LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2022 AT THE SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

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

 I FAIRCLOUGH

 M McDONNELL

 MRS E McDONNELL

 MRS A SHERMAN

 MRS I M O’DONNELL (CLERK)

 Ms Tessa Chapman )Lathom School

 Ms Wendy Chapman) PTFA

22.70 APOLOGIES: Councillors: E Pope Mrs M Gorst

22.71. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

22.72 ADJOURNMENT

Tessa spoke about the issues the school were dealing following Covid. The PTFA were having a Raffle in November 22 to raise funds as there had not been many events during this time and they were looking at ways the parish council might be able to support the school and also if there were any grants available. The

Parish explained it does have funds available for donations and also a charitable fund Peter Lathom Charity which might also be able to help. The parish had also received a grant from LCC towards Bio-diversity projects such as bird/bat boxes, wild flower gardens etc. and this could involve the school children and the council. After a discussion it was agreed the clerk would put posters advertising the Raffle in the parish notice boards and would contact Tessa in the week to discuss what the main projects the school were going to use the funds for and see how the parish could be involved and how we could help. **IMOD**

22.73 PLANNING

The following comments were submitted to WLBC

2022/1036/OUT – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of three detached houses, including details of access, layout and scale. All other matters reserved. – Hoscar Hall Farm, Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom.

A similar application has been submitted previously and it was agreed the clerk would re-submit our original comments. The application could also be called in by Councillor E Pope.

22.74 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk September salary/ exes) £294.20
2. Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire) £20.00
3. KC Computers NW Ltd £61.95

22.75 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The clerk had discussed all arrangements with the Chapel and had ordered 4 wreaths which she make sure are at each location for the councillor who is laying the wreath,

Friday 11th November22 Councillor Fairclough will lay a wreath at Booths Ringtail Memorial at 11am. Councillor Fairclough to arrive by 10.30am for the service. **IF**

Sunday 13th November 22 Councillors to park at Scout HQ, Hall Lane, Lathom, to walk to War Memorial on Hall Lane for the wreath laying at 10.20am followed by a service in Lathom Park Chapel at 10.50am. The chairman Councillor Andrew Beckett to lay the council wreath. The clerk to notify all organisations

of times of Lathom service. **ALL/IMOD**

Sunday 13th November 22 Burscough Town Council are holding a parade starting at 1.30pm to march from the British Legion building on Lord Street to the War Memorial where a service including wreath laying will take place at 2pm. Councillor Andrew Beckett to lay a wreathhere. **AB**

As the Legion has now closed parking may not be available on site so it is suggested people park at Tesco Store or on nearby roads. People will need to be parked by 1.15pm as the road will be closed then= final wreath to be placed on the Remount Memorial at some time over the weekend

22.76. PROW -Public Rights of Way

The clerk reported that the council had spent the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 PROW Grants but as we had still not received 2022-2023 grant which should have been paid in April she contacted LCC Linda Andersen to check on this money and the £300 Bio-diversity Grant also applied for at the same time. Linda confirmed that LCC were short staffed and there were delays in these payments but we would receive them soon. However, there was no guarantee that the scheme would continue in 2023. The clerk had spoken with the 4 contractors and they had all shown interest in carrying out the PROW work but had not arranged to meet them to look at quotes until we knew the grant would be available next year. The chairman stated that even if we did not receive any grant in 2023 we had enough funds to carry out the work and it was agreed that the chairman and councillor Mrs Sherman would arrange to meet the contractors and walk the footpaths with them and ask for quotes. The chairman had also contacted LCC Highways Simon Wallbank and asked him to quote for replacing the 4 metal footpath signs that were down completely or leaning over. The clerk explained that there were regulations on how the council could spend various funds**. AB/AS**

 22.77. SPID (Speed indicator device)

Councillor Beckett reported all the posts were in place and the SPID would be installed by I Yates within the next week. The clerk reported there was still £1500.00 let of the CIL grant which should cover these costs. **AB/IY**

 22,78. WLBC Minutes

As Councillor Pope wasn’t present there was no report.

22.79 PARISH MATTERS (For information only

The clerk reported that the parish had received a Highly Commended certificate in the Best Kept Village Competition, as had The Ship Inn, Wheat Lane. The Alms houses at the Chapel were awarded 2nd Place in sheltered accommodation. Lathom Chapel, Briars Hall Hotel, and Lathom Park School were also placed in the top 8 in their class. Councillor Mrs Shaw took the certificates to scan and place on the web site and return to clerk to pass to the winners. **IMOD/HS**

The clerk also reported on the recent t parish clerks liaison meeting

 The date of the next meeting Monday 28th November 2022

Meeting closed at 9,25pm

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