LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2021 AT THE SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

 A BECKETT

 I FAIRCLOUGH

 MRS H SHAW

 MRS A SHERMAN

 MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

21-78. APOLOGIES.

Parish councillor: Ms L Stopforth, Mrs A Gorst

21-79. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 25th October 2021 were taken as read and signed as a correct record

21-80. ADJOURNMENT: No members of the public were present

21-81. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

2021/1276/FUL – Change of use of existing premises to flexible use within use classes E(B2 or B8) – Unit 2 Holland Business Park Spa Lane. As this was previously West Lancashire Butchers – clerk to check on conditions of B2/B8 usage- if reverted to same use of other units – No Comments.

21-82. FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk October salary/exes) £290.85
2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. Royal British Legion (poppy wreaths) £90.00

A discussion took place regarding the banking arrangements and changing to online banking. The clerk had spoken to the bank and had obtained a telephone contact to speak to in order to possibly set this up. Councillor Pope took the number and will contact the bank to discuss further. EP

The clerk had also prepared a bank reconciliation of income and expenditure between the cash book and the bank statements which matched exactly. However, the figures didn’t match up with the budget sheet which the clerk explained there were differences regarding the petty cash of £50 held at the clerk’s home and also the fact that while the budget sheet had the full amount of concurrent grant included at April 21 it was actually paid in two halves, the first in April and the second retained until October to be adjusted if all previous year is not spent. The clerk also commented that apart from the regular monthly cheques of clerk salary/expenses and hall hire we only issued about 50 cheques per year.

21.83 SPID – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – Councillor Becket reported that 3 sites had been agreed by LCC. He also explained that there was a waiting list for delivery etc. After discussion it was agreed to check on delivery dates and possibly order the SPID as soon as possible so work can be started. There is a time limit to when the CIL money can be spent. The clerk also has to provide a report yearly on progress**. AB/IMOD**

 21-84 PROW - The clerk reported that the £500 PROW grant for 2021-2022 had been paid into the bank account. It was agreed that the strimming be left for the present until the weather improves. Councillor Mrs Sherman spoke about the gate on the footpath/bridle way 87 which was erected by Model club who are renting the land from the owner to prevent public using the field. A discussion took place as to whether the owner was aware of the situation and what action would be taken by LCC to deal with the problem. There is still access onto the path for walkers. The clerk to contact LCC Linda Anderson to check on progress.  **IMOD**

Councillor Mrs Sherman had also had an enquiry with regard to public access through the Abbey Lakes caravan site by foot. There is a barrier to allow access to vehicles staying at the site and allow access to the private property at the end which has the ruins of Burscough Priory in the garden. Entry to this garden is by permission of the owner. After discussion it was resolved the clerk to contact Linda Anderson at LCC to confirm if there is a public right of way at this location**. IMOD**

21.85 WEB SITE UPDATE – Councillor Mrs Shaw gave an update on the progress of the site and explained that progress was ongoing and Mrs Beckett would let us know when it was ready for the next stage. The clerk raised the question of the domain name which has been retained by payment to Moon fruit until July 2022. **HS**/**PB**

21.86 Newsletter – Councillor Pope spoke about the Newsletter and the amendments discussed at October meeting. He will amend these and if anyone has any more changes will they let him know as soon as possible, so he can finalise the newsletter and then the clerk can arrange printing so it can be delivered before Christmas. **EP/IMOD**

21.87 Consultation on Local Plan – Councillor Pope spoke on the consultation which started on 18th November 21 and lasts for 10 weeks closing on 27th January 22. People are requested to take the opportunity to comment on the plan which it is hoped will be adopted by the end of 2024 and will forge the future of WLBC for next 15 years.

21.88 Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation

The clerk had sent copies of the plan to all councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor Pope explained that the government plan was to adjust the size of parliamentary constituencies so number of electors in each constituency was more equal. The changes when agreed will come into place at the next General Election. The public can give their views via the web page and telephone.

In terms of implications for Lathom parish at parish level there are no effects on the parish. On a Borough level the recommendations dissolve Newburgh Ward and place Lathom Parish in the 3 Councillor Burscough Bridge & Rufford Ward along with the northern parts of Burscough Parish, Rufford Parish and Mere Brow from Tarleton Parish. Clerk to put on December agenda. IMOD

21.89 WLBC MINUTES -Councillor Pope reported that the main issues discussed was the Local Plan.

 21-90 PARISH MATTERS (for information only)-The height of the laurels around the Welcome to Lathom signs were discussed again and it was agreed they needed to be cut down to and kept to a more manageable size. It was resolved to contact local companies for quotes. The two main sites were Sandy Lane and Wanes Blade Road, with Councillor Pope to look at Sandy Lane and Councillor Fairclough to look at Wanes Blade Road. EP/IF

Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that Keith Stopforth of Lathom litter pickers was having trouble getting bin bags from WLBC. The clerk was asked to contact Heidi or Sharon the Recycling Depot to obtain more**. IMOD**

Councillor Pope spoke of the purchase of a bench in memory of Kenneth Vincent former Borough Councillor for Newburgh Ward, parish councillor for Lathom and former Chairman of the Borough. Newburgh parish will also contribute and the suggested position of the bench to be in lay by at Hall Lane.

The date of the next meeting Monday 20th December 2021

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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