

LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023 AT THE SCOUT HQ, HALL LANE LATHOM AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: PARISH COUNCILLORS: E POPE (IN THE CHAIR)

I FAIRCLOUGH

MS M GORST

M MCDONNELL

MRS A SHERMAN

Mrs I M O'Donnell (clerk)

Mrs J Baker (resident)

Ian Yates (contractor)

23.01 APOLOGIES; Councillors: Mrs L McDonnell, A Beckett, Mrs H Shaw

Immediately at the start of the meeting the contract for the SPID (Speed Indicator Device) was signed by the Chairman, the clerk and I Yates contractor.

Mr Yates then left the meeting.

23.02 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27TH February 23 were taken as read and signed as a correct record. The minutes of 27th March 23 needed amending so would be corrected and signed at the May meeting.

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23.03 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Baker spoke about the minutes that were not present on the WEB site. It was explained that the WEB site was still under construction and they would be uploaded soon. However, the clerk would email copies to Mrs Baker.

IMOD

23.04 PLANNING

The following comments were submitted to WLBC

2023/0219/FUL – Construction of front bay window and repositioning of front entrance door- 26 Wheat Lane L40 4BX.

"No Comment"

APPEAL – 2APP/1053/OUT-Sandyways Farm, Hoscar Moss Road, L40 4BG. Refused.

"The parish has already commented on the original application and we ask that they be included in the appeal. We have no more comments to add.

23.05 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1. Mrs I M O'Donnell (clerk April salary/expenses)	£359.90 ✓
2. Mrs I M O'Donnell (half annual expenses)	£140.00 ✓
3. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire)	£24.00
4. LALC (annual subs)	£179.90 ✓
5. CPRE (annual subs)	£36.00

23.06 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The clerk had prepared the annual accounts and completed the AGAR forms and the councillors were given copies to consider. After discussion the accounts were adopted and signed ready to be submitted to the Internal Auditor. The clerk to ensure all legal papers were in place in notice boards and submitted to External Auditors by dates required IMOD

23.07 BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The clerk had completed the entry forms and would submit them before 30th April 23 IMOD

23.08 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

I Waite had checked all the parish owned street furniture and recommends the following

1. All the 'Welcome to Lathom' signs need the wooden posts coating with preserve.
2. Briars Brook – Ellerbrook. Sign needs painting. Laurel s need pruning
3. Sandy Lane triangle – sign needs painting and Laurels need pruning
4. Cranes Lane – needs new tree/bush to replace Laurel, as other one has died. I Waite suggests that the ground is not suitable for Laurels.
5. Both bus shelters need cleaning inside – cob webs. Loose leaves brushed out along with other rubbish and windows checking and cleaning. After discussion it was agreed I Waite to carry out the work. Clerk/I Waite

23.09 PARISH 'YOU ARE HERE' MAP

I Waite has taken down the frame and has cleaned and painted and is almost ready to go back up once a replacement map has been sourced. The clerk is dealing with WLBC and other contacts regarding new map.

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23.10 PROW UPDATE.

The clerk reported that the wooden post had been ordered from LCC PROW to be delivered to Councillor Fairclough's address and the parish will arrange for it to be replaced. IMOD

23.11 SPID UPDATE

The SPID is in place and the contract covering costs for the moving and servicing has now been agreed and signed. I Yates to arrange and carry out this work. The clerk has also

increased the insurance value of Street Furniture by £3,800 to cover the SPID. As we are in a 3 year agreement with the Insurance there will only be a small increase to cover this amount.
I YATES/IMOD

23.12 NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is ready to go to the printer – Councillor Martin McDonnell to deliver to Nick Horrigan for printing. It was agreed on 450 copies. Then it will be delivered by councillors. Routes have been assigned.

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23.13 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY/CIVIC SERVICE

Now that all Covid restrictions have been lifted the clerk asked about holding a Civic Service and the Annual Assembly. After a brief discussion it was agreed that councillors consider the Civic Service and Place on May agenda.

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The clerk to check if Annual Assembly is still to be held annually and arrange for it to be held immediately before the AGM in May.

IMOD

23.14 WEBSITE Councillor Mrs Shaw is to input the minutes and other notices to the website. The clerk to forward everything to her.

IMOD

23.15 WLBC – Report on WLBC minutes

Councillor Pope reported that Planning application for the cattery and hair dresser at Hoscar Cottage had been passed.

23.16 PARISH MATTERS (For information only)

A discussion took place regarding the number of pot holes in the parish and Councillor Pope agreed to take the matter up with LCC Highways.

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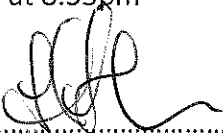
To receive councillors reports and requests for future agenda items

23.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting which will be the AGM

22nd May 2023

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed.....

.....Chairman