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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 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, A Sherman, L McDonnell and M McDonnell. Borough Councillor P Hesketh was also in attendance and no residents.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were given by Parish Councillors S Martland and I Fairclough. Borough Councillor J Gordon and A Jones also gave their apologies.

26.158

COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

No declarations of interest were given.

26.159

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

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 July 2026 be approved by the Chair.

26.160

ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present at the meeting therefore no issues were raised.

26.161

ISSUES RAISED BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Local Plan

Borough Councillor P Hesketh advised that the Local Plan preparation is restricted by the lack of Officers to prepare the same at West Lancashire Borough Council due to staffing retention.

Devolution

Following an announcement earlier this week, devolution has been delayed for 12 months and further information will be provided in due course. It is not clear how the local government reform will go ahead and where the timescales for devolution will fit into the same at this present time.

26.162

PLANNING

a. 2026/0687/FUL – Land adjacent to 7 Carr Lane, Lathom – Proposed 2 storey dwelling and all associated works. It was agreed that a comment would be submitted by Lathom Parish Council regarding this application.

b. 2026/0746/FUL – The Poplars, Hall Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – Demolition of existing stable/storage building and erection of replacement ancillary outbuilding, with change of use to ancillary home office, workshop and storage. It was agreed that Parish Councillor E Pope would draft the comment and submit the same on behalf of Lathom Parish Council.

26.163

CO-OPTING NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Parish Clerk D Abram had been contacted by a Lathom resident who may wish to become a Parish Councillor and it was agreed that Parish Councillors H Shaw and S Martland would make contact with the resident to discuss the same and given an invite to attend the October 2026 meeting. An update will be given at the next meeting regarding the outcome of the discussion.

26.164

QUESTIONNAIRE PROJECT

Parish Councillors M & L McDonnell advised that they had started to analyse the information from the Questionnaires recently returned and will provide an update at the next available meeting.

It was also agreed that Parish Clerk D Abram is to cancel the returns envelope subscription.

26.165

CIL PROJECT

Fruit Trees

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that Parish Councillor I Fairclough had been in touch with regard to the fruit tree varieties which differ from those originally requested and further investigation is required with the nursery.

Gate Sign Wording and Price

The wording for the gate sign has been agreed. A price is still awaited from the company that have been approached to provide a quotation and this will be brought to the next available meeting.

It was also mentioned that a "no dogs" and "no ball games" sign be sourced. Details will be provided at the next available meeting.

Bench Plaque

Parish Councillor E Pope will provide the exact wording but is looking for the details of when Ken Vincent was appointed as Parish Councillor at Lathom Parish Council. Parish Clerk D Abram to go through the records held and provide the same to Parish Councillor E Pope.

Green Space in Ring O'Bells Lane Name

The name of the land in Ring O'Bells Lane will be known as Lathom Community Garden going forward.

26.166

SPID AND ROAD ISSUES

Cross Parish Council Road Traffic Meeting

Parish Councillors H Shaw and E Pope gave an update with regard to this project and advised that meeting is to be held in November 2026 with the other local parish councils and representatives from Highways Department of Lancashire County Council and local government representation to discuss concerns regarding the roads.

Runnels Bridge (Carr Lane)

It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the October 2026 meeting.

Carr Lane

Parish Clerk D Abram to provide an update in October 2026.

SPID Camera Data

Parish Councillor M McDonnell advised that data had been provided to the Cross Parish Council Road Traffic Meeting (see above).

Location for SPID Camera

It was agreed that this item will be agreed in the October 2026 meeting.

New SPID Camera Location

Parish Clerk D Abram to forward to Parish Councillor E Pope the information previously provided for enquiries to made regarding the suggested location of the new SPID poles in Hoscar Moss Road.

26.167

LOVE CLEAN STREETS

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

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that no updates had been provided via the app.

Resident's request for work to be carried out

It was agreed that Parish Clerk D Abram will also report the item raised by the resident via the Love Clean Street app.

26.168

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 in October 2026 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 in October 2026 for an update.

26.169

MAINTENANCE

Historic Lathom Sign (Blythe Lane)

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact I Waite to request the work be carried out now as opposed to Spring 2027.

Viaduct Embankment and Laurel Bush (green maintenance)

Parish Clerk D Abram to contact West Lancashire Borough Council Clean and Green Team to request the work be carried out.

Wanes Blade Bridge (green maintenance)

Parish Councillor I Fairclough is to provide an update at the next available meeting.

Land in Ring O'Bells Lane (green maintenance)

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that West Lancashire Borough Council, Clean and Green Team have advised that given the time of year, the work will only be carried out if it is considered hazardous.

26.170

ONLINE BANKING

Parish Clerk D Abram has been in contact with the banking facilities to try and progress this and will endeavour to try and resolve this prior to the October 2026 meeting.

26.171

CONCURRENT GRANT

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the second part of the monies are due to be paid shortly and further clarification will be advised to the Parish Councillors once the monies are received.

26.172

PARISH MATTERS

Lathom Village Brand Description
Parish Councillor S Martland to draft the document.

Canal Bank Rough Sleepers
Parish Clerk D Abram to contact the Canal and River Trust to obtain an update regarding the problems that have happened over the last two years to find out what is going to be done to ensure that rough sleeping does not occur at this location again.

Food Truck – Lathom Chapel Layby on Hall Lane
Parish Clerk D Abram to report the above to West Lancashire Borough Council to see if permission has been granted for the food truck to work in this location.

26.173
TRAINING
Parish and Town Council Seminar
One place has been booked on the same by Parish Clerk D Abram and an update will be provided after attending the same.

LALC Seminar – National Policy Planning Framework
It was agreed that two places be booked on the above for Parish Councillors H Shaw and E Pope.

26.174
BANK RECONCILIATION
Parish Clerk D Abram will update and provide the same prior to the October 2026 meeting to the Parish Councillors.

26.175
FINANCE
The following accounts was passed for payment in September 2026

Diane Abram salary – August 2026	002168	£284.48
Diane Abram salary – September 2026 (including payrise)		£341.04
Travel to Meeting – September 2026 (6 miles @ £0.55 per mile)		£ 3.30
Travel to H Shaw House for cheque to be signed and resident enquiry)		£ 1.65
Stamps		£ 7.28
Stationery		£ 20.00
		£657.75
PAYE – August 2026	002167	£ 71.20
PAYE – September 2026	002169	£ 85.20
Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	002170	£ 24.00
Election charge by WLBC	002171	£260.36
OPSTA Subscription	002172	£ 10.00
Information Commissioner's Office	002173	£ 52.00

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NEXT MEETING DATE
The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26 October 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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