LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd MAY 2022 AT THE SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: PARISH COUNCILLORS: A BECKETT (IN THE CHAIR)

 I FAIRCLOUGH

 MRS M GORST

 E POPE

 MRS H SHAW

 MRS A SHERMAN

 MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

 MS D HAWKES (RESIDENT)

22.15.Immediately before the meeting all councillors read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

22.16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2022-2023 – Councillor Pope proposed and Councillor Fairclough seconded that Councillor Beckett be elected Chairman for the year 2022-2023 and it was resolved that Councillor Beckett be elected Chairman for the year 2022-2023. Councillor Beckett then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The clerk to arrange to add signature to mandate **IMOD**

22.17. APOLOGIES: NONE

22.18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 22 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

22.19 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2022-2023 -Councillor Pope proposed and Councillor Fairclough seconded that Councillor Mrs Shaw be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2022-2023 and it was resolved that Councillor Mrs Shaw be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2022-2023. Councillor Mrs Shaw then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

22.20 ADJOURNMENT

Ms D Hawkes spoke about the state of the gates at Preston Lodge and Newburgh Lodge and explained that Lathom Park Trust were interested in repairing them and returning them to their original condition but were unsure of who they needed to contact to get permission. A discussion took place and Councillor Pope agreed to contact the owner at Preston Lodge and Councillor Mrs Shaw agreed to contact the scouts at Tawd Vale for access to the camp to look at the Newburgh Gates which are inside the camp**. EP/HS**

22.21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following comments were submitted to WLBC

2022/0463/LBC – Listed building consent – new front entrance door to a listed building (retrospective) Crossing Cottage, Ferret Lane, off Culvert Lane.

“No comment”

2022/0483/FUL – Variation of condition No.4 of planning permission 2020/1227/COU relating to hours of operation – Low Meadows Farm, Wanes Blades Road.

“No comment”

LSG4ASOO2.868.2642- Definitive Map Modification Order – for possible changes of footpaths at Cranes Lane, Castle Lane, Lady Alice’s Drive. A possible Bridle Way was also discussed. The clerk has still been unable to confirm the implication of what these changes may mean to residents It appears there are a number of recommendations to be considered and it is not expected that anything will be decided for some time. Residents and Parish Council need to keep watch on progress. ALL

22.22. FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk May salary/ exes) £285.25
2. Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. Arthur J Gallagher (Insurance renewal) 737.66

Appointment of Internal auditor – As this was time sensitive the clerk and Chairman E Pope had agreed that an accountant known to the clerk would carry the audit out. **IMOD**

22.23. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WL AREA COMMITTEE LALC – Current reps are Councillors Beckett and Councillor Fairclough and they are happy to continue for 2022-2023 year. Any parish councillor can attend the LALC meetings but are unable to vote on issues. **AB/IF**

22.24. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO PETER LATHOM CHARITY

Mrs Julia Peggs is the parish representative on this committee and she has aa]

agreed to continue for 2022-2023. Councillor Pope is also on this Charity committee**. JP/EP**

22.25.INSURANCE – The insurance renewal was discussed at item 22-22

The clerk had looked through the proposal and spoken with the Broker regarding the cover and the reason for the increase . The increase was due to the insured items value being increased In line with index linking and the fact we had made a claim during the past 2 years. There was the opportunity to agree to a 3 year freeze on increase as previously agreed and after discussion it was resolved the renewal be paid and we accepted the 3 year agreement.

22.26. CO-OPTION – We have 3 residents interested in becoming councillors two had applied in writing with CV’s. It was resolved that the third party submit a letter applying to the clerk for consideration and the council could interview and make a decision. **IMOD/ALL**

22.27. SPID (Speed indicator device) -Councillor Beckett explained there had been some changes in officers at County Council and things were on hold at the moment. The SPID was now at Councillor Fairclough’s house and as soon as we got word on when things were ready to go we could start putting up posts etc. Councillors Beckett and Fairclough to monitor. **AB/IF**

 22.28.WEB SITE – Councillor Mrs Shaw stated most of the site is ready just needs a few more additions such as Data Protection policy and the clerk agreed to forward a template for this, along with April minutes and blank Register of Interest forms to be updated by councillors and then posted onto the web site by Councillor Shaw. I**MOD/HS/ALL**

22.29. – QUEEN’S JUBILEE

There are a number of events planned in the Borough but Lathom had no plans as a parish. Ms Hawkes informed the council there was a musical event on the Sunday at Lathom Park Chapel 2-4pm everybody welcome

22.30 LATHOM PARISH PLAN – As this would be a large project it was agreed to hold separate meetings to discuss in more detail **ALL**

22.31. WLBC – REPORT ON WLBC MINUTES

 Councillor Pope reported that following the election the Borough Council has no party in overall control. Labour had most seats but as the Conservatives, OWL and Independents together had more seats it meant a vote was needed on many issues. The Leader of the Council is Yvonne Gagan, Deputy Gareth Dowling, Labour, Mayor Marilyn Westly, Conservative. Deputy Kate Mitchell. OWL. Planning Chair, David O’Toole, Conservative, Executive & Overview Adrian Owens, OWL, Finance E Pope Conservative.

22. 32. PARISH MATTERS (For information only)

Councillor Pope reported that Hall Lane, Hob Cross Lane, Hoscar Moss Rd, Carr Lane and School Lane were all on list for resurfacing and repairs in the coming months. Councillor Mrs Sherman spoke about the footpath work that needed to be carried out now the weather was improving and also if we would be applying for PROW Grant 2022-23. The clerk explained we still had £500 PROW from 2021-2022 to be used and that can be used as soon as possible, however I Waite was busy doing the street furniture repairs so wouldn’t be available so we would need to find another contractor. Ms Hawkes suggested Paul Sherman who is a Trustee on Lathom Park Trust and the clerk agreed to contact him.

With regard to PROW Grant for 2022-2023 we will have to wait until LCC decide on their budget and send out information on what grants will be available. If PROW is on offer the clerk will apply. **IMOD**

 The date of the next meeting Monday 27th June 2022

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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