

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILLINGTON AND LANGHO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
28th MARCH 2022 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

PRESENT

Parish councillors –. Martin Hincks (acting Chair) Dennis Johnson, Frank Havard, Michael Collins, Cllr Tony Austin, Cllr Steve Farmer, Katie Swingewood.

In attendance – One Resident, Cllr Alan Schofield, R Greenwood clerk,

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Aspden.

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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 One parishioner attended the meeting regarding concerns about traffic speeds and lack of pavements on Snodworth Road and Whinney Lane. He asked for the parish councils support to his lobbying LCC for traffic calming measures on these roads and to raise concerns about the pedestrian hazard of no footpaths on Whinney Lane. The parish council gave its full support to any traffic calming measures agreed by the majority of residents.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING.

5.1 Insurance claim against the parish council, the clerk has written to the underwriters stating that the land in question does not belong to the parish council.

ITEM 6 PLAYGROUNDS

6.1 The parish council has had a request, via email, from a resident asking that a section of Billington Playground be made into a dog park / exercise area. The parish councillors discussed this and felt that the playground remain a dog free area. This was voted for unanimously. Councillors pointed out that Cronshaw Common on Whalley Old Road is Common Land and offers dog exercise areas in the Parish.

6.2 The parish council has had a complaint, via email, regarding dog mess, one at the playground and another at an area not in our parish. Both of these issues were referred to the borough council's environmental department.

ITEM 7 ACCOUNTS

Cheque 202384	HMRC	£90.00
Cheque 202385	Clerk March wage	£360.00
Cheque 202386	Clerk travel	£25.46

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Cheque 202387	C Walton Lengthsman	£276.29
Cheque 202388	Nurture Landscapes	£129.04

7.2 To accept the bank reconciliation and cash flow for this and the next financial year,

7.3 The parish council will pay a contribution to the clerk's pension from her existing salary. This will be invoiced to the parish council each month and paid by cheque. Proposed MH and Seconded MC. There will be no increase in the clerk's salary.

#### ITEM 8 PLANNING

3/2022/0169	Hole House Farm, Whalley Road	no objections
3/2022/0145	2 The Rydings Langho	no objections
3/2022/0127,	Dewhurst Farm Longsight Road	Objections sent 21.3.22
3/2022/0233,	11 Painter Wood Whalley Old Road	no objections
3/2022/0212	The Barn, Moor Lane	no objections
3/2022/0246	5 Higherfield Langho	no objections

#### ITEM 9 HIGHWAY

9.1 Lancashire County Council are making resources available to all Parish / Town Councils in Lancashire districts. The parish council has signed up for this.

9.2 Lancashire County Council have requested that parish councils share, via social media, a survey regarding walking and cycling in the area. Links on the parish councils Facebook page.

9.3 Following a fatal accident that happened on the A59, the clerk is to write and ask LCC for a footpath from St Michaels Lodge to the roundabout to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

9.4 Complaint was received about the poor condition of the footpath from the roundabout to Mytton Fold, the clerk to report this.

9.5 The clerk to report potholes on Snodworth Road and the state of the gullies down the left hand side going uphill.

9.6 Pot holes on Pashmire Brow have been reported to LCC with reference W679385.

9.7 Cllr Schofield was asked about the concerns raised by the attending resident regarding Snodworth Road and Whinney Lane. Cllr Schofield is in contact with the resident and supports the traffic calming measures. Cllr Schofield is to ask PCSO Pemberton to attend and do a speed watch on Snodworth Road. Cllr Schofield also handed out the Police and Crime Commissioners booklet which identifies on of the

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Commissioners key priorities of tackling dangerous drivers and bringing back the use of volunteers for Community Road Watch for areas like Snodworth Road.

#### ITEM 10 OFFICERS REPORT

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

10/3/22 – Whalley road, near to nab nail and beauty studio, Road related offence – vehicle crashed into lamp post, driver detained for drug driving.

11/3/22 – RTC, lord nelson pub. Driver reported for due care. 4 vehicles damaged in the collision.

17/3/22 – Fatal RTC, on the A666 Whalley Road, close to the junction with the A59.

18/3/22 – St Marys drive. Issues at school kicking out time with parking. Neighbourhood Police Team monitoring and providing a presence.

10.2 Flood meeting, Cllr's Austin and Schofield and Dennis Johnson attended the Flood Meeting. They met with the flood management team, Whalley and Billington Flood Group, Cabinet member for the Environment Shaun Turner, Longworth Road residents, Cllrs Murfin and Hindle and Rachel Crompton Flood agency to discuss Flood Risk Management. Questions were raised about what was being done to prevent flooding in the area and what is the solution LCC Flooding Agency have in mind. Cllr Schofield invited people to look at <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/billington/?term=billington#section-3> for some of the solutions offered.

#### ITEM 11 CORRESPONDENCE.

All items of correspondence have been forwarded via email.

#### ITEM 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

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

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Meeting closed at 20.40hrs

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