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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2026 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 8.00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors H Shaw (Chair), S Martland, E Pope, I Fairclough and A Sherman. In addition Borough Councillors J Gordon, P Hesketh and 4 residents were present.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were given by Councillors J Gordon and P Hesketh.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

No declarations of interest were given.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2026

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

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ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Rough Sleepers on the canal bank near Moss Bridge Lane (near to the stone fish)

A resident attended the meeting to obtain an update regarding this item. Parish Clerk D Abram advised that emails had been sent to the Canal & River Trust who had replied in a similar way to the resident who had also reported this incident. Parish Clerk D Abram also advised that an incident report had been made online asking the police to look into this matter.

Planning Application – 2026/0292/FUL

Residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns regarding this application:-

- Why are additional livestock barn needed.
- Concerns re increase in HGV traffic to site and working outside the hours previously specified they are allowed to receive deliveries.
- Concerns regarding the grain processing facility
 - dust travelling on to neighbouring properties which is hard to remove.
 - Health concerns regarding the dust (breathing the dust in)
 - Noise nuisance (can be heard through double glazed windows).
 - Future concerns if production is increased.

Overgrown Footpaths on Lowry Hill Lane

Residents expressed a concern regarding this matter which will be reported to County Councillor A Owens and via Love Clean Streets.

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PLANNING

Applications to be considered:

2026/0363/FUL – Shakelady Hey, Sandy Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk – Variation of Condition number 2 of planning permission 2025/0864/FUL relating to approved plans – comment deadline 5 June 2026 – no comment.

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.

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PARISH COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS (LATHOM)

The Parish Councillors thanked outgoing A Beckett for his work whilst on the Parish Council.

Parish Councillors re to complete a new Register of Interests Form for submission to West Lancashire Borough Council and to upload to our Website.

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact L McDonnell & M McDonnell to complete the outstanding Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

Parish Clerk D Abram advised the Parish Councillors that we are now able to co-opt a new Parish Councillor and this point will be added to the June 2026 Agenda.

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PARISH ONLINE PROJECT

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the website will be completed by mid-June 2026.

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LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP - QUESTIONNAIRE

The Parish Councillors confirmed that most of the questionnaires had been handed out and that the completed versions received would be brought to the June 2026 Meeting for M McDonnell to analyse.

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CIL PROJECT – RING O'BELLS LANE

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that she would confirm the funds received for the landscaping for the area so that one of the Parish Councillors can purchase the same ready for planting.

This item to be discussed in more detail at the June 2026 Parish Council Meeting.

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SPID AND ROAD ISSUES

Cross Parish Council Road Traffic Meeting

Parish Councillor H Shaw advised that the first meeting was well attended by various Parish Councils impacted by the increase in traffic on the local roads and a summary of possible future targeted aspects include:-

- Traffic light installation at Runnells Brow Bridge in Lathom (Burscough and Lathom).
- All local Parish Councils commenting on key planning applications submitted that would impact on increased traffic using local roads.

Carr Lane Speed Monitoring

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that no response had yet been provided by Lancashire Constabulary following the request in April 2026 (up to 3 months to respond).

SPID Results

Councillor M McDonnell is not present to provide information and this will be added to the June 2026 Agenda.

SPID Camera Location

The SPID camera is currently located in Carr Lane.

New SPID Poles for Hoscar Moss Road

Parish Clerk D Abram will provide further information for discussion at the June 2026 Meeting.

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WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE

Taylors Farmshop Additional Parking facilities)

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

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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. County Councillor A Owens has sent an email to all parishes to advise that he is pushing for all areas of overgrown footpaths to be looked at within the West Lancashire area.

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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 advised the meeting of the amended quotation from I Waite to reduce down the previously agreed work to just replacing the wooden and metal posts only and this was agreed. Parish Clerk D Abram to contact I Waite to ask him to repair the sign.

PROW Sign (Lady Alice Drive)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised the quotation provided by I Waite re fixing the PROW sign and this was agreed. Parish Clerk D Abram to contact both the PROW Team with regard to obtaining the metal post and update I Waite regarding the same.

Briars Lane (Green Maintenance)

Parish Councillor I Fairclough advised that his Son has partially completed the clearance of the area to assist the Parish Council and the Parish Councillors agreed to pay an agreed sum for the work. The Parish Councillors will assess the remaining area to be cleared regarding the large bushes and small trees and will contact Parish Councillor I Fairclough with an update for completing the work.

Discussion took place with regard to reducing the laurel in this area and Parish Councillor I Fairclough advised that his Son could complete this work.

Ring O'Bells Lane/Carr Lane Junction

The height of the current vegetation is causing sight issues when leaving Carr Lane and Parish Councillor I Fairclough advised that his Son would cut this area of vegetation down.

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ONLINE BANKING

One of the Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk D Abram have yet to gain online accessibility.

It was agreed that at least one further Parish Councillor would need to be set up to use the online banking facility and Parish Councillor S Martland advised that she would be happy to do this. Parish Clerk D Abram to forward the relevant information to her to enable this procedure to be started.

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PARISH MATTERS

Lathom Village Branding

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

Canal Rough Sleepers

See earlier comment.

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TRAINING

Training for Councillors and Parish Clerk

This item has been deferred to the June meeting.

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APPRAISAL

Parish Councillor H Shaw advised that the appraisal for Parish Clerk D Abram took place last month.

A future meeting will look at what aspects can be completed by the Parish Councillors to assist Parish Clerk D Abram especially following the results of the questionnaire.

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BANK RECONCILIATION

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

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FINANCE

The following accounts was passed for payment in May 2026

Diane Abram salary – May 2026	002151	£284.48
Travel to Noticeboards – May 2026 (8 miles @ 0.45p)		£ 3.60
Travel to Meeting – May 2026 (6 miles @ 45p per mile)		<u>£ 2.70</u>
		£290.78
PAYE – May 2026	002152	£ 71.20
Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Lane	002153	£ 24.00
LALC – Annual Membership Renewal	002154	£194.30
K Stopforth re litter picking equipment	002155	£ 14.99

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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 9.15 p.m.

Signed..........