LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JULY 2019 AT

THE SCOUT HQ HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: PARISH COUNCILLORS; E POPE (IN THE CHAIR)

MRS J BAKER

IFAIRCLOUGH

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MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

(RESIDENT) SIMON ELSTON.

PETER RICHARDSON- CENTRE MANAGER TAWD VALE SCOUT CAMP

APOLOGIES: PARISH COUNCILLOR; MRS H SHAW

A WEBSTER

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

28. ADJOURNMENT FOR 5 MINUTES TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Peter Richardson, Centre Manager, Tawd Vale Scout Camp had attended to talk about the possibility of the parish joining with Newburgh Parish and using CIL monies to put a pavement along Lowry Hill Lane/Course Lane to provide a safe area for the people exiting the scout camp on foot. Contact had already been made with K Iddon at highways and WLBC regarding CIL monies to progress this plan if all parties were agreeable. Peter was in favour of this plan and expressed his concern for the scouts exiting the camp and assured the council that all visitors to the camp were advised not to use the main road but use the route past Lathom Chapel or via Tears Lane Newburgh but they couldn’t force anyone not to use the main road. A discussion took place regarding who was responsible for the safety of individuals and Peter explained that the leaders of each group attending site were responsible for own insurance, safety etc. but Tawd Vale would advise them. Tawd Vale has their own insurance with regard to safety on the actual site. Peter fully supported the parish in the plan to provide a ‘pavement’. Peter also spoke of 2020 which is the 90th Birthday of the site and there were a number of celebrations planned for August 2020.

29. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24TH June 19 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

30. MATTERS ARISING

The chairman spoke about the recent dedication of the War Horse Memorial and how well it had all gone.

The clerk reminded the councillors that the next judging for the BKV completion would take place at the end of the month and into August and she had notified the places that had been entered.

TRACKING LOG

The issue of safety over pedestrians along Lowry Hill Lane and Course Lane passing Tawd Vale Scout camp was discussed in the adjournment for public.

The clerk had also contacted WLBC and LCC departments about outstanding issues with regard to highways.

31. CIVIC SERVICE

The Civic Service has been booked for Sunday 6th October 2019 at 11.00am at Lathom Chapel. The clerk produced a list of people normally invited and said she would send out invitations so we would have numbers by September parish meeting. The chairman asked for a copy of the invite list is sent to all councillors so they could suggest anyone else who could be invited.  **IMOD/ALL**

32. NALC PAY AWARDS NEW SCALES/CLERK SALARY

The clerk had sent copies of the new pay scales from the National Joint Council which has been amended due to the National Living wage and these new figures should be applied from 1ST April 2019 The clerk had brought photocopies but they hadn’t copied clearly so after discussion it was agreed the clerk forward the details to all councillors

And there would be a meeting to discuss this and put this on the September agenda. IMOD

33. REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES

Councillor Pope reported there had been an extra-ordinary meeting called to discuss various finance issues and the following the discussions the following decisions have been resolved: 3 senior officers were taking voluntary redundancies; there were possibly 4 compulsory redundancies. There were more plans for redundancies through retirement and not all positions will be filled. These measures should hopefully make a large saving on staff costs. There is still a need to build more houses, as otherwise developers could step in. In future policy will be decided by Councillors. At the full council meeting the accounts and annual reports were discussed. It was Resolved at this meeting that there would be no Fracking in West Lancashire.

34. CORRESPONDENCE

1. WLBC – Delegated decisions
2. NALC – CEO Bulletin
3. WLBC – Weekly planning
4. LCC – Highways campaign F
5. NALC – 50+ Newsletter
6. Indy Cinema
7. CVS Bulletin
8. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
9. Westminster Briefings
10. WLBC – Sports star nominations
11. NALC – Star Awards
12. WLBC – Motofest
13. NALC – Annual conference London
14. LCC – potholes/transport management F
15. WLBC – Delegated decisions
16. Lathom Chapel – civic service
17. WLBC – Code of conduct reminder
18. OPSTA – Annul subs F
19. WLBC – Weekly planning
20. NALC Newsletter
21. Clerks & Councils Direct L
22. Police – fraud scams
23. Leafield environment
24. LALC – Papers for meeting
25. Chapel Gallery cinema events F
26. Playforce
27. Police Officer Recruitment F
28. S Oldroyd – ref planning application F
29. NALC Annual Conference
30. Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
31. WLBC – Delegated decisions
32. Safe council UK
33. NALC – Early booking for conference 20% reduction
34. NALC – Vacancy for town clerk
35. LCC – Pick up cones
36. Indy Cinema
37. Chapel Gallery – Yoga classes
38. CPRE – Newsletter
39. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
40. WLBC – Request for questions/topics F
41. NALC – CEO bulletin
42. WLBC – Ian Bond apologies for Dedication
43. Terrain WLBC – Agendas
44. WLBC – Decisions F
45. Westminster briefing
46. WLBC – Weekly list 16/7/19
47. Mental Health in workplace conference – Central London
48. National Grid- works information F
49. WLBC – additional item council agenda
50. Plantscape
51. IOG Saltax
52. WLB C – Mayoral engagements
53. WLBC – Opinions wanted on proposed leisure facilities F
54. NALC – CEO Bulletin
55. M Lewis – query regarding notice served 273 Briars Lane F

35. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment.

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk salary/exes July/Aug) £693.26

2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00

3. D Hawkes (refreshments –dedication) £42.00

4. OPSTA (Annual subs) £10.00

5. Petty cash (top up) £21.23

6. Ormskirk District Scouts (dedication hire) £60.00

36. PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Ezzatvar reported that a number of trees had been felled at the site of the extra car parking on Holland Business Park. Clerk to report to WLBC R Beirne and R Jones.  **IMOD**

Councillor Fairclough reported there had been illegal tipping on Moss Bridge Lane, Flax Lane and Bleak Lane logs, concrete and general household waste. Clerk to report to WLBC**. IMOD**

Councillor Mrs Baker spoke about the road surface that had been replaced on Briars Lane which has to have caused problems with a number of vehicles being damaged and claims submitted to LCC. It appears that there was a problem with the tar melting as the chippings were added. Clerk to contact LCC Highways. **IMOD**

There are Travellers in the area with dogs running across farmers fields and some metal fencing and some stone flags had been damaged.

Councillor Pope left the meeting at this point 8.55pm

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2019/0640/FUL –Car park extension with permeable surface finish (retrospective) – unit 6, Holland Business Park, Spa Lane.

After considering the plans it was agreed that Councillor Pope Call the plans in to the Planning Committee on the grounds of impact on green belt and impact on neighbouring properties. Also clerk to check on opening hours as the original car park was adequate for customers during normal opening hours and the extension was being used for parking of company vehicles e.g.: trucks which are being collected and driven off the site from 6am.

The clerk to send in these comments and also enquire as to why only the 2 properties immediately next door to the site had been consulted? What about the other properties on Spa Lane.

The date of the next meeting Monday 23rd September 2019

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed………………………………………………………..Chairman