

LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023 AT THE
SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: PARISH COUNCILLORS: A BECKETT (IN THE CHAIR)

I FAIRCLOUGH

E POPE

MRS H SHAW

MRS A SHERMAN

Mrs I M O'Donnell (clerk)

R Pinder (Ring O'Bells (public House))

22.101 APOLOGIES: Councillors: Mrs M Gorst, Mrs E McDonnell, M McDonnell

22.102 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 22 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

22.103 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Pinder was here with regards the application for the Ring O'Bells Public House improvements. Councillor Fairclough passed on a letter from Lathom Park Trust regarding their plans for the King's Coronation in May and asked if we wished to take part. Put on February agenda. IMOD

22.104 PLANNING The following comments were submitted to WLBC 2022/1333/FUL -Conversion of former barn to a new dwelling , including means of access and external landscaping – Woodside Barn, Cranes Lane
"Lathom parish would comment that officers ensure that only trees to be removed should be because their 'poor condition' requires it, and any removed trees should be replaced" IMOD

2022/1080/FUL -Part retrospective application for the conversion of residential garage to form Hair and Beauty salon and extension of a Sandstone Cattery within the existing on site barn. -Hoscar Cottage, Hoscar Moss Road L40 4BG
This application has been called in by the borough councillor.

2022/0895/FUL -Single storey extension to the rear and side of the existing dwelling house within the green belt.- Hoscar Cottage, Hoscar Moss Road.

"No comment" -This application is recommended for Granting at next application is on the Planning Committee 19th January 23 and is recommender Granting at next Planning Committee

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS UPDATE

2022/1182/FUL Meadow Barn, Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom. -REFUSED

2022/1254/FUL Ring O Bells Public House, Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom
 "No comment" Still undecided by WLBC

22.105 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O'Donnell (clerk January nett salary/ phone calls)	£312.70
2. Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire)	£20.00
3. Yates Playgrounds (SPID)	£441.68
4. Petty cash top up	£46.02

The clerk reported that from February 23 the hire of the scout HQ would be increased to £12,00 per hour.

22.105 Precept/Budget

The clerk had calculated various figures to consider to increase the precept and after discussion it was agreed to increase the 2022-23 precept by 6% and the clerk submit the 2023-2024 parish precept figure of £7813 to WLBC. **IMOD**

22.106 Concurrent Expenditure

The clerk explained that the Concurrent Grant from WLBC was for the parish council use towards maintenance on the WLBC street furniture (bus shelters. Seats, grass cutting around Lathom signs on the grass verges) The clerk will submit full list of all street furniture and who owns it. The clerk also recommended that part of the extra balance retained due to Covid 19 should be Ring Fenced to a 'Repairs & Renewals account' to cover LPC street furniture especially the Remount Depot Memorial and the Parish 'You are Here Map' Briars Lane which is badly damaged due to water ingress). **IMOD**

22.107 Scramble bikes Complaint

Two emails had been received regarding 4 motorbikes using a dirt track on a field between Daisy Lane and Sutch Lane almost every weekend. Apart from the constant noise disturbance for residents, there is concern regarding the safety of the people riding the bikes as there are 3 children aged est. 8-13 wearing helmets and an adult with a young child, est. 4 years old together on a full size motor bike going at speed. Neither of them wearing helmets.

Councillors to check on the situation.

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22.108 PROW. The 3 metal footpath signs were replaced by LCC Highways in December and January and paid for by the parish council. This was against the advice of the clerk at November meeting. The clerk was unavailable and did not attend the meeting on 19th December 2022 and the minutes were taken by Councillor Sherman acting as clerk. A discussion took place regarding the footpaths and appointing a new contractor to carry out the strimming. Councillor Sherman had obtained some quotes for the work but the clerk stated that before appointing a contractor we need to ensure they have the required insurance or the parish council will be responsible for any damage or accidents as although the footpaths are Public Rights of Way the land they cross is private land, and we also need to consider the Utilities and the Ethylene pipeline which cross Lathom underground. Councillor Mrs Sherman to check with contractors' insurance and report to clerk and chairman. **AB/IMOD/AS**

22.109. SPID (Speed indicator device) The SPID is now in place and working well. Ian Yates to move around the 3 sites. Councillor Beckett reported that the contract and costings are currently being drawn up Ian Yates to be agreed by the council and signed by Ian Yates, Chairman Andrew Beckett, and clerk I O'Donnell. **AB/IY/IMOD**

22.110 Newsletter

There was no update as Councillors Mr and Mrs McDonnell were not present

Councillor Mrs Sherman left the meeting at this point 9.30pm

22.111. WLBC Minutes

Councillor Pope reported that Beacon Golf Course is to close as it is not financially viable.

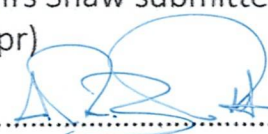
22.112 PARISH MATTERS (For information only)

None

The date of the next meeting Monday 27th February 2023

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Councillor Mrs Shaw submitted her apologies for the next 3 meeting (Feb/Mar/Apr)

Signed.....Chairman