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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2025 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.35 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors H Shaw (Chair), E Pope, A Beckett, I Fairclough, A Sherman and S Martland plus Borough Councillors J Gordon and P Hesketh.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors M McDonnell & L McDonnell .

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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 5 on the Agenda.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 September be approved by the Chair.

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ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

Borough Councillors J Gordon and P Hesketh asked if future Agendas could include a section called "issues raised by County and Borough Councillors" and this was agreed.

Theft of Coving Stones

The Borough Councillors confirmed that a member of the public had been caught and charged with theft of coving stones and confirmed that we had had no reports of this nature in our parish.

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PLANNING

Applications to be considered:

- a. 2025/0779/FUL - The installation of PV solar panels in the pitched roof of the outbuilding - The Wharf Ring O Bells Lane Lathom Ormskirk Lancashire L40 5TE – comment deadline 7 November 2025 – no comment to be submitted.
- b. 2025/0837/FUL - Demolish existing garage and construct a rear single storey extension - 33 Daisy Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 4BS – comment deadline 7 November 2025 – no comment to be submitted.
- c. 2025/0619/FUL - Full planning application for a residential development and the provision of associated access and infrastructure works including roads, drainage infrastructure, car parking, public open space, landscaping and other associated works - Land At Yew Tree Farm, Higgins Lane, Burscough, Lancashire – comment deadline 7 November 2025 – Comment to be submitted (this item has been called in to the Planning Meeting).

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SPAR LICENSING APPLICATION

Councillor H Shaw advised that she attended the Licensing Sub-Committee to give representations on behalf of Lathom Parish Council. Correspondence has been received that the alcohol licence has been approved and remains unchanged from the Applicant's request.

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CIL MONIES

Parish Clerk D Abram gave a verbal update and advised that a revised Licence for the land in Ring O'Bells Lane, Lathom had been received. A copy of the Licence is to be emailed to all Councillors for their approval prior to arranging for Chair H Shaw to sign the same. Following the approval of Lathom Parish Council the project will commence.

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ONLINE BANKING

A discussion took place with regard to this project and Parish Clerk D Abram gave a verbal update. It was agreed that this item should be given priority over everything else this month.

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SPID CAMERA AND SPEEDING IN THE AREA

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

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that Highways at Lancashire County Council had not approved the location of a SPID camera or other anti speeding aspects in Daisy Lane.

It was agreed that a new location of Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom to be submitted to Highways at Lancashire County Council as an alternative location.

No reply had yet been received regarding the parking issues in Ring O'Bells Lane and Parish Clerk D Abram to provide an update when received.

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LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP

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.

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WEBSITE AND EMAILS

Parish Clerk D Abram provided a verbal update. The Parish Councillors agreed that we should move forward with Parish Online to create the website and .GOV domain name with Parish Clerk D Abram to maintain thereafter.

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PARISH MATTERSRemembrance Day

The Councillors agreed the attendance at each of the three events with regard to the laying of the wreaths. Parish Clerk D Abram to contact the Chapel to see if anything is required from Lathom Parish Council. The invoice on the payment schedule will not take place this month as the invoice had not been received by the time of the meeting.

PROW Funding removal

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that no response had yet been received from any parties written to.
Green Maintenance Contractors

Councillor Fairclough confirmed that he is aware of a local maintenance company if we need to employ contractors. It was agreed that Councillor E Pope will look at the area by the aqueduct in Briars Lane and Sandy Lane Triangle before employing outside contractors.

The Laurel maintenance was discussed but not agreed at the meeting.

PROW pole repair in Lady Alice Drive

Parish Clerk D Abram has reported the issue via Love Clean Streets App. No response has yet been received.

PROW Sign – route amended by Taylors Farm

Councillor E Pope advised that there is no new PROW sign on the diverted PROW path in Hall Lane.

Parish & Town Conference at County Hall, Preston

Parish Clerk D Abram to attend on 1 November 2025.

Restricted Byway Hoscarr Moss

The Councillors agreed that Parish Clerk D Abram to contact Lancashire County Council for up to date information regarding the upgrading of the footpath to a restricted byway.

Historic Latham Sign Repair – Blythe Lane (near to Blythe Hall)

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact I Waite regarding the repair to the left hand side of the post and the an approval amount of up to £250 has been approved at the meeting.

Donation

Councillor A Beckett has been contacted directly with regard to a donation to Dial A Ride organisation. Details are to be forwarded to the other Councillors and added to the November Agenda.

Best Kept Village

Briars Hall in the Hotel/Guest House category have been awarded highly commendable.

Chair Chains

Passed from Councillor A Beckett to Councillor and Chair H Shaw.

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FINANCE

The following accounts was passed for payment in October 2025:

Ormskirk District Scouts	002120	£ 24.00
Miss D Abram (October)	002121	£284.48
Stationery		£ 18.75
Travel to Scout Headquarters (6 miles x 45p per mile)		<u>£ 2.70</u>
		£329.93
PAYE October 2025	002122	£ 71.20

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NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24 November 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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