

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 29th March 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

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

In attendance – R Greenwood - clerk, Phill Harris from Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from PCSO Pemberton, John Aspden.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Register of Interests – Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

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 22nd February 2021 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 There were no members of the public.

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

5.1 Friends of Langho Park, there is nothing to report this month as Covid has prevented physical meetings. It is hoped that the group will meet after lockdown.

5.2 Football nets will be replaced after the Easter holiday as the turf is looking in good condition.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

Cheque 202304	Zoom	£14.39
Cheque 202305	Reissue of cheque 202305 paid on 22/1/21 to PKF Littlejohn	£240.00
Cheque 202306	Nurture Landscapes for Graveyard maintenance	£129.04
Cheque 202307	Office, stamps etc	£38.34
Cheque 202308	HMRC	£90.00
Cheque 202309	R Greenwood salary	£360.00

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6.2 Cashflow and bank reconciliation was sent out as an attachment on emails. This was accepted as a true record.

6.3 The Vat Return has been completed and sent to HMRC.

6.4 The notice of audit has been received and the year-end figures prepared to go to audit.

ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2021/0167 – 2 Bridge End Whalley Road Billington BB7 9NU, Internal alterations to create open plan/ upside down house, with additional mezzanine level. External alterations include new window openings and Velux roof lights.no objections

3/2021/0205 – Land at Neddy Lane Billington BB7 9LL, Proposed erection of 36 residential dwellings, along with landscaping and associated site infrastructure., objections sent and a request for a site visit by RVBC Planning Committee..

3/2021/0085 – 10 Bradyll Court Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8AS, Proposed first floor extension over existing ground floor garage. no objections

3/2021/0182 – Whins Lodge Whalley Old Road Langho Lancashire BB6 8DU, Demolition of existing single storey elements of existing property, the garage, and a number of out buildings to construct a two-storey rear extension and an attached annexe with lower ground floor integral garage and service spaces. Replacement of two storey bay windows to the front elevation and with a portico covered entrance, no objections.

3/2021/0243 – The Conference Centre Gleneagles Drive Brockhall Village Old Langho BB6 8AY, proposed single storey extension to existing retail shop unit and covered seating area. no objections.

3/2021/0189 - 39 St Marys Drive Langho BB6 8DL, Proposed loft conversion and construction of front and rear dormer. no objections.

3/2021/0211 - 8 Springdale Road Langho Blackburn BB6 8ER, Proposed single storey rear extension. no objections.

3/2021/ 0311 as yet this application is not valid on the RVBC site. The parish council to monitor.

ITEM 8 HIGHWAY

8.1 Old Langho, Cllr Schofield has been in correspondence with a resident of Brockhall Village regarding traffic issues from Northcote road, Chapel lane, Elker Lane and then into Old Langho and the number of incidents and a request for better signage and a reduction in speed limits. Cllr Schofield has forwarded this request to Highways Dept and also the local police. Cllr Schofield has requested the following from Highways Dept: -

1. there needs to be SLOW markings at both approaches to the bends on Chapel Lane (and relevant warning signs).

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2.the particular bend locations on Chapel Lane for SLOW markings etc are (coming from A59 Longsight Rd intersection, to Old Langho / Brockhall Village direction), these 3:
the 1st bend (RH) which is also in a dip;
the double bends after Clarkson's 'Riley's Farm'; and
the end of Chapel Lane where it meets & becomes Old Langho Road (at RH bend & junction with Ribchester Rd Dinckley).

8.2 Rubbish has been reported adjacent to the community centre consisting of scrap metal, gas cylinders and an abandoned van and concerns were raised about tipping at the rear of the school adjacent to the stream. The clerk to write to environmental services and LCC to report the blocked footpath. Proposed AA and Seconded DJ

8.3 Bus shelters, RVBC thanked for their quick work at replacing the shelter at Old Langho. RVBC have been asked to clean the bus shelters in Billington and Langho.

8.4 Whitehalgh Lane / Chapel Lane gully cleaning done. The gully wagon attended on Monday 22 March and cleared 2 out of the 3 gullies. The other requires root cutting work and this will be carried out as soon as it can be programmed. Operatives spoke to the farmer before commencing these works.

8.5 Report from Billington Gardens that the footpath at the side of the village store is in poor condition. This has been reported to LCC with reference W582408. The clerk is to write to LCC and RVBC.

8.6 The hedge outside Langho football club on Northcote road is overgrown with brambles, this is forcing pedestrians to walk in the road on the blind bend. The clerk to contact Highways.

8.7 Whalley Old Road, reports of inappropriate speeds by traffic using this road. Local residents have reported this to LCC but feel frustrated that nothing is being done as the accident rate on that stretch of road is "good. Residents fear that there will be a serious accident in the area despite their best efforts to request speed reduction and better signage. The clerk to write to Highways.

8.8 Reports have been received regarding parking for St Augustine's school. On one day last week 44 cars and 1 bus pulled into Elker Meadows to collect children from school. This blocks access for the residents of Elker Meadows. The clerk to contact PCSO Pemberton and the school. Proposed DJ and seconded FH.

ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORT

9.1 Defib at Billington Gardens, the cabinet has now been repaired, Gordon Fishlock was thanked for this and Frank Havard will resume his regular inspection and liaise with NWAS.

9.2 The parish council owns the decommissioned telephone box at York, discussion was held as to if funding could be found to purchase a defib and use the telephone box to house this. The box is to be cleaned by parish council members. Frank Havard is to consult local groups to see what the community want from the telephone box.

9.3 It was reported that the telephone box at Billington Gardens is to be decommissioned. Cllr Austin is to check the records of use. The clerk is to write to British Telecom regarding this as it is felt that

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this is a community asset and needed for those without a mobile phone and to be used in case of emergency. Proposed FH and Seconded DJ

9.4 Cllr Austin reported that at the forthcoming Liaison Committee meeting the topics for discussion are 1. Telephone boxes, 2 RVBC's local plan 3. Road Safety (from Sabden Parish Council) 4. Dog theft's (Mellor) 5 Parking, waste and dog bins (Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council)

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDENCE.

All items of correspondence have been forwarded via email.

ITEM 11 – Graveyard at Old Langho Church. A request has been received by the parish council for a financial contribution toward the graveyard. The parish council have considered this request but due to the amount of money spent each year on the graveyard maintenance, which is over £21,000 in the last 10 years, the parish council will decline the request for further financial support. The clerk to write to decline the request and express concern regarding soil dumping at the graveyard. Proposed BH Seconded MC.

ITEM 12 – Cronshaw Common Phill Harris of Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd gave a report to the parish council outlining what was needed for Cronshaw Common to fulfil the parish council's responsibility for land management and risk assessment. Companies were asked to quote for this work with the parish council choosing to award Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd the contract due to being a local firm and providing a comprehensive schedule of works to be completed. Going forward the parish council will look to place benches within Cronshaw Common using monies ringfenced under Jessica Lofthouse benches left to the parish council. Proposed MC and Seconded KS.

ITEM 13 The parish council is to continue to copy old maps, posters and minutes these will be held as a parish archive. It was proposed that 2 or 3 members will review the items that are to go to a specialist firm to be digitised and all other items will just be photographed to keep the cost down. It was acknowledged that the parish council can not store all residual paperwork but also some of the older maps and minutes are in a poor state of repair so need to be prioritised

ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

26th April 2021 at 7.30pm

24th May 2021- AGM at 7pm Meeting at 7.30pm

28th June 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 21.23hrs

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