chq 202225	£11.08
Bus Shelter	Chq 202006	£1740.00

ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2020/0050	Plot 4 Cherry Drive Brockhall Village BB6 8HJ	Resubmission of planning permission 3/2016/0926 granted 5/12/2016 now out of date. Revision to planning permission 3/2007/1071 to include one 5 Bed detached house.	No objections
3/2020/0062	Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Construction of proposed agricultural road comprising hard core base with road planings on the surface.	Objections lodged with RVBC
3/2020/0023	7 Tudor Close Langho Blackburn BB6 8DN	Extension to the rear to follow the original roof ling. The extension will incorporate 2 bedrooms and a kitchen.	No objections
3/2020/0123	Land off Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD	Discharge of Conditions 3 (materials), 4 (external meter boxes), 12 (cycle storage facilities), 15 (management and maintenance of the proposed streets), 22 (boundary details), 23 (landscape scheme), 24 (landscape management plan) of Planning Application 3/2018/0844	Objections lodged with RVBC

ITEM 8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 Discussion was held around the flooding particularly on Longworth Road, There has been a request for white goods from Cllr Austin and the Vicar. Cllr Austin confirmed that at grant of £500 would be given to each household and a 100% reduction in council tax for 3 months from RVBC. The storage of temporary defences at Leyland was acknowledged with Leyland thought to be too far away and somewhere more local needed. Cllr Austin has been in discussion with Marshal Scott at RVBC regarding the run off rates of rainwater on buildings and how that contributes to the flooding, also in respect of a requirement for any river dredging.

8.2 Moor Lane, Billington on the 20/03/20, until 24/03/20 to enable surface dressing works to take place

8.3 Submission of speed concerns LCC, *Speed concerns are to be reported via the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership website at www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk This enables the concerns of residents to be processed more quickly.*

- On the webpage click on the 'Contact' button on the right near the top
- Click on the 'Speed Concerns' button on the right and follow the instruction from there

When we receive concerns about the speed of traffic will assess the road in terms of vehicle speeds and the number of injury collisions. Following assessment the Speed Management Group,

a partnership between ourselves and the Police, will consider the information, and determine what action, if any, can be taken to address these issues.

The programme of activity developed to address speeding concerns ranges from police enforcement, installation of temporary signs, and community road watch, to engagement and education activity. We publish the outcomes of these assessments on the above website.

This website is updated monthly with newly assessed sites, identifying the proposed responses to any concerns raised and timescales for implementation.

If measures cannot be prioritised in response to speed concerns we offer a community toolkit which gives examples of how local residents can raise awareness of road safety issues in their local area. This can be accessed on the Partnership website on the above link on the speed concerns page.

8.4 There have been reports of a white van parked inconsiderately at Billington Gardens, the information was passed to PCSO Pemberton.

8.5 Whitehalgh Lane reported 25 drains along its length of which 14 are blocked. At York Lane 11 drains are in situ of which only 2 are flowing. Maintenance of these gully's and drains are needed to help the drainage system cope with the volume of water. Questions were asked if LCC Highways were culpable if an accident occurred as a direct result of lack of maintenance. The clerk to write to Highways to ask for increased drain maintenance.

8.6 A large pothole was reported half way up Snodworth Road, this has been reported to LCC Highways via the Report it site.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORTS –

9.1 Phase 3 Petre Wood, the new builds behind the community centre, there was a report of flooding in this field due to bulldozing. Concerns were raised that that bulldozing might have blocked a water course. The parish council to monitor this.

9.2 The parish council acknowledge with thanks the report from Katie Swingewood from the Parish and Town Council meeting.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDENCE

- Information re the Armed Forces Champion
- LALC Annual Conference
- Community Payback, cannot do the road signs due to health and safety.
- LCC Footpaths acknowledgement of issues on footpath with the stiles.
- Resident enquiry about allotments.

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.2 Cronshaw Common.

A spring visit is to be taken in 2020. to ascertain which trees need maintenance work and thinning out. The clerk to contact Mr Hewitt from RVBC regarding the work needed at Cronshaw Common. This is to link with item 11.3 trees.

11.3 Tree's, feedback from Langho in Bloom and ideas of tree placement were put to Cllr Austin, who will follow up these ideas.

11.4 Clerk, to review policies and procedures including contract of employment, to be aware of property of PC. The parish council is to use cloud-based storage for backing up parish council documentation.

11.5 The Ramblers Association has a new initiative "don't loose your way" which aims to ensure that all local pathways are acknowledged and not lost. <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/dont-lose-your-way-2026.aspx>

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 30th March 2020 at 7.30pm

Monday 27th April 2020 at 7.30pm

Monday, 18th May 2020 at 7.00pm for AGM

Monday, 29th June 2020 at 7.30pm

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/>