

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
30th NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Parish councillors – Brian Haworth (Chair), Frank Havard, Michael Collins, Cllr Tony Austin, Steve Farmer, Dennis Johnson, Kathryn Swingewood, Cllr Alan Schofield.

One member of the public attended.

In attendance – R Greenwood clerk

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Martin Hincks

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 15th October 2020 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by FH and seconded by KS.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Whinney Lane – the meeting was attended by a resident of Whinney Lane concerned about the speeding. In September 2020 she wrote to the police, LCC and to Nigel Evans from this Cllr Alan Schofield has been in correspondence with her. Cllr Schofield has raised three main points of concern regarding Whinney Lane. 1. The making of Whinney Lane a 20mph zone, this based on the average speed survey conducted previously. 2. The encouraging of traffic to use the A roads and not use Whinney Lane as a cut through. 3. Enforcement of speeding offences – this is a Police matter rather than a highways matter. Residents witnessing speeding are encouraged to contact the Police on 101 with a registration number. The Parish Council support making Whinney Lane a 20mph zone and will be sending letters supporting this to the Highways Dept.

Questions were asked about Whinney Lane having walkways/pavements, being a one-way road or having traffic calming measures on. The clerk to write to Highways regarding having an illuminated speed indicator sign on Whinney Lane and if this would be practicable.

PCSO Pemberton will be asked to patrol the area and the parish council will request a Community Speed Watch for the area.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

5.1 Friends of Langho Playground, there has been a Zoom meeting of Friends of Langho Park with ideas for going forward to include two paths, one to the play equipment and one around the perimeter of the park. Other ideas put forward are new play equipment and additional benches.

5.2 Land on Billington Playground, it was proposed that a second letter will be sent in due course. Proposed FH and seconded DJ.

5.3 Football/sports training on the playground. After discussion it was decided that the grassed area's within the park were only suitable for children playing and not for intensive sports training, particularly by adults, as this would cause damage to the turf and was not appropriate for our small playground. Proposed BH and seconded TA.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

6.1 Expenditure

Cheque 202278	C Walton, Nov Lengthsman	£116.29
Cheque 202279	Nurture Landscapes	£129.04
Cheque 202280	HMRC	£90.00
Cheque 202281	Clerk Wage	£360.00
Cheque 202282	Zoom Billing	£14.39

6.2 Precept, the Precept budget was presented to the members. A request was made that figures for the past 5 years be viewed prior to a decision being made. The clerk to send these figures out and all members will then contact the clerk. Additional funding for repairs to the Cenotaph and some money is to be ringfenced for new playground equipment.

ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2020/0980 24 Chapel Rise Billington BB7 9TU, New single-storey garage to the side. New canopy covering the front of the new garage to the front door of the house. Driveway alternations.

3/2020/0943, Hackings Holiday Caravan Park Elker Lane Billington BB7 9HZ, Extension to existing caravan storage facilities. Objections were raised about the loss of good agricultural green belt land for caravan storage.

3/2020/0984, Northcote Stud Northcote Road Langho BB6 8BE, 2 Illuminated advertisement boards (retrospective application).

ITEM 8 HIGHWAY

8.1 Whinney Lane as detailed under item 4.1

8.2 Whalley Old Road through York Village- concerns were raised regarding speeding on this road. This is a Police matter not a highways matter as this needs speeding enforcement. The clerk to contact PCSO Pemberton.

8.3 Elker Meadows, lack of visibility due to overgrown hedge, Dennis Johnson reported that the hedge has now been cut back and the visibility has therefore improved.

8.4 To ease the parking for St Augustine School, parents have been given permission to use Mitton Fold car park, however this means that the children are coming onto the road a distance away from the crossing. Brian Haworth is working with Langho in Bloom to create signage to guide children safely to the crossing.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORT

9.1 PCSO Pemberton presented the November crime figures:-

14/11/20 - Vehicle crime, Hillcrest rd, Langho - stealing from works van, power tools taken, there is cctv but offenders cannot be identified as too far away.

14/11/20 - Homeless man in phone box at Billington. neighbourhood officers contacted council and council eventually housed him, received several calls re him.

19/11/20 - Railway view, Billington - Theft of axe from back yard, nothing seen or heard by informant or neighbours.

19/11/20 - Assault, old Langho road. female walking along old Langho road in the dark, at 5pm she was approached by 2 males and assaulted her, CID are dealing with this, all cctv enquiries have been done, witness appeals have been done on social media and press release done.

20/11/20 - Burglary, moorland road, Langho - house broken into in between 13:30-22:30 whilst occupant was out, a small amount of jewellery was taken, no cctv, all neighbours visited and nothing seen or heard.

23/11/20 - Burglary, Springdale Road, Langho - empty property, cannot be sure when it occurred, smashed rear patio window to gain access. no cctv and again nothing seen or hear by neighbours.

24/11/20 - Burglary, Culvert garage, Billington- alarm sounded which disturbed offenders, nothing taken.

9.2 Brian Haworth reported that the telephone box at York Village now belongs to the Parish Council, members are asked to consider its future use. If there is power it could be used to house a defib or a parish notice board.

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