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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.40 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors A Beckett (Chair), E Pope, H Shaw, I Fairclough, A Sherman, L McDonnell, M McDonnell, Parish Clerk D Abram plus Councillor J Gordon and one resident

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor P Hesketh.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Councillors Pope and Gordon declared an interest in all the planning items. Councillor Shaw declared an interest in items 5 c and d.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2025 AND MAY 2024 AGM.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 March 2025 and May 2024 AGM should be approved and signed by the Chair.

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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. 2025/0262/FUL – 24 Sutch Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – Proposed alterations and external elevations blocking up garage door and the provision of new access ramp. Internal ground floor work to allow level access for disabled occupant. (comment deadline 28 April 2025).
- b. 2025/0230/FUL – Woodside Barn, Cranes Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – Variation of condition(s) 2 and 3 of planning permission 2022/1333/FUL relating to approved plans and tree protection (comment deadline 2 May 2025) – objection comment to be submitted.
- c. 2025/0307/FUL – Oak Cottage, Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – Construction of a single storey rear extension, first floor extension and side facing porch following demolition of the existing porch (comment deadline 2 May 2025).
- d. 2025/0290/PNH – 2 Pear Tree Mews, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – extension of dwellinghouse. Extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by 7.50 m. Maximum height of the extension 3.5 m. Height of eaves of the extension is 2.70 m (comment deadline 9 May 2025).
- e. No additional applications to consider.

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CIL MONIES

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the legal documentation to confirm that the land in Ring O Bells Lane can be developed will be available from week commencing 19 May 2025.

Following the award of a further sum of money for the redevelopment of the Spar Garage Lathom a discussion took place as to how this money could be spent. Councillor Fairclough is to make generally enquiries with regard to putting in a footpath in the specified area discussed and will report back to the next meeting.

All contractors have been contacted in order to provide a quotation for the proposed work in terms of vegetation, hard surfacing and additional bench and further information will be available for the next meeting.

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ONLINE BANKING UPDATE

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that confirmation of the opening of the account is awaited from the new banking institution.

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FENCING AT PROPERTY IN BRIARS LANE

Councillor Pope to provide details of the actual address so that Parish Clerk D Abram can draft and send the agreed letter.

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COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Sheila Martland wishes to apply to be a Councillor and Parish Clerk D Abram will forward the required documentation for completion and return.

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SPID CAMERA AND SPEEDING IN THE AREA

Councillor M McDonnell gave a breakdown of the assessment of 14 March 2025 details from the speed camera and it was agreed that this timescale be extended to cover the whole of April in the Hall Lane location to provide a wider range of information.

When the SPID camera next moves to Carr Lane and Ring O Bells Lane the same process will be repeated by Councillor M McDonnell.

Councillor Pope to contact Highway Section at Lancashire County Council to see what information they would need from a SPID camera, etc in order that we are collecting the correct data to submit to them for further action to be considered for various areas in Lathom.

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact Yates Playgrounds to ask them to move the camera to Carr Lane on the next rotation.

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that a resident has contacted the Parish Council with regard to speeding near to the Chapel location on Hall Lane and that an accident involving the air ambulance occurred outside NSG (formerly Pilkingtons) on Hall Lane.

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LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP

Councillor Shaw advised that the Working Group wish to send a questionnaire to all residents in Lathom to ask what the Parish Council should be looking into on their behalf:-

- a. All Councillors to look at the Questionnaire in terms of changes from the previous one.

- b. Parish Clerk D Abram to draft the previous Questionnaire (prior to any amendments).
- c. Parish Clerk D Abram to enquire about pricing for producing 500 pre-addressed envelopes.
- d. Councillor Beckett take the lead on enquiring about the cost of applying to the Royal Mail for a licence to use with DL size envelopes.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Parish Clerk D Abram confirmed that the application has been submitted. Details have been put on the website and noticeboards and emails sent to various businesses in the area.

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BIODIVERSITY GRANT

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact the Scouts with regard to spending the £300 grant.

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FOOTBRIDGE (WATKINSONS FARM)

Councillor Pope advised that the footbridge has been repaired by I Waite. Following further inspection, additional work had to take place and the final invoice totals £157.00.

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REGISTER OF INTERESTS FORM

Councillor H Shaw provided the completed Register of Interests Forms and these will now be uploaded to both Lathom Parish Council website and forwarded to West Lancashire Borough Council to enable these to be recorded by the Parish Council section.

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MAY AGM

Councillor Beckett confirmed that the talking topic for this year concerns a summary of the year and contacting residents with a questionnaire to find out what topics Lathom Parish Council should be looking at and this will take place prior to the main Parish Council Meeting.

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PARISH MATTERS

Ormskirk Lodge North (Park) & Wall

A letter has been sent to the owner with regard to the dilapidation to both the lodge and the wall as agreed at the March 2025 Meeting.

Spar Garage/Shop

The Councillors discussed the proposed closure for ongoing works to the redeveloped garage plus how parking on the footpath near the roadside to the garage can be avoided to reduce accidents in this area. Lathom Parish Council to monitor the area and if problems continue the Highways Department at Lancashire County Council to be contacted.

Street Furniture Maintenance

Councillor Pope suggested that I Waite survey the street furniture and provide a breakdown of the items that need repairing together with a quotation.

PROW Maintenance

The Councillors agreed that maintenance work is to be completed and G Snape is to be contacted by Councillor Sherman to maintain the usual areas and include the seating area in Meadow Lane,

The bus stops in Lowery Hill Lane and Briars Lane, Sandy Triangle & Wood Lane at an agreed total cost of £500.

Councillor Fairclough to arrange for Meadow Lane/Wood Lane to be maintained via his Son free of charge.

Councillor Gordon left the meeting at 9.09 p.m.

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FINANCE

The following accounts was passed for payment in April 2025:

Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	002090	£ 24.00
Diane Abram salary – April 2025	002091	£275.84
- Stamp		£ 0.87
- Stationery		£ 5.00
- Office Copy Entries		£ 7.00
- April 2025 –Monthly Meeting (6 miles @ 0.45p per mile)		<u>£ 2.70</u>
		£ 291.41
PAYE April 2025	002092	£ 68.80
Zurich Insurance Policy	002093	£ 327.00
Mr I Waite	002094	£ 157.00

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NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 19 May 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed..........19/5/25.....