LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28TH MARCH 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 I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

21-126. APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors: MRS A SHERMAN

21-127. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 28th February 2022 were taken as read and signed as a correct record

21-128. ADJOURNMENT:

No members of the public where present

21-129. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Mrs Shaw took the chair while the following items were discussed

2022/0006/FUL – Restoration, conversion and extension of an existing barn to form a detached four-bedroom family dwelling – located at 4 Hollowford Lane – land west of Valmar, 4 Hollowford Lane

This was held over from February meeting and after discussion it was resolved that Councillor Pope would call the application in and the clerk would submit “No Comment” to WLBC **EP**/**IMOD**

21-130. FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk February salary/exes) £283.85
2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. HMRC (Clerk PAYE) £210.60
4. F I Waite (Maintenance/ street furniture) £990.00

The clerk stated that the external audit papers need to be submitted by 1st July 2022 and that we would need an internal auditor to be in place before then to carry out the internal audit. Councillor Pope agreed to arrange. **EP**

The clerk also reported that the £500 PROW grant for 2021-2022 had not been spent.

21.131.ELECTION The clerk had collected the nomination papers and passed them to the councillors to be filled in. They needed to be taken in to WLBC offices Ormskirk by 4pm on Tuesday 5th April 2022 in order to be elected. **ALL**

21.132 CODE OF CONDUCT WLBC had completed an amended Code of Conduct from the 2012 edition. After discussion it was resolved the parish council would adopt the Borough Code as their own. The clerk to notify the Borough Solicitor of this decision. The clerk was also asked to check the 2012 against the 2022 and advise councillors of changes. **IMOD**

21.133. LATHOM PARISH PLAN – 2009 –The clerk had brought a copy of the parish plan to the February meeting and it was taken by councillor Mrs Sherman to read and pass on to all councillors in turn. As not all councillors had seen the plan it was agreed to put back on the April agenda. A**LL/IMOD**

21. 134. SPID (Speed indicator device) Update – payment had been made for the SPID so we now wait for the company and LCC to deliver to Councillor Fairclough’s address in order to progress**. AB/IF/LCC** The clerk had received an email from LCC regarding a Community Road Safety Resource pack containing various notices/stickers. The clerk to fill in order form and request it be delivered to Councillor Pope’s address. **IMOD**

21.135 WEB SITE UPDATE – Councillor Mrs Shaw reported everything was on track and she asked the clerk to forward all the minutes that were approved to date for her to add to the site. She already had all 2021 minutes. **IMOD**

21.136 NEWSLETTER – It was agreed to leave the newsletter until after the elections before deciding on progress.

21.137. QUEEN’S JUBILEE – After discussion it was agreed to consider possibly planting trees and look at joining with other parishes.

21.138. BEST KEPT VILLAGE – It was resolved that we would enter this year as usual and the clerk to send for papers and speak to the properties to be entered for their agreement.  **IMOD**

21,139 WLBC -REPORT ON WLBC MEETINGS – Councillor Pope reported that the plans for houses on Firswood Road had been passed.

21.140. PARISH MATTERS (for information only) – Councillor Mrs Gorst spoke about parking on Hoscar Moss Road outside the property that was the Railway Tavern. She suggested that maybe we could contact LCC Highways regarding double yellow lines there as recently traffic was stopped on the level crossing as the exit was blocked by parked cars and vehicles wanting to cross in the opposite direction. This could lead to accidents. Maybe even contact network rail and the police as well. Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that the Hedge on Briars Lane still needs cutting back as although it was cut by the owner it needs to have 4-5 feet cutting back from the pavement to allow pedestrians to walk past without going into the road. Once cut back it would mean the council street cleaning machines would be able to clear the rubbish from underneath. The clerk to contact regards the above.  **IMOD**

 the date of the next meeting Monday 25th April 2022

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

signed ………………………………………………………………..Chairman