LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

2022 AT THE SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

E POPE

I FAIRCLOUGH

M McDONNELL

MRS E McDONNELL

MRS M GORST

MRS A SHERMAN

MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

22.80 APOLOGIES: Councillors: Mrs H Shaw

22.81. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 22 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

22.82 ADJOURNMENT

No members of the public were present

22.83 PLANNING

The following comments were submitted to WLBC

2022/1053/OUT-OUTLINE- I no. agricultural workers dwelling including details of access(all other matters reserved) -Sandyways Farm, Hoscar Moss Road L40 4BG.

Councillor Mrs Gorst declared an interest in this application and left the room while it was discussed. Councillor Pope declared an interest in this application and remained in the room but took no part in the discussion but answered any planning queries. Following the discussion, it was resolved the parish council would submit “No objections**” IMOD**

22.84 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk November salary/ exes) £286.25
2. Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. Royal British Legion (wreaths) £90.00

22.85 CLERK SALARY

The latest NALC salary awards were checked and after discussion it was agreed the clerk’s hourly salary be increased to £15.30 per hour from £14.05 as SCP Scale 22. This is an increase of £1.25 and it is to be back dated to April 2022.

£15.30ph X 25 hours = £382.50 per month (previous £351.25) an increase of £31.25 per month X 8 months (April to November) = £250.00 back dated. This figure to be paid at December 22 meeting plus December salary at £382.50.

Total gross payment £632.50 -19th December 2022 **IMOD**

22.86.PRECEPT/BUDGET

The clerk had prepared a comparison breakdown between 2022-23 precept, actual increases and 2023-2024 projected. This will need to be considered at the December meeting when the WLBC tax bases are received so the parish precept for 2023-2024 can be agreed and submitted to WLBC in February 2024.

22.87PROW -Public Rights of Way

The 2022-2023 PROW grant along with the £300 Biodiversity grant applied for in April had still not been received and when the clerk spoke to Linda Anderson at LCC PROW she was informed there was a staff shortage and all payments had been delayed but we should be receiving them shortly. The chairman and councillor Mrs Sherman had met with contractors and walked the footpaths in Lathom and had obtained some quotes but these quotes were far in excess of the £500 grant received so they were not viable. A discussion with regards how we could carry out the strimming in future and it was agreed that we contact the local landowners to see if they would be willing to strim the footpaths on their land.  **ALL**

With regard to the 4 metal footpath signs which needed repair or replacement , The chairman had contacted Simon Wallbank of LCC Highways who had supplied the metal posts for the SPID and asked him to quote for replacing the metal footpath posts and after discussion it was agreed that we would accept this quote and ask LCC Highways to carry out the work. This was agreed against the advice of the clerk who was asked to formally accept the quote. **IMOD**

22.87. SPID (Speed indicator device)

Councillor Beckett reported that the SPID was now installed on Carr Lane and was working. It would be moved every 3 months to the other 2 locations in turn by Ian Yates at a cost of £65 per time. The clerk stated we should draw up a contract between the parish council and I Yates so we are clear as to what exactly was covered and she had obtained a copy of Newburgh parish council’s contract for comparison. The chairman, clerk and I Yates to agree a contract and sign. We also need an additional invoice from I Yates for the work carried out to date. **AB/IMOD/IY**

22,88. WLBC Minutes

Councillor Pope reported that the planning application for Daisy Lane had been granted at the recent planning meeting. The application for Hoscar Moss Cottage had been deferred.

22.89 PARISH MATTERS (For information only)

Councillor Pope spoke about flooding problems near Monastery Nurseries due to the ditch needing clearing. Councillor Pope had reported to Monastery and LCC Highways .  **EP**

The date of the next meeting Monday 19th December 2022

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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