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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 JUNE 2026 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.30 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors H Shaw (Chair), E Pope, I Fairclough, M McDonnell and L McDonnell. In addition Borough Councillor J Gordon and 2 residents were present.

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**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were given by Councillors P Hesketh and A Jones.

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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 18 MAY 2026 AND ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2026**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 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 came along to the meeting to thank Lathom Parish Council for the assistance in arranging to remove the rough sleepers. We advised that we had not been made aware that the rough sleepers had moved on and are more concerned that this is becoming a yearly incident and will continue to press The Canal & River Trust to review their current arrangements for this area to try to stop this happening again in Spring 2027.

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**ISSUES RAISED BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.**

Increase in allocation for building new housing

The Chair H Shaw asked Borough Councillor J Gordon if enquiries could be made as to how and why the housing allocation for West Lancashire has been increased by 20 houses to building 582 house a year (allocated by Central Government).

Borough Councillor J Gordon advised that the Local Transport Plan was due to be finalised on 30 June 2026 for West Lancashire. The Parish Councillors raised concerns regarding the unreliable trains on the Manchester to Southport and Ormskirk to Preston train line and that a bypass is urgently needed to connect the area to the motorway system.

Green Maintenance

The Maintenance Team are now only carrying out maintenance three times a year and this is leaving some sight visibility areas at road junctions extremely high and these should be reported via the Love Clean Streets app/website going forward for work to be carried out.

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**PLANNING**

There were no planning applications to consider at the meeting.

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**COMPLETE YEAR END 2025/2026 PAPERWORK**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the year end results had been passed by Sue Edwards, Internal Auditor provided by LALC and the AGAR was duly completed and approved by the Chair and Parish Clerk D Abram.

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#### **CO-OPTING NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised the Parish Councillors that we have been advised that following the elections we can co-opt a new Parish Councillor.

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#### **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the old website had been closed and the new website is now available for everyone to view and is up to date.

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#### **QUESTIONNAIRE PROJECT**

Parish Clerk D Abram provided to Councillors M & L McDonnell the 121 questionnaire replies from residents for analysis at a future meeting.

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#### **CIL PROJECT**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised the Parish Councillors of the available funds to purchase the fruit trees, stakes and bindings to support the new fruit trees. Parish Councillor I Fairclough advised that he would make enquiries regarding this aspect and Parish Clerk D Abram will forward the relevant information regarding what types of fruit trees and maximum height.

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#### **SPID AND ROAD ISSUES**

##### Cross Parish Council Road Traffic Meeting

Parish Councillor H Shaw provided an update following a further meeting that has been held with regard to the main aim to try and have a bypass added to the Lancashire Transport Plan.

It was agreed that software to establish the number and type of vehicles using the roads will be implemented and details taken back to the meeting.

The next meeting is to be held in September 2026.

##### Runnels Bridge (Carr Lane)

There is currently no update with regard to this project but the agreed amount of funds has been retained to provide to this project.

##### Carr Lane Monitoring

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that no update had been received and will contact the Highways Department at Lancashire County Council for an update. The road speed had been reduced to 30 mph along Carr Lane from 60 mph.

##### SPID Camera Data

Parish Councillor M McDonnell will provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting and to Parish Councillor H Shaw for her to take to the Cross Parish Council Road Traffic Meeting.

##### Location for SPID Camera

It was agreed that the SPID camera should be placed in Hall Lane on the next rotation.

##### New SPID Camera Location

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the area we had indicated to place a new SPID camera is no longer suitable due to the size of the trees in the location following an inspection by Highways Department of Lancashire County Council although an area opposite which sits on the entrance to a field has been suggested as a suitable location and Parish Councillor E Pope advised he would contact the landowner to see if they would be agreeable to the installation of the SPID camera poles/SPID.

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#### **WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

##### Taylor Farmshop (additional parking facilities)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the Enforcement Team at West Lancashire Borough Council have advised that a visit has been made to the location and discussed with the owners.

##### Ring O'Bells Nursery (handwritten signs in two locations)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the Enforcement Team at West Lancashire Borough Council have advised that the signs had been removed, the nursery contacted and the matter is now closed.

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#### **LOVE CLEAN STREETS**

##### Overgrown Footpaths – Carr Lane, Hoscar Moss Road and Lowry Hill Lane

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that reports have been submitted regarding all these areas and are labelled as pending on the website.

##### Pothole on Lowry Hill Lane

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that this had been reported and has now been fixed and the matter closed on the website.

##### Pothole/Uneven Surface on Briars Lane

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that this had been reported and has now been fixed and the matter closed on the website.

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#### **PROW**

##### Hoscar Moss Byway

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that there is currently no update and will email the PROW Team at Lancashire County Council for an update.

##### Re-Routing of Footpath 48 (Hall Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that there is currently no update and will email the PROW Team at Lancashire County Council for an update.

##### Crane Lane/Lady Alice's Drive

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the application to change the footpath to a bridleway has been rejected by the PROW Team at Lancashire County Council. Information to be provided to the Parish Councillors by email of the decision.

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#### **MAINTENANCE**

##### Lathom Sign (Blythe Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact the PROW Team at Lancashire County Council for an update on the repair or to provide the metal post to allow Lathom Parish Council to pay for the work to be completed.

Historic Lathom Sign (Blythe Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact I Waite for him to complete the work as the reduced quotation recently provided.

Laurel Bush (Briars Lane) and embankment near the Aquaduct in same location

The Parish Councillors discussed and agreed that Parish Councillors E Pope and H Shaw would look at the area that needed work carrying out in the location and will report back to the next meeting.

Parish Councillor I Fairclough will provide the invoice for the work carried out by his Son at this location to the next meeting.

Wanes Blade Bridge Maintenance

Parish Councillor I Fairclough advised that he will ask his Son to carry out the maintenance in this area.

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**ONLINE BANKING**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that a further signatory would be needed for the account and Parish Councillor S Martland advised that she would do this. Parish Clerk D Abram to request the information needed to resolve this item.

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**PARISH MATTERS**Lathom Village Brand Description

Parish Councillor S Martland will draft this.

Canal Bank Rough Sleepers

See item 26.114.

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**TRAINING**

None available for the Parish Councillors or Parish Clerk at this present time.

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**BANK RECONCILIATION**

This item will be looked at at the July 2026 Parish Council Meeting.

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**FINANCE**

The following accounts was passed for payment in June 2026

|                                                               |        |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Diane Abram salary – June 2026                                | 002156 | £284.48       |
| Travel to Meeting – June 2026 (6 miles @ £0.55 per mile)      |        | £ 3.30        |
| Travel to Auditors home (27 miles @ £0.55 per mile)           |        | £ 14.85       |
| Travel to Parish Councillors homes (5 miles @ £0.55 per mile) |        | £ 2.75        |
| Stationery                                                    |        | £ 2.25        |
| Postage                                                       |        | <u>£ 7.28</u> |
|                                                               |        | £314.91       |
| PAYE – June 2026                                              | 002157 | £ 71.20       |
| Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire                           | 002158 | £ 24.00       |
| Elan City Limited                                             | 002159 | £238.80       |
| Royal Mail Group Limited                                      | 002160 | £ 85.44       |

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**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27 July 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH', is written over a dotted line.