

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

PRESENT

Parish councillors – Brian Haworth (Chair) Martin Hincks, Dennis Johnson, Michael Collins, John Aspden, Katie Swingewood. Cllr Tony Austin, Cllr Steve Farmer.

In attendance – Langho in Bloom, R Greenwood clerk,

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Frank Havard.

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

Minutes of the meeting held November 2021 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Langho in Bloom attended the meeting to put forward ideas for the Platinum Jubilee. The parish council has been given a grant of £500 from RVBC for the Jubilee. The parish council has formed a working group committee who will engage with the community to collect ideas. Langho in Bloom will join this working group.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING.

- 5.1 Old Langho Church request for donation, the parish council considered the request for a donation. It was deemed that as the parish council already pay for the graveyard maintenance that a donation could not be offered at this time.
- 5.2 Community Hall Boiler, the parish council have had a request for funds towards the cost of the boiler, the parish council have issued a cheque for £800
- 5.3 Green fence belonging to United Utilities at the roundabout. The clerk has contacted United Utilities and Bentleys, with regard to getting this fence removed. The clerk to write to the Highways department. It was noted that behind this fence appears to be a holding space for buses.

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5.4 The parish council owned telephone box at York has now had the tree's removed from around it. The parish council would like local residents to propose ideas for the future use of this box. Members of the parish council have volunteered to repaint the box later when the weather improves.

5.5 Two of the benches that were left to the parish by Jessica Lofthouse are in poor repair. It was proposed that these two benches be replaced with plastic benches. Three quotes are to sought. Proposed MC, Seconded SF

5.6 The parish council would like to express thanks to Keeley Robertson who has crocheted the covers for Billington post box which has been much admired.

5.7 Concerns have been raised over changes in the railway timetable which hugely increases customers waiting time for connecting trains, (proposed for December 2022). The parish council is to send a letter. Proposed TA Seconded MH

### ITEM 6 PLAYGROUNDS

6.1 Lengthsman reports have mentioned some vandalism, the Lengthsman will undertake these repairs.

6.2 A memorial bench has been placed in Billington Playground for local resident Dale Fielding.

6.3 There has been a report that the tree's next to Billington Playground have been topped and the cut off from this is in the brook, the brook is now clogged with debris. The clerk to contact the environment agencies.

### ITEM 7 ACCOUNTS

Cheque 202367	Defibrillator shop	£7.00
Cheque 202368	Nurture Landscapes	£129.04
Cheque202369	Lengthsman December 2021	£276.29
Cheque 202370	December salary	£360.00
Cheque 202371	HMRC	£90.00
Cheque 202372	Lengthsman November 2021	£276.29
Cheque 202373	Nurture for January duties	£129.04
Cheque 202374	HMRC	£90.00
Cheque 202375	Clerk January	£360.00
Cheque 202376	Void (was travel, mtg canx)	
Cheque 202377	Richard Davis for Cronshaw	£2200
Cheque 202378	HMRC	£90.00
Cheque 202379	Clerk February	£360.00
Cheque 202380	Expenses clerk	£25.46
Cheque 202381	Lengthsman February	£276.29
Cheque 202382	Nurture for Graveyard	£129.04
Cheque 202383	Community Hall	£800.00

7.2 To accept £500 grant for the Platinum Jubilee.

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7.3 To accept the bank reconciliation and cash flow.

### ITEM 8 PLANNING

. 3/2022/0028 The Barn, Moor Lane, Billington. No objections.

3/2022/0045 Sudells Farm, Northcote Road, Langho. No objections.

3/2022/0030 Dewhurst Farm, Longsight Road, objections lodged with RVBC

3/2022/0042 St Marys RC School, Whalley Road. No objections.

3/2022/0049, 5 Hawthorn Close, Langho. No objections.

3/2022/0068 27a Calder Ave, No objections.

3/2022/0168 Land Elker Lane. Objections to be lodged with RVBC

### ITEM 9 HIGHWAY

9.1 Elker Meadows, double yellow lines have been placed on Elker Meadows but these are being ignored by parents picking up school children.

9.2 A complaint has been received that there is a van parked up on Elker Lane, it is parked so far onto the pavement that the school children are having to walk in the road.

9.3 Snodworth Road, the parish council have received complaints again for Snodworth Road, the condition of the road and the speed at which motorists are traveling along it. The parish council has contacted PCSO Pemberton to report this and Cllr Alan Schofield is aware of the ongoing issues along here.

9.4 The drainage on Northcote Road is blocked, the overflow from the culvert is causing the side of the road to be eroded. This is due to a previously reported blocked drain.

9.5 Report of the culverts being broken causing flooding on York Lane.

9.6 The proposed bus shelter at the Petre Arms. Cllr Schofield is chasing this to see if he can get the objections lifted.

### ITEM 10 OFFICERS REPORT

10.1 PCSO Pemberton forwarded the following report of incidents that have happened in the parish in February

- 4/2 – Burglary – Moorland road, home owner heard back door open (left unlocked) her dog went to look closely followed by her and no one was there. No cctv in the area, no csi opportunity.

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- 6/2 – Theft of vehicle – Painter close, theft of ford Kuga, there is cctv but not good enough to get a reg or ID any persons.
- 12/2 – Vehicle crime – Theft of horse equipment (saddles and tack) from 6 horse boxes at Northcote stud. On speaking to the owner of the stud several thefts have occurred at different horse shows around the country in the past few months all of similar nature. Patrols stepped up in the area on the weekends they have events. No cctv.
- 13/2 – Suspicious circs – Dale view, male trying car door handles, police attend but no one seen, cctv captured lone male but not good enough to identify. No other reports of incidents in the area that night.

The clerk to write to PCSO Pemberton and ask for traffic figures to be included in the report.

#### ITEM 11 CORRESPONDENCE.

All items of correspondence have been forwarded via email.

#### ITEM 12 CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY WITH RVBC

12.1 The Parish Council have accepted the new Code of Conduct policy from RVBC following some members attending training. Proposed BH seconded MC

#### ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

March 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm

April 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm

May 2<sup>3rd</sup> 2022 at 7pm for the AGM

June 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm

25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm

26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm

24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm

28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm

30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm

27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 21.05hrs