

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

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

In attendance – R Greenwood clerk. Ben Copithorne, Steve Waggot, Anthony Ferguson, Aart Koning.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from PCSO Pemberton.

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 zoom meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 A 10 minute slot was allocated to introduce the proposals and the consultation process with regard to Rovers in Brockhall. It was stated that a formal process of consultation, via RVBC, would take place in March 2021. That the proposal was to build a completely integrated, state of the art, sports facility for use during the day and the same space to be used in the evenings as a wellbeing and health centre. To attain this the upper site would be sold off as a residential site.

Members of the parish council agreed to take up the offer of a formal presentation with a Q&A slot at a later date. When questioned about how the public would be kept informed during this period of Covid restrictions the parish council were informed this would be done via a website and leafletting throughout the village.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

5.1 Friends of Langho Park, due to bad weather and Covid restrictions there has not been a meeting of the Friends. A request was made for where new parish notice boards could be sited to inform parishioners about the work of the parish council and the friends of Langho Park. All members of the parish council were asked to look for suitable locations.

5.2 Lengthsman report. Reported that the climbing frame handle is wobbly and that the music board has been vandalised at Billington Playground. The clerk to contact a contractor with regards to repairing the climbing frame handle.

5.3 The overhanging willow tree at Langho Playground has been trimmed back so it no longer intrudes over a resident's garden. The cost was £150

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

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Cheque 202292	PKF Littlejohn (audit)	£240.00
Cheque 202293	Davis Tree work at Cronshaw Common	£600.00
Cheque 202294	LALC training	£120.00
Cheque 202295	Zoom meeting	£14.39
Cheque 202296	Lalc annual fee	£685.21
Cheque 202297	Nurture Landscapes	£129.04
Cheque 202298	Tyrone Morgan – Graveyard	£750.00
Cheque 202299	C Walton, Lengthsman Jan & Feb	£590.08
Cheque 202300	R Greenwood	£360.00
Cheque 202301	HMRC	£90.00
Cheque 202302	Sam Wood Joiner	£75.00

6.2 Cashflow and bank reconciliation was presented via Share on Zoom but was also sent out as an attachment on emails. This was accepted as a true record.

## ITEM 7      PLANNING

All planning applications are forwarded to the parish councillors via email so that the plans etc can be studied before the zoom meeting.

Since the last parish council meeting the following plans have been considered.

3/2021/0031 **29 Larkhill Langho BB6 8AR**, Proposed dormer to the rear including juliet balcony. No objections.

3/2021/0122 **8 Netherwood Gardens Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8HR**, 1 x Sycamore (T4) and 1 x Beech (T5) to be felled due to deterioration. To be replaced with habitat poles. Concerns raised but RVBC answered with A tree work application does not have right of objection

3/2021/0124 **Sunridge York Lane Langho BB6 8DW**, proposed raising of the existing roof and conversion of the existing loft to facilitate first floor accommodation and associated alterations and refurbishment works. No objections.

3/2021/0130 **67 Hillcrest Road Langho BB6 8EN**, Regularisation of erection of 1.8m high garden fence to boundary. Objections sent due to size of the fence.

3/2021/0136 **7 and 8 Dickens Court Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8HT**, **Proposed** single-storey extension at the rear of 7 and 8 Dickens Court, including balconies at first floor level. No objections.

3/2021/0175 **BRFC Senior Training Centre Gleneagles Drive Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8FA**, Request for screening opinion relating to the demolition of the existing buildings and construction of up to 170 dwellings with associated infrastructure, a local convenience store, open space and children's play area. The clerk to write to Adam Birkett to ask for more information as there is so little information on the planning application site. The parish council questioned how an opinion could be sought without providing fuller information.

3/2021/0176 , **BRFC Junior Training Centre Franklin Hill Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8BA**, Request for screening opinion relating to the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of indoor training facilities, ancillary residential accommodation, grounds maintenance building and car parking. The clerk to write to Adam Birkett to ask for more information as there is so little information on the planning application site.

