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LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24THTH JANUARY 2022 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)

RESIDENTS

 LIZ & MARTIN MCDONNELL

 SOPHIA MORAN

21-102. APOLOGIES.

None

21-103. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 20th December 2021 were taken as read and signed as a correct record

21-104. ADJOURNMENT:

Liz, Martin and Sophia introduced themselves and expressed their interest in becoming parish councillors and had to come to see how it all worked.

21-105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Councillor Mrs Shaw took the chair as Councillor Pope declared an interest and took no part in this item.

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

2022/0019/FUL – Extension to existing employment building for occupation within Use Class E(g), car parking and associated works, including installation of PV solar panels to roof and electric vehicle parking facilities. – Unit 4, Holland Business Park, Spa Lane L40 6LN

“No comments”

2021/1420/FUL – Extensive repair to existing building, Modification of ground floor and first floor plan. Glazed extension to NW including roof terrace. Revisions to existing hard landscaping – Ring O’Bells Public House, Ring O’Bells Lane L40 5TE

“ Lathom Parish Council would comment that the officers clarify the area 15 on the plans proposed use to accommodate third party caterers, street food venders, local producers and growers, as there are no details provided as to when these stalls will be there, how often or the hours of operation. We would also request assurance that the Public Right of Way footpath will be maintained.”

During the discussion of the above plans the number of neighbouring properties notified of planning applications was queried as lately the number of consultees appears to have been reduced. It was resolved that the clerk write to the CEO and ask what the criteria was for deciding on which neighbours and others were notified.

221-106. FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk October salary/exes) £292.50
2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. Rawsthornes ( ground maintenance) £244.00

21.107. BUDGET/PRECEPT TO SET 2022-2023 PRECEPT – Prior to both December and January meetings the clerk had provided all councillors with various budget/precept calculations for their consideration and after discussion it was resolved to raise the 2022-2023 by 2% on 2021/22 setting it at £7425 clerk to submit to WLBC.  **IMOD**

During discussion it was suggested by Cllr. Sherman that we consider the amount we are spending on stationery and telephone calls.

21.108. CONCURRENT EXPENSES The clerk stated that there are still some unspent concurrent expenses to be used by 31st March 2022 and listed various jobs that needed completing, such as bus shelters, seats and notice boards. Clerk to contact I Waite to ascertain list of outstanding work required prior to 31.3.22.  **IMOD**

 21.109. SPID – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE The clerk confirmed that the order had been placed before the 31st December 21 deadline so the price was held. Delivery and storage to be arranged at Councillor Fairclough ‘s home when order completed. **AB/IF**

21.110. WEB SITE UPDATE – Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that the clerk had provided all 2021-2022 minutes and most of the legal documents required ready for them to be posted on the web site. Need to look at other parish web sites to make sure nothing missed. **HS/PB**

During the discussion on the web site the subject of social media issues such as Facebook were touched on and it was agreed to wait until the web site was complete before making a decision.

21.111. NEWSLETTER – FEED BACK Councillor Pope reported that the Newsletter had been delivered over the Christmas season and he wondered if anyone had any feedback since. Th clerk said that Liz and Martin Mcdonnell had seen the notice of vacancies in it and they had emailed their application/interest in the vacancies and that was why they had attended this meeting to find out more about becoming a councillor.

 21.112. WLBC – REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES -Councillor Pope reported on WLBC.

There had been a planning committee meeting were Lathom applications were passed. There was to be a full council meeting on 27th January 22 when one item was to discuss how Parishes and Town councils can work more closely with the Borough Council.

 21-113. PARISH MATTERS (for information only) Following Councillor Mrs Shaw’s query regarding the work being carried out at Ring O’Bells public house and also why there was earth moving equipment on the land on the opposite side of Ring O’Bells Lane previously owned by Manhood’s. The clerk had contacted WLBC enforcement officer R Beirne who confirmed the land was now owned/rented by Mallinsons and it was their equipment that was being stored on site. The work on the public house was now covered by a planning application. Councillor Mrs Gorst reported that the sink hole on Wanes Blades Rd that herself and the clerk had reported to LCC had turned out to be a drain that had collapsed and LCC would deal with it. It was noted that the proposed work on the level crossing at Sutch Lane due to be carried out by Network Rail has been delayed due to financial issues.

 The date of the next meeting Monday 28TH February 2022

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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