LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th JUNE 2019 AT

THE SCOUT HQ HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

MRS J BAKER

IFAIRCLOUGH

D EZZATVAR

A WEBSTER

MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

(RESIDENTS) A HINDE, J BEESLEY, R HOUGHTON, D HAWKES.

(POLICE OFFICERS) SGT DARREN CARR, PCSO CHELSEA LANE

APOLOGIES: PARISH COUNCILLOR; MRS H SHAW

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

John Beesley had attended to talk about the possibility of the parish joining with Newburgh and using CIL monies to put a pavement along Lowry Hill Lane/Course Lane which would mean using some of his land. John was agreeable in principle to free some of his land and after discussion it was resolved that contact be made with K Iddon at highways and WLBC regarding CIL monies to progress.

The clerk reported she had arranged for Peter Richardson the Manager from Tawd Vale Scout Camp to attend the meeting on 22nd July 19 to discuss this proposal.

Mr Hinde then thanked Councillor Pope for clearing the undergrowth at Maypole Junction.

16. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20TH May 19 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

17. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk gave an update on items discussed at the recent clerks liaison meeting including the agreement that the representation of two parish councillors would be re-instated onto the Standards Committee. A draft of the changes would be available for discussion at the next LALC area committee meeting on 18th July 19.

The clerk also gave out crime figures and plans of joint operations with adjoining councils to prevent cross border crime.

The parish clerks also requested an up to date contact list for WLBC and LCC officers.

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.

There had been a second complaint regarding the car parking and storage of equipment adjacent to Holland Business Park, The car park is increasing in size and the “stored farmer’s equipment” was being advertised for sale on Malpas Tractors Web Page. The clerk has passed this information onto R Beirne at WLBC.

The clerk had also contacted WLBC and LCC departments about outstanding issues of pot holes and overgrown trees/weeds.

18. WAR HORSE MEMORIAL UPDATE

The chairman gave a report on the meeting of the group which had taken place earlier and everything was on track for the ceremony. A discussion took place with Officers Darren Carr and Chelsea Lane regarding the road closure and safety on the day. The clerk had arranged with LCC to provide 10 cones for use on the day and also some Hi-Vis jackets. An overflow car parking area needed to be arranged for any members of the public who might attend as parking on Hall Lane would be dangerous. Councillor Pope agreed to speak to local farmer**. EP**

19. CIVIC SERVICE

It was agreed that the clerk arrange for the Civic Service take place in October and dates suggested were 6th or 13th. The clerk to contact Ormskirk Church to see which date would suit the Chapel**. IMOD**

20. NALC PAY AWARDS NEW SCALES/CLERK SALARY

NALC had sent 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 it was agreed the clerk forward the details to all councillors and put this on the July agenda.  **IMOD**

21. COUNCIL VACANCIES

Following the co-option of Daniel Ezzatvar we now have 2 vacancies on the parish council, so if anyone knew of anyone interested ask them to contact the clerk in writing**. ALL**

22. PLANNING ISSUES

The issues regarding dates for planning comments were discussed – The clerk receives weekly planning applications via e-mail and we have 21 days to respond with comments. The clerk forwards any applications for Lathom to all councillors and gives the date for response and the name of the officer. If any plan is contentious then it should be “called in” to committee right away. If an application is received by the clerk on the Tuesday after the parish meeting it can’t be left to the next meeting as the deadline would have passed and if comments aren’t received before the deadline the application would be decided by officers. In future clerk to also include chairman in e-mails**. IMOD**

23. REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES

Councillor Pope reported there had been no meetings and the next one was in July

24. CORRESPONDENCE

1. WLBC – Euro elections
2. WLBC – Planning decisions
3. Indy Cinema
4. WLBC – Weekly planning F
5. WLBC – Agendas
6. WLBC – Press releases
7. NALC – Newsletters
8. LCC – Land @ Plough Lane F
9. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
10. WLBC – New Mayor information
11. Newburgh PC – Community Celebration - 16/06/19 F
12. NALC – New SCP Rates and notice of Hourly Rate increase to be effective from 5th April 19
13. LCC – bus changes F
14. Chapel Gallery events F
15. WLBC – Appeals
16. WLBC – Clerks liaison meeting
17. NALC – CEO Newsletter
18. NALC conference
19. CPRE Newsletter
20. Police scam alerts
21. Chapel Gallery
22. NALC –CEO Bulletin
23. WLBC – Letter from Mayor F
24. NALC Newsletter
25. WLBC Weekly list 12/06/19 F
26. WLBC – Mayors Civic Service invite F
27. LCC – Bus changes July F
28. WLBC – Reminder Code of Conduct training F
29. NALC – CEO Bulletin
30. WLBC – Volunteers needed Beacon Park
31. OPSTA – June newsletter & AGM Notice – 16th July 19 F
32. Lightsource & NSG – invitation to opening ceremony of Solar Farm F
33. Susan Osborne , Director War Horse Memorial X 2 – Query over our memorial –replied
34. NALC – Annual conference details
35. WL CVS – West Lancs Buzz IT scheme
36. WLBC – Automated decisions F
37. WLBC – Planning applications 18/06/19 F
38. PJ Littlejohn Auditor – confirmation of receipt of exemption certificate
39. Chapel Gallery events
40. WLBC – Late information planning
41. LALC – Newsletter
42. LDF – call for traveller sites
43. Keep Britain Tidy
44. NALC – CEO Newsletter
45. NALC – Annual conference
46. WLBC – Meeting minutes
47. WLBC – Agendas

Item 33 S Osborne X 2 was questioned and clerk was asked why she had replied without consulting EP or JB first. After discussion the clerk was told that in future she must not reply to any mail unless she had spoken with the chairman or vice chairman.

25. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment.

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk salary/exes) £283.25

2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00

3. HMRC (clerks PAYE) £198.00

26. PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Fairclough spoke about an accident that had taken place near four lane ends crossing. Councillor Pope reported that a camera had been installed at Hoscar crossing. Councillor Webster asked if there were any plans as to the future of the Ring O’Bells Pub as it was an eyesore at present. Councillor Mrs Baker reported that the kerbs at the junction of Carr Lane and Ring O’Bells Lane were damaged and need attention and the grid at corner with Hall Lane is damaged. Councillor Azzatvar reported a deep pot hole on Spa Lane but it was decided this came under Bickerstaffe and need to contact their clerk to see if they had already reported it.

Councillor Pope left the meeting at this point 9.00pm

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were discussed:

2019/0437/FUL – Replace existing gate and fence to the frontage and full garage conversion – The Poplars Hall Lane –NO OBJECTIONS

2019/0377/COU – Change of use of domestic outbuilding to office (retrospective) – The Fairfax 4 Lathom House Lathom Park- NO OBJECTIONS

2019/0578/FUL – Single storey extension to side/rear – Calmont Bleak Lane – NOI OBJECTIONS

2019/0361/PNP – Consideration of details for prior approval – agricultural access track – Low Meadows Farm Wanes Blades Road – NO OBJECTIONS

The date of the next meeting Monday 222nd July 2019

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed………………………………………………………..Chairman