LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019 AT

 THE SCOUT HQ HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

 MRS J BAKER

 MRS H SHAW

 MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

(RESIDENTS) A HINDE

 D HAWKES

 APOLOGIES: PARISH COUNCILLORS; A FAIRCLOUGH

 A WEBSTER

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

A Hinde spoke about the web page not being updated and the clerk explained that Councillor Ezzatvar had intended to update with clerk during the August break but so far had been unable to do this. He also raised the issue of the 30mph limit along Ring O’Bells Lane and the signs that had been put up by the residents of ‘The Thatch’ as people were commenting on them and asking why the Highways didn’t put up more along the roadside instead of leaving it to the public. The chairman explained that he had been in touch with County Councillor for Highways Keith Iddon and discussed this and he was hoping to have a ‘SPID’ in place along the road to monitor the speed of traffic and see if the number of signs could be increased.

39. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd July 19 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

40. MATTERS ARISING

The issue of rubbish left behind along the pavements and under the hedges by the contractors carrying out the road repairs around the parish was discussed. D Hawkes commented about the grid near the chairman’s property being blocked possibly by stones/chippings causing a flood on the road. The chairman agreed to follow up. A Hinde also commented on the hedges that were overgrown and jutting onto the pavements forcing pedestrians into the road. **EP**

41. CIVIC SERVICE/REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The clerk reported everything was in hand for the service and there should be 50-55 people to cater for. The clerk would arrange tea, coffee, sugar and milk and she would be at the chapel for 10am to set up everything before the service. There were promises from people to bake cakes and the clerk would purchase a few extra just in case. People would also be required to help serve refreshments on the day.

Remembrance Sunday this year is on Sunday 10th November 19 with services at Lathom in the morning and Burscough in the afternoon. The Ringtail Remembrance would be on Monday 11th November 19 at Booths store.

The clerk would arrange road closure for the Lathom ceremony and order wreaths for

all three. As the chairman would be laying a wreath at Burscough for LCC the vice chairman would lay the parish wreath at Burscough.

D Hawkes suggested that a wreath be placed on the Remount Memorial as well as on the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. The clerk agreed to look into this after discussion with Lathom Chapel who organise this event. **IMOD/ALL**

42. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

A complaint had been made regarding a locked gate on the public open case and a discussion took place regarding this and it was resolved that this could be a civil matter rather than a parish one. However as it involved access to the open space the chairman would look into the matter with the borough council. **EP**

43. NALC PAY AWARDS NEW SCALES/CLERK SALARY

The chairman explained that the meeting to discuss this had still not been held. He stated it would be held before the October meeting so the clerk to put on the October agenda**. IMOD/ALL**

44. REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES

There are no meetings held during August so there were no minutes.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Broxap catalogue
2. NALC – Star council awards
3. NALC – Larger councils competition
4. Sunshine Gym
5. Parish On Line
6. D Pratt – letter ref Lowry Hill Lane F to EP/JB
7. WLBC – Skelmersdale artist wins top prize
8. WLBC – Agendas/minutes
9. WLBC – Planning applications 30/07/19 F
10. Westminster Briefings
11. WLBC – Music in the Parks F
12. WLBC – EVENTS Beacon Park F
13. Chapel Gallery film shows F
14. LALC – Information on Terms of Reference F
15. WLBC = R Jones reply ref trees at Holland Business Park
16. Police – section 60 notice for Skelmersdale
17. WLBC – Planning agenda
18. WLBC – Delegated decisions
19. Road Closure Back Lane Newburgh F
20. WLBC – Press release Leisure/well being F
21. WLBC – Green Flag award
22. ELBE Play
23. TWM – Traffic control road signs/speed indicators
24. Appeal Decision – Willowbeck House Wood Lane – Dismissed F
25. Police alert – social media fraud
26. NALC – CEO Bulletin
27. Police alert – universal credit fraud
28. R Walton – Historic Rights of Way F
29. NALC – Survey on elections F
30. Chapel Gallery events F
31. WLBC – Weekly planning 6/8/19 F
32. BKV – Notice of dates for next judging
33. CVS – Health Network update
34. Chapel gallery events F
35. Westminster briefings
36. Peter Richardson Tawd Vale F to EP
37. Neighbourhood Watch- Cybercrime survey
38. LALC – Workshops
39. CVS – Dig in Newsletter
40. WLBC – Licensing Policy survey F
41. WLBC – Town centre improvements survey F
42. NALC – CEO Bulletin
43. CPRE – Clean up campaign F
44. Various catalogues
45. Country Side Voice magazine Letter
46. WLBC – Updated form Register of interests
47. Westminster Briefing – Mental Health conference London
48. WLBC – Delegated decisions
49. WL CVS – Survey F
50. WLBC – Press release Motofest
51. Chapel Gallery folk night F
52. WLBC – Planning 13/08/19 – no Lathom
53. LALC – Advance notice of AGM 8TH November 19 F
54. NALC – Newsletter
55. LCC – Bus service changes – none in WL
56. LCC – Road closure Spa Lane F
57. WLBC – Press release Project BUZZ IT F
58. NALC – Larger councils project
59. OPSTA – Update F
60. WLBC – Merchant Navy Day – Flag raising information
61. NALC – CEO Bulletin
62. LCC – Road closure Sutch Lane F
63. WLBC – Events in Ormskirk from 29th August onwards F
64. Alert at Neighbourhood watch – Reoffending information
65. Work Shop for Neighbourhood Plan
66. WLBC – Reminder for Motofest F
67. Police – scam phone calls
68. IOG Saltex
69. WLBC – Planning applications 21/08/19 F
70. WL CVS Forum
71. OPSTA – Update
72. Chapel Gallery events F
73. Chapel Gallery Cinema F
74. NALC – CEO Bulletin
75. WLBC – Planning update
76. WLBC – Public speaking – meeting dates F
77. NALC – Job vacancy
78. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
79. CCG AGM information F
80. Chapel gallery events F
81. NALC – LCR Review on stronger communities
82. IOG Saltex
83. MP – Reply to civic invite-no
84. Parish On Line
85. Westminster Briefings X2
86. WLBC – R Beirne response ref; Holland Park breach F toEP
87. A Hinde – response to civic invite – no
88. Dottie Smith??? forward to EP as suspect e mail
89. WLBC – Dedicated decisions
90. L Ord – reply civic
91. CPRE – Raffle tickets
92. LHS – road closure Sutch Lane F
93. WLBC – AGENDAS
94. WLBC – Planning decisions
95. Ashcroft – SPAM? F to EP
96. LHS – Closure Hollowford Lane F
97. WL CVS Newsletter
98. LHS – Closure Hall Lane F
99. A Beeston - Fly tipping F to EP
100. LCC Bus changes – no Lathom
101. NALC – Princess Anne to attend Conference
102. NALC – CEO Bulletin
103. D Pratt – letter ref locked gate F EP
104. N Davies – ref web page
105. LALC Area committee – information F
106. WLBC – Standards Committee agenda
107. LHS – Closure Hall Lane F
108. WLBC – Standards Committee 17th September 19 5pm
109. LHS – Closure Sutch Lane F
110. Westminster Briefing
111. Chapel Gallery events F
112. RADAR – Came insurance F
113. NALC – Annual accounts
114. NALC –Consultation F
115. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
116. D Pratt – ref Ring O Bells POS F
117. WLBC – Planning applications 11/9/19 F
118. P Dobson – enquiry ref Bins F
119. NALC – Newsletter
120. Community Safety Partnership plans for Edge Hill welcome week
121. NALC – Larger councils info
122. WLBC – Agendas
123. Plantscape
124. Police reference no cover for events
125. NALC – CEO bulletin
126. Chapel Gallery events F
127. CPRE – Litter free countryside clean up
128. Tawd Vale – invitation to Feast of Lanterns F
129. WLBC – Pay phone removal F
130. Chapel Gallery events F
131. LHS amendment to Spa Lane closure dates F
132. WLBC – R Beirne – reply ref breach Holland Business Park F
133. WLBC – K Westby – confirmation of concurrent grant spent
134. Police – In the Know newsletter
135. RADAR – Ref insurance F
136. WLBC – Nomination forms Standards Committee F
137. WLBC – Planning list 18th September 19
138. CPRE – Letter
139. Local Council Review –Letter
140. Countryside Voice – Letter
141. Royal British Legion – invite for Remembrance Day – Letter
142. WL CVS – Newsletter
143. LALC - Newsletter F
144. WLBC – Planning amendment F
145. WLBC – Clerks liaison meeting details
146. Mobile Community Cinema
147. WLBC – Agendas
148. WLBC – Mayoral engagements
149. NALC – CEO Bulletin
150. P Bricknell – Civic reading F to EP
151. NALC – Code of Conduct F to EP JB
152. WLBC – Appeal decision
153. NALC – Job vacancies

46. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment.

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk salary/exes July/Aug) £268.25

2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00

3. HMRC (clerks PAYE) £198.00

4. N Davies (web page) £78.96

5. F I Waite (installing new seats) £624.22

The problem of changing the payment details on the web page was discussed. The clerk had asked in the bank about a standing order or direct debit and these were both possible but we are unsure how to set this up. We can’t pay by cheque but could use a debit card. This raised the question of what would happen when cheques were discontinued and the clerk was asked to check next time with the bank.  **IMOD**

47. PARISH MATTERS

The site of the Solar Farm was discussed regarding pallets left about the area and the subject of a green fence around the area to screen the panels which was part of the planning permission is still not in place.

The untidy state of the gardens and area around Ormskirk Lodge was also discussed and it was resolved that the clerk to check the above and then contact WLBC enforcement officer and planning officer

**The clerk reported that while putting notices in the boards she noticed that water appeared to have got into the Lathom Map on Briars Lane and damaged it after discussion the clerk to look up the supplier and check what could be done. IMOD**

Councillor Pope left the meeting at this point 8.50pm

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following comments were sent to WLBC

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

“Lathom Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of impact on the openness of green belt and detrimental impact on neighbouring properties. The original car park was quite adequate in size for customers attending the business during normal opening hours e.g.: 9.00am-5.30pm and did not prove a problem, however there are a number of commercial vehicles parked on the now ‘extended’ car park outside business hours and these vehicles HGV/Trucks are being collected and driven out of the area at 6.00am and the council would like clarification on this situation. Lathom Parish Council are also concerned that only 2 properties adjacent to the business have been consulted and request that other neighbouring properties be included in the consultation)”

2019/0878/LDC – Certificate of Lawfulness – domestic garage – Wainwrights Farm, Ring O’Bells Lane. “No comment”

2019/0720/FUL – Pitched roof to replace flat roof on existing extension to rear – 16 Wheat Lane Lathom. “No comments”

2019/0597/FUL – Creation of an outdoor ménage for private us only. –Blythe Hall Blythe Lane Lathom – “No comment”

2019/0713/FUL – Laying of concrete surfacing in place of existing compacted hardcore. – Farm Shop, Taylors Farm Hall Lane. “Called in to Planning committee”

2019/0377/COU – Change of use from domestic storage to mixed use domestic storage and administration office (retrospective) – The Fairfax 4 Lathom House, Lathom Park. “Lathom Parish Council object to this application on grounds of noise and privacy, security, parking and access and would advise that the points made by G Perkins, Senior Environmental manager be taken into account.”

2019/0884/FUL – First floor extension to side of existing property to provide master bedroom and en suite – 1 Cranes Cottages Cranes Lane Lathom.

“No objections, providing material used are in keeping with the original building”

 2019/0855/FUL – Agricultural storage shed located on agricultural land – Palace House Farm Cottage, Hall Lane.

“Lathom Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds: impact on openness of the green belt, detrimental effect on neighbouring properties. The reason why the building is not sited nearer to the residential property to reduce the impact on the openness? Inappropriate development as no agricultural activity currently on site to warrant a building of this size to house agricultural machinery, animal food and bedding”

The date of the next meeting Monday 28th October 2019

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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