LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2019 AT SCOUT HQ HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

MRS J BAKER

I FAIRCLOUGH

A WEBSTER

MRS H SHAW

MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

A HINDE

P FERGUSON (RESIDENTS)

MR & MRS FORD

MS D HAWKES

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

101. ADJOURNMENT FOR FIVE MINUTES TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Ford expressed the concerns of residents of Spa Lane over the number of HGV vehicles still using this way out from the Industrial Estate which is in breach of the planning condition that all vehicles should exit out onto Neverstitch Road towards the M58 and M6 motorways.

Mr Ford has spoken to Greg McCloskey the manager of Asda and he confirmed he would instruct all drivers not to use Sp Lane and there was some improvement for a while but it has now reverted back again. After discussion it was agreed the clerk write to Asda and to Kim Webber at WLBC regarding the breach of planning.  **IMOD**

Mr Hinde commented on the resignation of Councillor John Hodson and the ongoing inspection he was supposed to be carrying out on the local culverts and flooding issues. It appears that council officer Dave Owens has taken over from Councillor Hodson so could we contact him and ask for an update. Ms Hawkes spoke about the blocked pavements along Hall Lane due to overgrown hedges, soil and weeds forcing pedestrians into the road which was dangerous. There was also a lot of litter along the roads especially near to Pilkingtons.

The clerk explained this was an ongoing complaint every meeting and we were constantly writing to LCC and WLBC Highways and street scene departments asking that this is rectified. Councillor Webster offered to have a look at the overgrown Hedges and the clerk stated she would get in touch again with LCC and WLBC to chase up the outstanding reports. **IMOD**

102. The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 25TH February 2019 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

103. MATTERS ARISING

TRACKING LOG

The clerk reported that she had spoken to Michelle Williams at WLBC regarding the roundabout at Lowry Hill Lane which was being worked on by Highways and she agreed to go and visit the area and report back. However, Councillor Mrs Shaw confirmed that the road markings and the roundabout had all been repainted but the rubbish left behind under the hedges by previous contractors had still not been removed and the gulleys along Lowry Hill Lane were blocked with the chippings etc following the current work carried out. Clerk to contact Michelle Williams and ask her to check and rectify this.  **IMOD**

104. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY/MAY MEETING

The clerk spoke about arranging the Annual Assembly and the AGM

After discussion it was agreed to hold the Annual Assembly prior to the AGM which had been moved to 20th May 2019 as the 4th Monday was the Bank Holiday.

It was then realised that the 22nd April 2019 meeting was actually Easter Monday so the clerk agreed to arrange a change to 29th April 2019

105. WAR HORSE MEMORIAL UPDATE/DEDICATION

Councillor Pope explained the finances and there was a surplus of just over £200.00 towards the dedication costs. Councillor Pope explained that immediately prior to the parish meeting, a meeting of the Memorial committee had met and discussed the arrangements for the Dedication Ceremony and a number of ideas and guests were put forward. The date to be in June on the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles depending on availability of the Bishop and clergy and the arrangements would be coordinated by the parish council.

106. REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES

Councillor Pope reported the main issues at the moment where the Budget and the Brown Bins.

107. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Westminster Briefing
2. Plantscape
3. Jess Play
4. WLBC – Planning decisions
5. Sutcliffe Play
6. WLBC – Planning applications F
7. WLBC – New houses on Westec site
8. WLBC – Tawd Valley development
9. WLBC – Budget setting F
10. WLBC – Meeting minutes
11. NALC – CEO Bulletin
12. WLBC – Recycling consultation – hard copy F
13. NALC – Survey on elections
14. WLBC – Raising Commonwealth Flag details F
15. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
16. WLBC – Winter bulletin
17. WLBC – Planning decisions
18. Ian Brown – Play area equipment
19. WLBC – Agendas x3
20. CVS – Update
21. ELBE Play
22. Glendale – information on services
23. WLBC – Delegated decisions
24. Calor Rural Funding Schemes
25. WLBC – Weekly planning list
26. Sunshine Gyms
27. CPRE – Update
28. Broxap catalogue
29. WLBC – Press releases
30. WLBC – Planning agenda
31. Chapel gallery events F
32. LALC – Newsletter
33. Scam alert – TV licenses
34. WLBC – Polling Stations/Postal votes
35. LCC – Winter update
36. NALC – CEO bulletin
37. NALC – Job vacancy
38. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
39. OPSTA – Poster
40. CPRE –Campaigning recycling bottles for refunds
41. Chapel Gallery completion F
42. WLBC – Press release ref; CCTV Ormskirk
43. NALC – Audit information – clerk to action
44. WLBC – Delegated decisions
45. WLBC –Weekly planning list
46. WLBC – Code of Conduct training 9th July 19 6pm F
47. WLBC – Delegated decisions
48. LALC – Next area committee 18th April 19
49. WL CVS – Suicide prevention talks
50. Westminster briefing – domestic violence
51. LCC – Update for Parish records – completed by clerk
52. WLBC – Agendas
53. Community Road Watch – School Lane Skelmersdale
54. WLBC – Great British clean up F
55. NALC – Free seating F
56. Planning decisions
57. WLBC – Public speaking
58. NALC – New family justice centre
59. NALC – CEO newsletter
60. CPRE – Action for litter free future
61. WLBC – Planning decisions
62. WLBC – Winter bulletin

108. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk salary/exes) £275.23

2. Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire) £20.00

3 F I Waite (maintenance) £380.00

4. HMRC (clerks PAYE) £194.20

5. Cash (petty cash top up) £31.78

6. BKV (Entry fee) £20.00

109. PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Baker spoke about the general state of the roads especially Hall Lane and Lowry Hill Lane although work was being carried out at present so maybe look at situation when all complete. Hopefully, the gulleys will not be left blocked by chippings etc. as usual after the utility companies have left. There are also areas of silt on the already narrow pavements.

Councillor Fairclough spoke about the proposal to put extend the pavement on Lowry Hill Lane near to the scout camp from Moss Bridge Lane to Back Lane Newburgh. This would mean a joint bid with Newburgh PC to continue further up the road into their parish. We would also need to contact Tyrers the landowner as we would need part of their land for the pavement if we were successful.

The clerk was still awaiting a reply from Keith Iddon LCC regarding this proposal if we were to apply for CIL Monies to fund it.

110. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Pope questioned the fact that we had not commented on a recent application for Ormskirk Lodge? The clerk replied she had not received any plan for this building. Councillor Pope agreed to check on this and let the clerk know

Date of the next meeting 29th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed .................................………………………….......……………………..Chairman