LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 78 OF THE CORONA VIRUS ACT 2020 AT 7.30PM

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

MRS J BAKER

I FAIRCLOUGH

MRS C FINDLOW

MS L STOPFORTH

MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

RESIDENTS

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MRS A SHERMAN

APOLOGIES: PARISH COUNCILLOR: MRS H SHAW

19. PUBLIC – the members of the public did not raise any issues

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th July 2020 required amendments so will be signed at the October meeting
2. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment.

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk salary/exes) £283.20

2. HMRC (2ND Quarter AYE for clerk) £205.20

3. Iain Bain Engineering (replacement cost 3 signs) £450.00 (insurance claim)

4. Nicholas Horrigan Designs (Newsletter) £127.00

5. KC Computers NW Ltd (ink cartridges) £41.96

Included in the list of payments was an item payable to the ICO for Data Registration.

The clerk reported she had received notice from the Information Commissioner and the

WLBC Data Protection Officer that this fee was due. The Chair said he had received conflicting advice from WLBC and wished to check that before payment was made.

1. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The footpaths had all now been listed and prioritised so the next step is to complete the PROW reports to LCC and arrange for work to be carried out. The chairman reported on the possible footpath to be installed from Moss Bridge Lane to Tawd Vale Camp through CIL monies and confirmed that John Beesley was still agreeable to using some of his land, the path to be fenced off and risk assessment done. No dogs to be allowed on this path. A working group of Councillors, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Findlow and Ms Stopforth will take this forward.

1. PURCHASE OF SPID

The possible purchase of a Speed indicator Device (SPID) was discussed. The clerk

reported that the possible price was in the region of £2500-£4000 depending on type. Also needed to take into consideration was insurance, police and highways advice, storage, re- charging of the SPID and future movement implications. .

1. NALC NATIONAL SALARY AWARDS/CLERK SALARY

The chairman had looked at the salary awards and reported that they should have come into force on 1st April 2020 and it was agreed that the clerk be awarded the annual increase from £13.68 -£14.05 per hour back dated to April 20 an increase of £9.25 per month a salary increase to £351.25. The clerk to calculate the arrears to be paid at the October meeting along with the increase.

1. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Due to Covid restrictions there are to be no parades or gatherings so the Mayor will be laying wreaths on the three main council War Memorials in Ormskirk, Burscough and Skelmersdale on Remembrance Sunday and maybe one at Ringtail on 11th November 2020 at 11,00am. The clerk to order 4 wreaths for Lathom, Burscough and Ringtail Memorials to be taken by the Chairman and one for the Remount memorial to be taken by Councillor L Stopforth.

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1. PARISH MATTERS

The issue of a Newsletter before Christmas was requested to be included in the October agenda. Councillor Baker spoke about the temporary traffic lights at the road works on Hall Lane and the position of the warning sign before the bend needed to be moved further back from the bend so traffic would be slowing down earlier as there had been an accident with someone running into the car at the back of the queue.

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2020/0771/FUL – single storey house extension – Farthings Cottage, Hollowford Lane.

“No objections”

Confidential matters: Due to the confidential nature of the following item the public

were requested to leave the meeting.

1. COUNCIL VACANCY The council had received 2 applications for the two

vacancies from Mrs A Sherman who was present at the meeting earlier and

Mrs F Hutcheon.

A discussion took place and it was agreed to co-opt Mrs Sherman onto the council and the clerk to arrange the signing of the required papers. It was agreed to ask Mrs Hutcheon to provide some more information and to ask her to attend the October meeting to discuss her possible co-option.

The next meeting is scheduled for 26th October 2020 - The format to be decided depending on Covid- 19 situation.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed………………………………………………………..Chairman