LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

 MRS J BAKER

 I FAIRCLOUGH

 MS L STOPFORTH

 MRS H SHAW

 MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

(RESIDENTS) A HINDE

 D PRATT

 E HILL

 APOLOGIES: PARISH COUNCILLORS; D EZZATVAR

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Immediately before the meeting Ms Stopforth was co-opted onto the council and signed the Declaration of Office.

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

Mr Pratt and Mrs Hill reported they had written to LCC, county councillor Keith Iddon and WLBC regarding the traffic speed and speed cameras on Ring O’Bells Lane but

had not so far received any replies. Councillor Pope agreed to speak to Councillor Keith

Iddon as he was meeting with him on Wednesday.

Mr Hinde enquired about the ‘Jacobs Report’ and was informed it had been published but LCC need to address some issues before releasing it to the public.

62. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th October 19 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

63. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Pope reported there were no plans so far as to what would happen with the Ring O’Bells Pub and he also said he had asked for more community safety signs which were on Carr Lane so they could be put in other areas. Councillor Fairclough asked if the camera speed van that had been in Scarisbrick could be moved to Lathom.

Councillor Pope had spoken to WLBC with regard to a map to replace the damaged parish map but so far they have not found a suitable one.

The problems at the Ship Inn were being investigated by WLBC however the area around it has been tidied by the owner.

Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that they were waiting for a meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the source of the foul waste found in the flooded water.

64. BUDGET/PRECEPT

The clerk had prepared a draft budget for 2020-2021 which was discussed by all councillors and it was agreed the clerk extend the forecast to include concurrent expenses and put on next agenda.

65. CLIMATE CHANGE

(Correspondence item 4)

The Climate Change decision made by WLBC and the questions raised regarding it from Councillor Dereli were discussed at the LALC area committee meeting and forwarded to all parishes for their comments and it was agreed that the clerk resend the papers to all councillors and put on December agenda

66. PARISH OAK

(Correspondence item 37)

Andrew Beeston had written on behalf of Lathom Chapel about the fact the letters on the plaque on the Parish Oak had faded and were unreadable and he wondered who would be responsible for repainting them. The clerk explained the oak had been planted in 2002 by parish chairman Mrs Mary Rees and after discussion it was resolved that the parish council would pay for the plaque repair and Councillor Pope would ask that the chapel arrange it and the parish would pay.

67. REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES

Councillor Pope reported that council meetings were suspended due to the forthcoming election

68. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LCC – Closure Meadow Lane F
2. WLBC – Press releases for Halloween and Bonfire night events
3. Police – job vacancies
4. LALC – Letter ref climate change F
5. NALC – CEO Bulletin
6. CPRE – Government to block fracking
7. WLBC – Agendas
8. Leafield Environment
9. WLBC – Change in dog control orders F
10. Police – Nosy Neighbour campaign
11. C Marsh – Remembrance Sunday security details F
12. WL CVS – Health network update
13. WLBC – Planning decisions F
14. WLBC – Tenants comments wanted
15. Parish online
16. NALC – Newsletter
17. NALC – Job vacancy
18. NALC/LGA – Guide to tackle loneliness
19. WLBC – Planning appeal F
20. WLBC – Delegated decisions F
21. WLBC – Weekly planning list 30th October 19 F
22. WLBC – Weekly planning list 6th November 19 F
23. NALC – Enquiry if anyone can recommend War Memorial valuation service
24. NALC – CEO Bulletin
25. WLBC – Dates of Christmas opening – Requested hard copies for boards
26. LCC Highways – winter bulletin update
27. CPRE – Campaign update
28. LCC – Closure Meadow Lane F
29. WLBC – dedicated decisions F
30. Indy Community Cinema
31. NALC – Job vacancy
32. CPRE – Autumn events
33. WLBC – weekly planning list 13th November 19 F
34. WLBC – Register of interests – new version F to EP HS DA
35. LALC – Constabulary newsletter
36. Event at Maharishi 16th November 19 – letter but details sent if anyone interested
37. A Beeston –Lathom Chapel X 2– Regarding Parish Oak F to EP
38. WLBC – Details of lights switch on F
39. Smartwater – Regarding Church Roof protection
40. Police – Fraud Alert
41. LARS Laj UK – catalogue
42. R Clayton Lathom South – Planning app Malpas sent to them by mistake F
43. Leafield – Catalogue
44. LCC Highways – winter bulletin F
45. Police alert- Neighbourhood watch newsletter
46. LCC – Closure Deans Lane Newburgh F
47. WLBC – Delegated decisions
48. WLBC – Chapel gallery events F
49. NALC – Job vacancies
50. LCC – Bus service changes – No Lathom
51. WLBC – planning agenda 28th November 19
52. WLBC – weekly planning list 20/11/19 F
53. LCC – Road closure Sandy Lane F
54. WLBC – Nomination forms Standards Board F
55. Clerks & Councils Direct L
56. War Memorial Trust Bulletin L
57. The Repair Shop BBC – TV –cards to advertise in shops L
58. NALC – Lancashire Day 27th November 19 events
59. LCC – Road Closure Meadow Lane F
60. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
61. WLBC – Winter Warm Scheme
62. OPSTA Newsletter F
63. LCC – Winter stakeholder bulletin
64. NALC – CEO Bulletin
65. CPRE – Election comments
66. Bickerstaffe PC – Hedge hog protection scheme

