LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER 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)

21-91. APOLOGIES.

Parish councillor: Ms L Stopforth, Mrs A Gorst Ms Stopforth had submitted her resignation to the parish clerk along with her apologies. The clerk was to write to Ms Stopforth thanking her for her service and for all the work she had carried out during her time on the council

 21-92. MINUTES The minutes of the meetings held on 25th October 2021 and 22nd November 2021 were taken as read and signed as a correct record

21-93. ADJOURNMENT: No members of the public were present

21-94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following planning applications were considered and after discussions the following comments would be sent to WLBC: 2021/1338/FUL -Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, new two storey rear extension and new porch to the front of property – 26 Wheat Lane Lathom L40 4BX “No comments” 2021/1323/FUL – Creation of additional access to dwelling including associated change of use from agricultural to residential use class (resubmission of application reference (2020/0762/FUL) – Meadow Barn, Hoscar Moss Road Lathom L40 4BG .“Lathom parish council object to this application on the following grounds; encroachment onto green belt, impact on green belt. Impact onto the highway as the access is too close to a dangerous crossroads and also too close to a large tree” 2020/1133/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of a replacement dwelling. – 38 Daisy Lane Lathom L40 4BS. “Lathom parish council object to the application on the following grounds: Overdevelopment – the new building is considerably larger than the original. New design is not in keeping with surrounding area and properties. Impact on green belt, A number of trees have been removed without planning permission/advice. No drainage/sewage plans submitted in an area subject to flooding and where all properties are served by septic tanks. Property is within 20 metres of a water course. Environment and ecological issues with regard to wildlife due to the removal of trees.”

21.95 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk October salary/exes) £287.15
2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. HMRC (Clerk PAYE) £210.60
4. Nicholas Horrigan (Newsletter) £127.00
5. E Pope (zoom renewal fee) 143.88

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 so Councillor Pope took the cash book home to look at over the holiday period  **EP**

21.96 BUDGET/PRECEPT

The clerk had provided a proposed budget for 2022-2023 and also the 2022-23 concurrent figures from WLBC. The tax base figures had not been received so the clerk will forward them to all councillors as soon as received so the precept could be set at the January meeting**. ALL**

21.97 SPID – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – Councillor Becket reported that the quote received was only valid until 31st December 2021 and that price could rise in the new year. After discussion it was agreed the clerk would officially accept the quote and order the SPID before 31st December 2021**. AB/IMOD**

 21.98 WEB SITE UPDATE – Councillor Mrs Shaw had emailed the web site design to all and explained it was now ready for the legal papers to be added. The clerk informed the council that the original hosts Moon fruit had sold the old web site and the domain name. The clerk had spoken with Namsco regarding the domain name and was informed it was still available as it was paid up until July 2022. The clerk informed Mrs Beckett regarding this but was told that a new domain name had been purchased. The clerk will remove all bank details from the old web site. **IMOD** Councillor Mrs Shaw asked the clerk to forward all the legal documents required to be on the web site be emailed to her as soon as possible so they could be added to the site. The clerk said she would try to do this as soon as possible.  **IMOD**

21.99. newsletter– Councillor Pope had brought the printed copies of the Newsletter to the meeting and they were passed to the councillors for delivery during the days before Christmas **EP/ALL**

21.1OO Peter Lathom Charity Councillor Pope explained the Peter Lathom Charity and how it worked to all the councillors and that any money available was distributed in Lathom by the parish representative. Mrs Julia Peggs was confirmed as the parish representative. **JP**

21.101 Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation The clerk had sent copies of the plan to all councillors prior to the November meeting. The government plan is 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 in 2023. 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. Any councillors up for election in 2022 will only be appointed for 12 months. A brief discussion took place but no decision was reached with regard to submitting any parish comments.

21.102 WLBC MINUTES -Councillor Pope reported that the main meetings were shorter than usual and there had been no planning meetings.

 21-103 PARISH MATTERS (for information only)-The stone slabs that had been dumped in the ditch along Blythe Lane have now been removed. Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that there was work going on along Ring O’Bells Lane opposite the pub as well as work on the site of the Ring O’Bells Inn. Clerk to contact WLBC Ray Beirne to query. **IMOD**

With regards the now two vacancies on the council Mrs Shaw knew someone who was interested and it was agreed to invite them to the next meeting to see how things work and if they would like to join the council.

 The date of the next meeting Monday 24th January 2022

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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