

LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2023 AT THE
SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: PARISH COUNCILLORS: A BECKETT (IN THE CHAIR)
I FAIRCLOUGH
MS M GORST
MRS E MCDONNELL
M MCDONNELL

E POPE

MRS A SHERMAN

Mrs I M O'Donnell (clerk)
A Hinde(Resident)

22.113. APOLOGIES: Councillor: Mrs H Shaw

22.114. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 23 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

22.115. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Hinde was here as a resident of Daisy Lane with regards to application 2023/0065/FUL for 38 Daisy Lane and expressed the concerns he and some residents have with the changes from application 2020/1133/FUL which was approved. Mr Hinde expressed thanks for the new Speed indicator device SPID which he hoped would slow down the traffic.

22.116. PLANNING The following comments were submitted to WLBC 2023/0065/FUL -The proposed demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of a new replacement single storey dwelling as an amendment to previous approval 2020/1133/FUL- 38 Daisy Lane.

A discussion took place and it was agreed; "Lathom Parish would ask the Officers to consider comments made on application 2020/1133/FUL in November 2020 and re-submit -adding: Overdevelopment-new building considerably larger-impact on Green Belt- Trees removed-Materials not in keeping with other properties in area- Drainage/sewage plan not considered when area prone to flooding and all properties served by septic tanks and

within 20 metres of a water course- Ecology- property has been empty for 2+ years and land is overgrown-many birds and animals have returned to the area and settled on there, birds, bees and pink footed geese feed there, so all reports need updating. If application is granted there should be conditions that no demolition of property until all planning procedures have been followed and agreed – no outbuildings – hours/days of working hours.” IMOD

22.117 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

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| 1. Mrs I M O'Donnell (clerk February nett salary £306.10(phone calls £6.20) excess mileage £5.85) | £318.15 |
| 2. Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire) | £24.00 |
| 3. LCC –(replacement of metal footpath signs) | £1262.40 |

The clerk reported that from February 23 the hire of the scout HQ would be increased to £24.00 per hour

22.118 DONATIONS

To consider a request from Lathom Park School

A request for help with a project was received from Lathom Park School and after discussion it was agreed that we would donate the compensation for an error received from the bank.

As we were unsure who the payee should be on the cheque, it was agreed that councillors Beckett and Pope would visit the school and resolve the issue AB/EP

22.119 CONCURRENT EXPENDITURE

To consider end of year work & Repairs & Renewals Account

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. The clerk is dealing LCC and WLBC to try and get a new map to replace the damaged one. The bus shelter on Lowry Hill Lane which is owned by WLBC needs some work carried out, but as this shelter is very near the road a safety and traffic management plan will need to be in place and possibly LCC Highways could do this work.

The clerk also explained there was still some money left from the current grant and this would need to be spent before the year end or we would lose it.

After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would ask Ivor to look at any work that needs doing on the WLBC owned street furniture. IMOD

Councillor Beckett and Councillor Pope would look at setting up Repairs & Renewals Account to ring fence part of the excess balance. AB/EP

22.120 CORONATION OF KING CHARLES THE THIRD

To consider ideas for parish council contribution to events in the parish.

Former councillor Peter Ferguson had contacted the parish with regards to events Lathom Park Trust were preparing around Lathom Park Chapel and Lathom House and asked if the council would wish to contribute. A discussion took place and it was agreed everyone gather together any ideas, photos or memories and bring them to next meeting. Place on March agenda.

IMOD/ALL

22.121 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. We are hoping to obtain a contractor to carry out the strimming and general small repairs, but we need to check their Public Liability Insurance is in place and wait to see what grants are available for 2023-2024 as although we applied for the £500 footpath grant for 2022-2023 from LCC it has not yet been received. We also applied for a £300 Biodiversity Grant which also not yet been received due LCC problems with their Payments Office. We have been informed if we receive them we can carry them over to 2023. We hope to work with the schools, scouts and residents with regards the biodiversity grant.

22.122 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 draft contract had been drawn up he passed a copy to all councillors for their comments at next meeting. Costings are currently being checked with Ian Yates for price changes other possible extra work as we still have some CIL Money available. Contract will then be agreed by the council and signed by Ian Yates, Chairman Andrew Beckett, and clerk I O'Donnell. **AB/IY/IMOD**

22.123 NEWSLETTER

Martin and Liz are working on this but still needs any news, stories and pictures

And maybe possible memories of past coronations. AL

22.124. WLBC Minutes

Councillor Pope reported that most of the meetings had been focussed on the budget and finance matters

22.125 PARISH MATTERS (For information only)

The clerk asked were we entering the Best Kept Village and after a brief discussion it was agreed the clerk prepare the forms and contact the possible entrants who their agreement. Place on next agenda. IMOD

The date of the next meeting Monday 27th March 2023

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Councillor Mrs Shaw has already submitted her apologies for the next 2 meeting (Mar/Apr)



SignedChairman