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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.34 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors H Shaw (Chair), E Pope, I Fairclough, L McDonnell, M McDonnell and S Martland plus Borough Councillor P Hesketh.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Councillors A Beckett and A Sherman, Borough Councillor J Gordon.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Councillor E Pope declared an interest in the planning applications at item 6 on the Agenda.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2025

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 October 2025 be approved by the Chair.

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ISSUES RAISED BY BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor P Hesketh went through items in the local area outside of Lathom which will not be minuted on this occasion.

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ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

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PLANNING

Applications to be considered:

- a. 2025/0864/FUL - Shakelady Hey, Sandy Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire - The proposal is the demolition of two existing detached dwellings and the replacement with one high-quality self-build eco-home – comment deadline 28 November 2025. It was agreed that a comment be submitted to the Planning Department.
- b. 2025/0982/FUL – Ash Lea, Ring O’Bells Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – two storey/single storey extension to side and rear after the removal of existing single storey rear outrigger and front porch extension – comment deadline 12 December 2025 – no comment to be submitted.
- c. There were no other planning applications to consider.

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CIL PROJECT

Parish Clerk D Abram provided an update regarding the project. We have received an amended Licence (version 2) however the document still contains details regarding maintenance of the whole land which has not been agreed and this has been returned to the Legal Representative at WLBC asking for this aspect to be moved before we can sign the Licence.

The project cannot begin until the Licence is in its final format and signed by the Chair of Lathom Parish Council.

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ONLINE BANKING

The paperwork has been signed by Councillors E Pope, H Shaw and Parish Clerk D Abram. Councillor A Beckett who was not present at the meeting is to sign before the next meeting.

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SPID CAMERA AND ROAD ISSUES

Councillor M McDonnell confirmed that he had analysed the data from the SPID camera in its current location in Carr Lane which again showed details of speeding in the area and heavier use of the road by traffic leaving Lathom as opposed to entering Lathom.

Parish Clerk D Abram has applied to the Highways Department at Lancashire County Council for new SPID poles and cameras to be located down Hoscar Moss Road and a reply is awaited.

Parish Clerk D Abram confirmed that the next rotation of the SPID camera is not until the end of January 2026 and will be located in Hall Lane.

A response has been received from the Highways Department at Lancashire County Council who have advised that although it was noted on several occasions that double parking has been occurring down Ring O'Bells Lane currently this is not significant enough to warrant any remedial work re installation of the requested double yellow lines by Lathom Parish Council and any future issues are to be reported via the Love Clean Streets app.

The Cross Parish Council Meeting will be reviewed early in January 2026.

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LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP - QUESTIONNAIRE

Councillor H Shaw advised that the covering letter and the questionnaire are finalised (only the date for the return needs to be entered).

The Royal Mail Business Reply Application is to be submitted when the online banking aspect has been resolved and the reply envelopes are printed thereafter. A deadline for the project has been given as the end of January 2026 to enable the forms to be distributed.

It was agreed that a map of Lathom is to be included in the material to be given to residents

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WEBSITE AND EMAILS

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that an application is being made by the chosen website provider for a .GOV domain name and once that has been provided the transfer of the current website to the new provider will start and will take 4-6 weeks.

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PARISH MATTERS

PROW Funding Removal

The Councillors acknowledge the response from LCC and County Councillor A Owens concerning this point.

Aqueduct Maintenance

Councillor E Pope advised that he would aim to complete this before the daffodils are due to appear.

Lady Alice Drive PROW Post

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that that the problem has been reported via Love Clean Streets for action by them (now the PROW funding has been removed) and as at today no response has been received as to when the repairs will take place.

Historic Lathom Sign (Blythe Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that I Waite has advised that he will provide a quotation for approval by the Councillors next year and that the repairs will need to be carried out in Spring 2026.

Love Clean Streets App

Councillor H Shaw and Parish Clerk D Abram discussed the Love Clean Streets App and the importance of everyone reporting to this app for any repairs or problems that fall under Lancashire County Councils control.

Parish & Town Conference 2025

Parish Clerk D Abram gave a brief summary following her attendance at County Hall, Preston.

Byway Hoscar Moss

Parish Clerk D Abram gave an update regarding this aspect and that no update is imminent from Lancashire County Council.

The Councillors have asked for details to be forwarded to County Councillor A Owens to discuss with the PROW Team at Lancashire County Council.

2026 Meeting dates

All meeting dates were approved for 2026 and the date for the Financial Meeting to set the budget has been agreed.

Dial A Ride Donation

Councillor H Shaw decided to leave this point until the next meeting when Councillor A Beckett will be in attendance.

Best Kept Village Certificate

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that a certificate had been awarded to Briars Hall in one of the categories and it was agreed that this should be passed on to them.

Training for Councillors

No Councillors indicated that they would like to attend any training courses.

Various signage appearing on Briars Lane

The Councillors have noted various signs being placed at the roadside on Briars Lane and would like the Enforcement Officer to be contacted regarding their removal especially for those business located outside of the area.

Heavy Goods Vehicles parking to use Spar Garage, Briars Lane

Councillor H Shaw had noted that since the garage had re-opened at least two heavy goods vehicles have parked one on either side of the road to use the facilities at Spar Garage and that this is causing issues on Briars Lane especially near to those vehicles using Ring O'Bells Lane and the roundabout approach to Hall Lane/Lowry Hill Lane. It was agreed that this should be reported on the Love Clean Streets App and to County Councillors A Owens. There is also concern of future damage to pavement on both sides of the road.

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FINANCIAL RECORDS

It was agreed that this point will be added to the next Meeting Agenda.

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FINANCE

The following accounts was passed for payment in November 2025:

Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	002123	£ 24.00
Diane Abram salary – November 2025	002124	£284.68
Rail journey Burscough Junction to Preston Return for Conference		£ 8.90
Travel to Noticeboard, Briars Lane (2 miles @ 0.45 per mile)		£ 0.90
Travel to Councillor H Shaw (2 miles @ 0.45p per mile)		£ 0.90
Travel to Meeting – November 2025 (6 miles @ £0.45 per mile)		<u>£ 2.70</u>
		£322.08
PAYE November	002125	£ 71.00
Yates Playgrounds Ltd (x4 SPID movements since February 2025)	002126	£400.80
RBL Poppy Appeal – x4 wreaths	002127	£ 80.00

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NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 15 December 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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