

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, April 26th 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Parish councillors – Dennis Johnson, Frank Havard, Cllr A Austin, Katie Swingewood, Steve Farmer and Chair Brian Haworth.

In attendance – R Greenwood - clerk

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Aspden, Michael Collins and Martin Hincks.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Brian Haworth and Katie Swingewood disclosed any personal or prejudicial interests' item 10.2

ITEM 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

3.1 Minutes of the zoom meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were accepted as a true record, with an amendment to show that Steve Farmer was in attendance for the March 2021 meeting. AA / FH

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 There were no members of the public in attendance,

ITEM 5 PLAYGROUNDS

5.1 Friends of Langho Park, there is to be a meeting of park volunteers this month, the agenda for which is to 1. Find finance for the new notice board, 2. Look at the equipment needed for the very young children, 3. Consider the equipment for the older end of visitors, 4. Plan the first pathway and benches for that pathway.

5.2 There have been complaints regarding the litter bins in the playgrounds, the clerk rang Lengthsman who went that day. It was proposed that due to the higher volume of visitors to the park that the Lengthsman increases his litter bin emptying activity until October. Proposed BH and seconded FH.

ITEM 6 ACCOUNTS

202310	Zoom meetings	£14.39
202311	Nurture Landscapes for Graveyard	£129.04
202312	C Walton Lengthsman	£276.29

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202313	HMRC	£90.00
202314	Clerk Wages	£360.00

6.2 The Precept has been paid into the Parish Council Account.

6.3 Accounts are ready to go to Audit.

6.4 Insurance quotes. The parish council is currently insured by Came and Company. Community First have provided a much more competitive quote and offers the same cover as Came and Company. It was proposed that the parish council took up the 3-year contract with Community First. Proposed BH seconded DJ,

## ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2021/0327 - Sudells Farm Northcote Road Langho BB6 8BD, Application for a prior notification of a proposed agricultural building for livestock and storage. No objections.

3/2021/0373 - Land off Elker Lane Billington, Reserved matters application pursuant to outline approval 3/2016/0927 for the erection of a Continuing Care Retirement Community comprising a 50-bed care home; 60 self-contained assisted living units; car parking; landscaping and associated works. Objections are to be lodged with RVBC

3/2021/0353 Land off Longsight Road Langho, Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning application 3/2018/0844. The variation includes unit amendments, garage amendments, boundary and landscaping amendments. Concerns are to be lodged with RVBC,

3/2021/0370, Plot 1 Franklin Hill Brockhall Village BB6 8HY, Design amendments to planning permission 3/2010/0387 in relation to plot 1. No objections.

3/2021/0303, 1 Wildmans Barn Longsight Road Langho BB6 8AD, proposed external works including stone wall with timber entrance gates. Concerns are to be lodged with RVBC,

3/2021/0311 Additional – following an email from a resident the PC has amended its objection to this application to include the residents' concerns.

## ITEM 8 HIGHWAY

8.1 A request has been made for cycle notices at both ends of the footpath from Longworth Road to Abbey end. Reported under reference W588273

8.2 Langho Football Fields – the overhanging brambles have been reported under reference W588547

8.3 There been more incidences of fly tipping on Moor Lane, in the last month there have been 40 tyres, asbestos, builder's waste, plant pots and compost. This fly tipping has been happening at the weekends. This will be reported to RVBC, LCC and the police and CCTV to be installed.

8.4 PCSO Pemberton has been in the area with the speed cameras. The parish council are to ask for the camera vans to attend Billington, particularly from St Augustine's school to York Village. The

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clerk is to write to PCSO Pemberton to ask for statistical feedback from her attendance with the speed cameras.

8.5 Discussion was held about the Speed Indicator Devices and the parish councils need for a moveable unit to be used across York Village, Langho, Billington and Old Langho.

8.6 The clerk to write to RVBC and ask why the rubbish bin at Old Langho bus station is out of action.

## ITEM 9 OFFICERS REPORT

9.1 Cllr Austin attended the Parish Councils Liaison Committee meeting and gave this report. Code of Conduct – all parish council have code of conduct policies and were asked to check these were up to date.

Local Plan - The first part of this is the Statement of Community Involvement, which is to be adopted by June. This will be impossible, because although the Committee approved this for consultation several months ago, the consultation has not yet commenced. The third part of this document deals with the annual planning Monitoring Report, which is suggested should be discussed regularly by the Development Working Group, not the main Planning Committee.

BT Phone Removal - This time there are only 5 phones at risk, one in Sabden, one in Billington Gardens and three in Clitheroe.

Highway Safety - highlighted were problems with speeding vehicles. I mentioned some of our difficulties in Langho and suggested sharing equipment. Ian Hirst thinks villagers should get together to operate speed checking machines. Dilys Day is the officer responsible for the Community Safety Partnership, which is chaired by Cllr. Thompson. Marshal Scott has one or two lighted speed indicators.

Dog Theft - recent large local increase in dog theft. With the lockdown, there was a greater demand for pets, some animals selling for as much as £4,000. Dog-walkers have been assaulted in daylight and have become scared to take their pets out. Gangs of dog thieves have started to flourish with only a 1% conviction for the offence. Mr. Marsden strongly believed more public Committee agreed to ask the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner to take more action, and RVBC agreed to print some posters about the crime.

Dog Fouling – highlighted were issue of lack of dog bins and insufficiently frequent clearance, exacerbated by large numbers of fast food wrappers in the central area of the village.

Zoom Meetings - Following a question, Marshal Scott stated that he hoped we would all be back to normal by late June, if not before and dependant on meeting size from a socially distant viewpoint.

## ITEM 10 CORRESPONDENCE.

All items of correspondence have been forwarded via email.

10.1 Langho in Bloom will not be entering Best Kept Village this year.

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10.2 For this item both Chair Brian Haworth and Katie Swingewood declared an interest. Frank Havard was nominated chair for this item. The parish council will be nominated Langho In Bloom for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Groups, this for the excellent works that they do across Langho. proposed by SF and seconded by AA. Frank Havard will complete the paperwork.

ITEM 11 –DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

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

28th June 2021 at 7.30pm

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

No meeting is scheduled for August

27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm

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

No meeting is scheduled for December.

Meeting closed at 20:53hrs