LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25THTH 0CTOBER 2021 AT THE SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

 A BECKETT

 I FAIRCLOUGH

 MRS M GORST

 MRS H SHAW

 MRS A SHERMAN

 MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

21-66. APOLOGIES.

Parish councillor: Ms L Stopforth

21-67. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 27thth September 2021 were taken as read and signed as a correct record

21-68. ADJOURNMENT:

No members of the public were present

21-69. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered and after discussions the following comments would be sent to WLBC:

2021/1106/FUL – Proposed single storey side extension – Bridge House, Moss Bridge Lane. “No comment”

2021/1137/FUL -Single storey rear extension to dwelling house (conservatory replacement) – Brook Cottage, 10 Deans Lane.

“No comments”

2021/1165/OUT – Outline – demolition of existing buildings and erection of three detached houses. Including details of access, layout and scales. All other matters reserved.

“No objections but would request Public Right of Way FP 83 is Protected and Retained in situ.”

2021/1100/FUL – 2021/1101/LBC – Conversion/Listed building consent – conversion of cart building to form ancillary accommodation to house – Stand Farm Spa Lane.

“No comments”

WLBC – Premises Licence New Application – Spa Store, Briars Lane Garage 192 Briars Lane.

“No objections to sale of alcohol, but would suggest reasonable hours 8.00am to 8.00pm. No necessity for 24 hour opening which could encourage anti- social behaviour in a quiet residential area”.

221-70. FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk October salary/exes) £298.45
2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. KC Computers (ink cartridges) £31.18

A discussion took regarding renewing the Zoom cost for a further year and this was agreed, However the invoice was in Councillor Pope’s name as he had paid in and reclaimed the cost from the parish last year. The clerk advised that in order to claim back VAT and for transparency the invoice should be changed to the parish name from Councillor Pope.

This led to a further discussion about whether the budget should reflect the nett value of expenses where the council claims VAT back. The clerk did explain that this can’t be calculated as we don’t know when we will be charged VAT. Some years we don’t have any invoices with VAT included.

The possibility of changing to on-line banking was discussed and the clerk agreed to check with the bank on how we could arrange this**. IMOD**

21-71. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday is 14th November 2021- Lathom service will take place as in previous years with wreath laying at the War Memorial at 10,20am followed by a service in Lathom Chapel at 10.50am. The clerk will notify all groups who normally lay wreaths. (the chapel request masks be worn especially when singing hymns) **IMOD** Councillor Pope to lay the parish wreath. **EP**

Parking is available at the Scout HQ on Hall Lane during the wreath laying.

There is no parade in Burscough this year but wreath laying and a short service will take place at the War Memorial, Junction Lane at 13.45. As Councillor Pope will be laying a wreath on behalf of LCC – Councillor Sherman will lay the parish wreath. **AS**

On 11TH November 2021 Armistice Day a service will be held at HMS Ringtail Monument- Pippin Street. Burscough (Booths Store) to include 2 minutes silence, followed by wreath laying ceremony. Guests to gather at 10.15am all are welcome. Parish Councillors Mrs Shaw and A Beckett will attend for the parish. **HS/AB**

The clerk has ordered 4 wreaths from Chris Ryley and he will leave with Councillor Pope for him to pass to the councillors who are laying wreaths. The fourth wreath will be laid on the parish Remount Memorial in the lay-by Hall Lane separately during remembrance week.

 21.72 SPID – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – Councillor Becket reported that 3 of our proposed sites had been approved but Briars Brook had been rejected. A discussion took place and it was agreed to look at a possible alternative site and then decide whether to have 4 sites or just the 3 that had been agreed. Councillor Beckett to monitor. **AB**

 21-73 PROW – Councillor Mrs Sherman reported that she had met with I Waite and had looked at the footpaths, however as the were already dying down it was better to leave the strimming for now and wait until next spring. **AS**

 The clerk reported she had been in touch with LCC Linda Anderson and had received confirmation that the 2021-2022 grant of £500 had been approved and the money should be in the bank within 14 days. **IMOD**

21.74 WEB SITE UPDATE – Councillor Mrs Shaw gave an update on the progress of the site and passed everyone a printed sheet showing the content and structure of the web site and a discussion took place regarding this. Councillor Mrs Shaw will continue to work with Mrs Beckett to continue to progress. **HS**/**PB**

21.75 Newsletter – Councillor Ms Stopforth had emailed a copy of the proposed Newsletter for approval. After discussion it was approved except for the words regarding referring to the councillors as volunteers. The clerk advised that councillors were not volunteers but unpaid elected representatives of the parish to a Government Body spending public money on the management of the parish. Councillor Pope agreed to ask Councillor Stopforth to amend the newsletter to reflect this. **EP/LS**

21.76 WLBC – REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES -Councillor Pope reported on WLBC meetings which had focused on Tawd Vale and Skelmersdale Town Centre development. The nearest planning issue was for houses at Firswood Road in Lathom South, which had been approved. Councillor Pope also reported that Joe Nelson has been given the Freedom of the Borough and Ian Ashcroft has been made an Alderman.

 21-77 PARISH MATTERS (for information only) – The clerk had reported the footpath along Lowry Hill lane to LCC Highways and had received acknowledgement. She had also reported the overgrown hedge to Glendale who had replied that they had instructed their tenant to carry out the work as soon as possible. Councillor Pope reported that he had seen that the work had been started to cut the hedge. Councillor Mrs Shaw commented that some of the laurels round the welcome to Lathom signs had grown too high and needed to be cut back. Councillors to look at all signs and decide which needed to be cut back, Also to look at firm to carry out work. **ALL**

It was reported that the road outside Monastery Nurseries on Blythe Lane had collapsed into the ditch. Also during the work carried out on Wanes Blade Bridge traffic was diverted down Wood Lane and this has caused damaged to the road surface and parts have collapsed into the ditch along side . Clerk to report both the above to LCC Highways.  **IMOD**

The clerk reported that she had now received copies of all the Governance Documents adopted at the September meeting.

The date of the next meeting Monday 22ND November 2021

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed ………………………………………………………………..chairman