LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JULY 2018 AT SCOUT HQ HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

 MRS J BAKER

 A MORRIS

 MRS H SHAW

 MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

 MR A HINDE (RESIDENT)

 APOLOGIES: PARISH COUNCILLORS; A WEBSTER

 MRS M GORST

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

29. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25TH June 18 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

30. CO-OPTION

Mrs Helen Shaw was co-opted onto the parish council and she read and signed the Declaration of Office and took her place on the council

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

Following on from discussions at the June meeting the clerk passed Mr Hinde some reports and documents regarding the issue of septic tanks and flooding that he had raised and had been spoken about at the LALC meeting on 19th July 18. Mr Hinde asked about the surveys he had heard about that Councillor John Hodson was carrying out on hidden water courses of West Lancashire along with the engineer and did anyone know how this was going on and when he would be in Lathom? The clerk said she had no knowledge of this and would try and find out more information. Mr Hinde remarked that the planning committee were receiving training on planning law and he wondered if this training was available to councillors. The clerk confirmed that LALC held various training courses and that she had attended them along with other councillors. It was suggested by Councillor Pope that the clerk in her capacity as secretary to LALC should ask a WLBC planning officer to attend a meeting to discuss they carry out the planning law training. The clerk agreed to take this back to LALC chairman and members.  **IMOD**

32. MATTERS ARISING

Tracking log

The clerk reported that she had taken the chain of office into WLBC and confirmed that they had a record of it being in our possession and it was covered by WLBC insurance but that Lathom were liable for the first £100. The clerk then passed the chain to Councillor Pope as chairman. The slow broadband speeds were discussed and Councillors Mrs Baker and Mrs Shaw reported they had contacted their suppliers but they were still too far from the cabinet to obtain better speeds. They also commented that there were wires still hanging loose on the nearby pole and didn’t appear to have been connected up. Mr Hinde made the observation that BT Open Reach vans had been in the area repairing cables along Daisy Lane and Meadow Lane and they had left some unsecured equipment there for anyone to access.

Mr Hinde also confirmed that it was BT contractors Morrisons who he saw sitting ‘resting’ in Daisy Lane recently.

The clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Baker had taken photos of the abandoned car and the damage to Runnels Brow Bridge and sent them to her and she had forwarded them to police and WLBC/LCC highways. The clerk had also contacted LCC on 12th July 18 and had gone through all the old reports on the tracking log and had updated it for the councillors. Some of the problems had been dealt with and cleared and new orders had been raised for ones that were still incomplete. The clerk to keep a check on this over the next few weeks.  **IMOD**

33. CLERK CONTRACT/ SALARY

The chairman agreed that a sub-committee 0f Councillors Mrs Baker, Fairclough and Mrs Shaw be formed to look at this issue and prepare any decisions for the next meeting in September.

34. CIVIC SERVICE/REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY

The clerk reported that the Civic Sunday had now been arranged for Sunday 7th October 18 and discussed the list of people who she invited each year. It was agreed that the clerk forward the list to all councillors so they could add anyone else they thought we should invite. Remembrance Sunday is confirmed at Lathom Chapel for 11.00 am on 11TH November 18 and the police had confirmed attendance at the Scout HQ from 10.00am to control traffic during the wreath laying. The clerk had also applied to WLBC for the road closure order. It was also confirmed the parish would lay a wreath at Booths on 1Oth November 18 at 11.00 and at Burscough on 11th November 18 in the afternoon.

35. WEB PAGE UPDATE

 N Davies confirmed he had renewed the hosting and had submitted his final invoice. The clerk had made enquiries with Newburgh and Lathom South regarding who updates their web pages but they couldn’t help. It appears most clerks update their own. The clerk said she would be willing to update Lathom and N Davies said he would give her the information she required and some guidelines but she would need help. The chairman suggested she contact Burscough clerk to see if she could help  **IMOD**

36. REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES

Councillor spoke on decisions made at recent meetings regarding the change in the supply of blue bins which would now be free to all and anyone who had already bought one would be refunded. Health & Safety, clean air and recycling were main issues at present and it was planned that new swimming pools would be built in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale. There were also some issues regarding the Dial-a-Ride service.

37. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LALC – Training days
2. United Utilities – hosepipe ban 5th August 18
3. WLBC – Planning applications
4. WL CVS – Event 10th September 18
5. WL Health Service as above
6. NALC – Star councils awards
7. Parish Online
8. Sarah Smith – Local authority income generation strategy
9. N Davies – web page invoice
10. NALC – FAQ ref audit info for clerk
11. Mrs R Bentley – looking for help to become a teaching assistant?
12. WLBC – Blue bins now free F
13. Planning Appeal decisions
14. WLBC – Supplement to agenda – Audit & Governance
15. WLBC – Planning agenda – Request to speak document
16. Al Hinde – copy of letter sent to CPRE – Ref; solar farm
17. Police alert – fake Amazon e-mails
18. WLBC –Skelmersdale Ambassadors Network
19. WLBC – planning applications F
20. CPRE – Fracking petition F
21. NALC – Newsletter
22. Chapel Gallery events F
23. NALC – AGM November 18
24. NALC – London conference
25. WLBC – Planning decisions
26. Newburgh PC – can’t help with web page
27. LALC - Newsletter F
28. WLBC – Planning applications
29. WLBC – Mayors Civic Sunday invitation F
30. WLBC – Planning decisions
31. Came & Co insurance – theft of seat
32. NALC Newsletter F
33. NALC – Housing plans
34. WLBC – Agendas for meeting
35. LALC – Area meeting F
36. Lancs police – Remembrance information
37. G Shaw – query ref solar farm
38. Police alert fake Argos messages
39. CPRE – Affordable homes
40. CPRE – Public meeting “A greener Liverpool”
41. OPSTA – Request to rejoin F
42. WLBC – Planning decisions
43. NALC – Annual conference
44. WLBC – Planning applications
45. LCC – Notice of faults reported
46. WLBC – Road closure for Remembrance Sunday
47. Mayoral engagements
48. Burscough flooding group – meeting notes F
49. LALC – Meeting 19th July 18
50. NALC – Newsletter
51. Police – ref. Broken down car – automatic response
52. WLBC – Appeal decisions
53. LCC- Bus changes – none in Lathom
54. Police alert – bogus builders
55. WLBC – Planning decisions
56. Whitehill Direct – bench prices
57. Clerk & Councils Direct magazine

38. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk salary/exes) £646.88

2. Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire) £20.00

4. N Davies (web page hosting) £36.00

27. PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Baker spoke about the gullies on Hall Lane which the clerk had already reported had had a new order raised for this work. **IMOD**

A discussion took place regarding the theft of the bench on Hall Lane and the clerk reported that we had an excess of £250 00 and as she had obtained quotes for benches which were less than this it was agreed to contact Whitehill who had supplied the bench at Hoscar to order two, one for the public open space and the other to replace the stolen one on Hall Lane. A brief discussion took place over this theft and others and the subject of either a local neighbourhood watch or farm watch could be set up in the area. The clerk agreed to contact the police regarding this.  **IMOD**

28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following comments were sent to WLBC:

2018/0558/FUL – Erection lf additional livestock unit with feed bins. - Hobcross Farm, Hob Cross Lane – No objections

Councillor Pope declared an interest and took no part in discussing the above application.

Date of the next meeting 24thSeptember 2018 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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