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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.35 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors H Shaw (Chair), E Pope, I Fairclough, A Sherman, M McDonnell and S Martland. In addition Borough Councillors J Gordon, P Hesketh and 5 residents were present.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Councillors A Beckett and L McDonnell.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Parish Councillor E Pope declared an interest in the planning applications section.

26.069

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2026

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026 be approved by the Chair.

26.070

ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLICRough Sleepers on the canal bank near Moss Bridge Lane (near to the stone fish)

A resident advised that rough sleepers had set up a few tents in the area and had left waste items nearby. There are also reports of anti-social behaviour.

Planning Application – 2026/0246/FUL

A resident attended the meeting to raise their interest in the above application.

Planning Applications – 2026/0291/FUL & 2026/0292/FUL

An Applicant and a resident attended the meeting to raise their interest in the above applications.

26.071

ISSUES RAISED BY BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORSFood Waste Bins

Borough Councillors P Hesketh and J Gordon discussed the Food Waste Bin scheme in relation to the update on the system, lack of delivery of bins to some locations/residents receiving more than one set of bins and lack of collection of full bins in some locations. It is hoped that any problems will be resolved over the next few weeks.

26.072

PLANNING**Applications to be considered:**

2026/0218/LBC – Lathom Park C of E Primary School, Hall Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk – Listed Building Consent proposal is to strip off the roof covering and re-lay the slates with new felt and battens and all ancillary details – no comment to be submitted.

2026/0246/FUL – The Flat, Langleys Farm, Blythe Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk – Householder application for proposed erection of domestic garage – comment to be submitted.

2026/0262/FUL – Moss Bridge Barn, Moss Bridge Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk – Removal of condition 2 (restrict use to office and workers mess in association with the agricultural holding) of planning permission 2016/0787/COU – to allow use of the building to continue without the associated agricultural holding – comment to be submitted.

2026/0291/FUL – Taylors Farm, Hall Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk – Erection of 2 livestock buildings and extension to existing yard area – no comment to be submitted.

2026/0292/FUL – Taylors Farm, Hall Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk – Erection of an agricultural storage extension to an existing building including extension to the existing yard area– comment to be submitted.

26.073

PARISH COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS (LATHOM)

Parish Councillor H Chair reminded other Parish Councillors at the meeting of the deadline for applications to re-apply to stand a Parish Councillor for a further four years.

Parish Councillor A Beckett has advised that he has decided not to apply to stand as a Parish Councillor. The Chair wished to thank Parish Councillor A Beckett for his help, assistance, support and enthusiasm during his time as a Parish Councillor.

26.074

LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP - QUESTIONNAIRE

Parish Clerk D Abram provided the questionnaires and envelopes to Parish Councillor M McDonnell who will then pass on the numbers required to the Parish Councillors to deliver.

26.075

CIL PROJECT – RING O'BELLS LANE

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the work had been completed by the contractors and that once funding has been received for the trees the remainder of the project can proceed. The remainder of the project to be discussed at the next meeting.

26.076

SPID AND ROAD ISSUES

Due to time constraints it was agreed that this item will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting in May 2026.

26.077

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE

Fly Signage (Briars Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that all signage has now been removed.

Taylors Farmshop Additional Parking facilities)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that this has been reported to the Enforcement Team at West Lancashire Borough Council.

26.076

LOVE CLEAN STREETS UPDATE

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that no update has yet been received regarding the overgrown footpaths in Carr Lane and Hoscar Moss Lane.

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PROW UPDATE

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that both Hoscar Moss Byway and the re-routing of Footpath 48 are yet to be dealt with by the Legal Team at Lancashire County Council and current timescale is at least a further six months before these are addressed.

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MAINTENANCE

Historic Lathom sign (Blythe Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram is awaiting an amended quotation from I Waite to reduce down the previously agreed work to just replacing the wooden and metal posts only.

PROW Sign (Lady Alice Drive)

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact I Waite to obtain a quotation re fixing the PROW sign.

Briars Lane (Green Maintenance)

Parish Councillor I Fairclough has volunteered his Son to complete the clearance of the area to assist the Parish Council.

26.079

ONLINE BANKING

Parish Clerk D Abram has been advised that both Parish Councillors have now received the necessary information to ensure that they can access the online banking and once they have done so they are to contact her to advise they are ready to use the system going forward.

26.080

INSURANCE

The quotation provided for the insurance has been agreed by the Parish Councillors.

26.081

PARISH MATTERS

Lathom Village Branding

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

26.082

TRAINING

Training for Councillors and Parish Clerk

This item has been deferred to the May meeting due to time constraints.

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APPRAISAL

It was agreed that Parish Clerk D Abram's appraisal will take place this month.

26.083

BANK RECONCILIATION

This item has been deferred to the May meeting due to time constraints.

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FINANCE

The following accounts was passed for payment in April 2026

Diane Abram salary – April 2026	002145	£284.68
Travel to footpath re Hoscar Moss Byway (5 miles @ 45p per mile)		£ 2.25
Travel to noticeboards – April 2026 (8 miles @ 45p per mile)		£ 3.60
Travel to Meeting – April 2026 (6 miles @ 45p per mile)		£ 2.70
X2 Reams of A4 white paper		£ 10.00

BHW Print Group for printing DL Freepost Envelopes		<u>£172.80</u>
		£476.03
PAYE – April 2026	002146	£ 71.00
Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Lane	002147	£ 24.00
Zurich Municipal (insurance)	002148	£327.00
Conservation Contracts North West Ltd	002149	£3,036.00

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NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 22 June 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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