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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.38 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors H Shaw (Chair), I Fairclough, L McDonnell, M McDonnell and S Martland.

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**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

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

26.026

**COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

Councillor H Shaw declared an interest in the planning application at 7 (b) on the Agenda.

26.027

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2026**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 January 2026 be approved 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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**ISSUES RAISED BY BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

No Borough Councillors were present

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**PLANNING**

**Applications to be considered:**

- a. 2026/0041/FUL - Tawd Vale Scout Camp, Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire - Retrospective erection of a canopy structure to cover outdoor storage area in use by Merseyside Scouts, and associated works – comment deadline extension 1 March 2026 – no comment to be submitted.
- b. 2026/0060/FUL - Round Thorn Barn, Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire - New detached dwelling and extension to an existing dwelling – comment deadline 27 February 2026 – no comment to be submitted.
- c. 2026/0025/LB - 1-11 Hall Lane, The Almonry, Lathom Park, Lathom, Lancashire - Listed Building Consent - Affix to wall of No 6 The Almonry a commemorative plaque marking the centenary of Lathom Almshouse Charity – 13 March 2026 – no comment to be submitted.
- d. 2026/0101/FUL - BP Petrol Filling Station, Briars Lane Garage, 192 Briars Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk - S.73 application for the variation of condition 12, relating to opening hours attached to planning permission ref. 2023/0819/FUL – no deadline – no comment to be submitted.
- e. Hazeldene, Blythe Lane – Appeal – comment previously submitted.
- f. There were no other planning applications to consider.

26.032

**LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP - QUESTIONNAIRE**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised the Parish Councillors that the draft artwork from the printers submitted to Royal Mail had been rejected. Amendment of the artwork has been sought and will be submitted to Royal Mail for a second time. Once approval given the envelopes will be printed.

M McDonnell is to send the breakdown of the number of Questionnaires each Parish Councillor will need to be able to distribute the same once produced.

26.033

**MAINTENANCE**

Historic Lathom sign (Blythe Lane)

The quotation for repair of the sign to be scaled back to replacing the timber posts and metal fixings and further quotation sought from I Waite for work to be completed in Spring 2026.

Briars Lane (Green Maintenance)

Parish Councillor E Pope not available at the meeting to comment on completion of work.

26.034

**LOVE CLEAN STREETS WORK**

PROW Sign (Lady Alice Drive)

Lancashire County Council yet to be repair. Parish Clerk D Abram to send an email to the PROW Team requesting an update.

Fly signage (Briars Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram to send an email to the relevant department requesting an update.

White Bag handing from bottom of Lathom Parish Council sign (Hall Lane near Cranes Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram has reported this via the Love Clean Streets app early February 2026 and there is no update at the moment and this will be reported again with photograph to Love Clean Streets.

Carr Lane and Hoscar Moss Road (vegetation on footpaths)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that this has been reported via a resident and details have been uploaded to Love Clean Street.

Pothole on Hall Lane

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that this has been reported via Love Clean Streets.

26.035

**SPID AND ROAD ISSUES**

Meeting with County Councillors Owens

Parish Councillors H Shaw and A Beckett attended a Meeting with County Councillor Owens to discuss various road issues. H Shaw provided a verbal update on recommendations made.

Ring O'Bells Lane (double parking)

The Parish Councillors agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting to agree a route forward with regard to progressing this matter.

SPAR Garage (larger vehicles parking on both sides of road to access garage)

The Parish Councillors agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting to agree a route forward with regard to progressing this matter.

Ring O'Bells Lane Accidents (5 way junction including Carr Lane, Meadow Lane, Hoscar Moss Road and Hollowford Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram provided a verbal update from the Highways Department at Lancashire County Council who had advised that Carr Lane is a 30 mph road at the point where the accidents had been happening.

SPID Camera Movement

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the next SPID movement will be April 2026 and the current move will be to Ring O'Bells Lane, Lathom. This item is to be put on the March 2026 Agenda to discuss the new location for the SPID camera to be placed.

Hoscar Moss Road (SPID Poles)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that information regarding the possibilities of purchasing a new SPID camera and its final location for Highways Department at Lancashire County Council to review will be agreed at the March 2026 Meeting. Information to be circulated prior to the meeting.

Road Traffic Meeting (neighbouring Parish & Town Councils)

Parish Councillor H Shaw advised that she will contact the neighbouring parish & town councils to discuss the possibility of holding such a meeting and whether there is a level of interest in continuing down this route.

Parish Councillor H Shaw advised that she had attended a recent Parish Council Meeting at Burscough Town Council to discuss the increased vehicles using School Lane, Burscough which changes name to Carr Lane, Lathom in terms of trying to reduce speeding on the road and possible road safety measures at the canal bridge boundary between Burscough and Lathom.

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**WEBSITE AND EMAILS**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised the .gov email account for the Parish Clerk is now up and running.

The website is in a very draft format and the website providers have been contacted with the changes necessary. The Parish Councillors are reluctant to pay the website providers until the changes have been made. Thereafter details are to be forwarded to the Parish Councillors for them to view and approve prior to payment being sent.

Parish Councillor email addresses are yet to be provided by the website provider and this will be requested and details are to be forwarded to them once received.

26.037

**CIL PROJECT**

Ring O'Bells Lane

Parish Clerk to provide the final Licence with Plan for signature by H Shaw following the meeting and this will then be sent to West Lancashire Borough Council.

Work by contractors to begin on 13 April 2026 (provisional date) to complete the groundworks.

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**PROW**

Hoscar Moss Byway

Parish Clerk D Abram verbally provided an update that the PROW Team will provide an update in Summer 2026.

Taylors Farm (re-routing Footpath)

Parish Clerk D Abram verbally provided an update that the work had not yet commenced and the PROW Team will provide an update in Summer 2026.

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**PARISH MATTERS**Lathom Village Branding

Parish Councillor S Martland to provide a draft of the same in due course.

United Utility Project

A copy of the letter given to nearby residents regarding the forthcoming project has been provided to the Parish Councillors to update them of the progress so far in the project.

Concurrent Grant Rumours

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that information had been provided that there is a possibility that the Concurrent Grant (£802) that Lathom Parish Council receive may stop from 2027 onwards.

Taylors Farm

Members of the public had approach a couple of Parish Councillors with regard to a problem over the past couple of months regarding noisy machinery coming from one of the barns which then produces a dust pollution in the nearby properties although in the last week the problem had been resolved. It was agreed that this be monitored until the March 2026 meeting.

26.040

**ONLINE BANKING**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that further forms will need to be completed and forwarded to Parish Online. These will be brought to the next Parish Council Meeting for the relevant Parish Councillors to sign before submitting to Parish Online. Both accounts to be used from the new financial year from 1 April 2026.

26.041

**TRAINING**Training Policy

The training policy has been accepted with a minor alteration.

Training for Councillors

No new training courses are available at present.

Parish Councillor H Shaw attended the NALC course entitled Beyond the Precept: Funding Solutions for Small Parish and Town Councils. The course outlined that if Lathom Parish Council had a specific project in mind in the future there are various grant opportunities available from different sources.

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**BANK RECONCILIATION**

The bank reconciliation up to 31 January 2026 has been agreed.

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**FINANCE**

The following accounts was passed for payment in February 20

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Diane Abram salary - February 2026	Online	£275.84
Travel to Meeting – February 2026 (6 miles @ £0.45 per mile)	Online	£ 2.70
		£278.54

Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	002138	£ 24.00
PAYE February 2026	002139	£ 68.80
Yates Playgrounds Ltd	002140	£114.00
National Association of Local Councils	002141	£ 42.00

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**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 23 March 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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