The response from RVBC regarding applications 0176 and 0175 is “*The Council have received two requests for Screening Opinions. These are not planning applications.*”

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*A developer can apply to the Council to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required prior to submitting a planning application. This is known as a request for a Screening Opinion and requires the local planning authority to consider whether certain projects are likely to have a significant effect on the environment and if so, ensure that the applicant carries out an assessment and prepares and submits a report identifying and assessing the effects.*

*With this type of submission there is no public consultation involved. Consultation with the public will occur if and when a planning application is made”*

Notification of appeal against refusal of planning notification for Braeside, York Lane, Langho BB6 8DT regarding the demolition of existing garage and creation of a new, accessible, single-storey dwelling within the residential curtilage. This is a resubmission of application 3/2019/0972 This application reference is 3/2020/0300

### ITEM 8 HIGHWAY

8.1 Grit Salt Bin. Cllr Schofield forwarded correspondence regarding the grit salt bin at Dale View. This bin belongs to RVBC but will not be refilled with grit/salt this winter. RVBC will be carrying out an assessment whether the street meets the criteria for a grit bin in time for next winter.

8.4 Street signs repairs for York Lane and St Marys Drive have been actioned by RVBC

8.3 Cllr Schofield sent out a report giving the recommended Residents Permit Parking Schemes Essential Criteria which was approved at LCC Cabinet virtual mtg 14/01/2021 as the minimum standard that any future scheme will need to meet prior to being considered for promotion.

8.4 the parish council have been asked to approve a request for a litter bin to be put on the Whalley Nab road (Moor Lane) near the entrance to the Billington Horse Trails? Ideally it would be near where there's space to park cars. The clerk is to write to RVBC and ask that this area be included on the refuse truck route for collecting bins and litter left. The parish council praised the members of Langho in Bloom who are undertaking regular litter picks in the area.

8.5 The parish council has had no response to asking United Utilities to remove the green fence on the roundabout. The clerk to email Bentleys who were the contractors.

8.6 It was reported that Snodworth Road and Whitehalgh Lane are in very poor repair particularly under the railway bridge, the parish council feel that patching the pot holes will not be enough and to request resurfacing of this area and for the drains to be cleared.

8.7 Dale View. Cllr Austin has spoken to a member of the housing developers who have done some promotional work and a local survey. The results from the survey were that all 74 responses were negative with 36 concerned about flooding, 20 about traffic, 16 about local services and 7 thought Billington was overdeveloped. The parish council are to strongly request that the planning committee physically visit the site to view the topography of the site.

8.8 Old Langho litter bin by the bus shelter has been removed from its concrete base. The concrete base has then been placed behind the bus shelter, the clerk to ask the Lengthsman to repair.

### ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORT

9.1 Overgrown well at Cronshaw Common. Cost for Lengthsman clearing this was £37.50. The Lengthsman, Chris Walton, was thanked for his work on this.

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9.2 Cronshaw common trees, Three contractors will be asked to provide an interim report for the management of Cronshaw Common. The contractors to quote are from the approved RVBC scheme. The old maps for this area are to be digitally reproduced and saved as an archive as the old maps are in a poor state of repair.

9.3 PCSO Pembertons report.

18/02/21 - Burglary, Springdale road. - rear window smashed, dont think anyone has been in the property, nothing taken, no cctv, nothing seen or heard by neighbours.

05/02/21 - Theft of lead, Sanctuary of healing - no cctv in the area. It happened overnight so nothing seen or heard as its not near any other properties.

9.4 Chairman Brian Haworth thanked all members of the parish council for their work during the past year.

#### ITEM 10 CORRESPONDENCE.

All items of correspondence have been forwarded via email.

There has been a request for public feedback on the Clitheroe to Hellifield Railway line, there is a link to this on the parish councils facebook page.

Census -the national campaign will launch on the weekend of the 12th February and there are some exciting initiatives planned. <https://census.gov.uk/>

Correspondence requesting details of planning application follow up. Specifically, those that are for retrospective planning and have been refused. Questions were asked as to what the parish councils' policy was in such cases. The parish council responded by stating that we had only the power to object and have no power of enforcement, that lies with RVBC.

#### ITEM 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> May 2021- AGM at 7pm Meeting at 7.30pm

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9pm

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