C correspondence item 54. WLBC – nominations for appointment to standards committee. After discussion it was resolved that the Bickerstaffe and Parbold nominees would be supported by Lathom. Clerk to submit forms to WLBC.

Correspondence item 66. Bickerstaffe PC has a project to protect hedgehogs in conjunction with Hedgehog Preservation Society and was looking for interested parishes to join in – after discussion the clerk to reply that Lathom were interested in taking part**. IMOD**

69. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment.

1. Ormsby Memorials (Remount Memorial) £554.00
2. Mrs I M O’Donnell ( clerk salary/exes) £286.88

 2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00

 3. Royal British Legion (wreaths) £70.00

 4. KC Computers NW Ltd (ink cartridge) £26.39

70. PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Shaw expressed concern regarding the volume of noise from the scout meeting in the hall stating it was hard to hear and concentrate during the meeting. After discussion it was decided that the clerk makes enquiries for a possible change of date for parish meetings.  **IMOD**

Councillor Fairclough spoke of flooding in the area at Meadow Lane where the ditch sides had caved in, Blythe Lane where the ditch needs clearing of silt. Councillor Fairclough also mentioned the flooding at Wanes Blades Bridge but this is just out of our area.

Councillor Mrs Baker asked if we would be delivering hampers this year under Peter Lathom Charity and Councillor Pope replied Mrs Julia Peggs was organising it.

Councillor Pope left the meeting at this point 8.50pm

71. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following comments were sent to WLBC

2019/1032/FUL – Addition of ancillary kitchen and events space to existing building, New single storey extension to provide 22 guest accommodation units and associated landscaping – Briars Hall Hotel. Briars Lane.

“Lathom Parish Council has no objection but would request officers ensure all materials used are matching and in keeping with the original buildings. The tree line is protected and Cadent are fully consulted due to proximity of gas line.”

2019/1007/COU – Siting of static caravan- Half Acre, Carr Lane,

“Lathom PC object to this application on the following grounds. Impact on neighbouring properties and their amenities. Access road too narrow for vehicles to enter and exit safely when vehicles are parked on the road. Question the impact on neighbours if utility companies need to connect caravan to electricity/gas etc. This application against NPPF and does not comply with the local plan. We recommend that officers visit the site as work has already started resulting in complaints from neighbours and there is already a mobile home in the field which has people in residence.”

2019/0919/PNP – Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for details -construction of hard standing area for storage of agricultural equipment. Land to North of Spa Barn, Spa Lane.

Lathom PC object to this application on the following grounds –Impact on the openness of the green belt and on the current site layout. Impact on neighbouring properties. This site has already extended the original car park which was adequate for use of customers during opening hours 9am-5pm without any problems. The recent extension to the car park application 2019/0640/FUL now has HGV’s and other vehicles parked overnight on it which are being driven from site at 6am. The proposed further extension encroaches further into the green belt and is supposed to be for storage of agricultural equipment. Is this agricultural equipment the stock for sale by the company on site?”

2019/1112/FUL – Creation of exercise area for dogs and the retention of 10 holding pens. – Jack Leg Farm, Cranes Lane

“Lathom PC object to this application on the following grounds. Impact on the openness of green belt. Impact on neighbouring properties. This property has operated for a number of years without any problems providing short stays for household pets, however this application is to provide a retirement facility for greyhounds which would be permanent and the dogs would be outside for long periods of time causing noise impact for neighbours who have already made complaints regarding barking dogs at all times.

The date of the next meeting to be changed from 23rd December 2019 to 19th December 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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