

LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: PARISH COUNCILLORS; MRS H SHAW (IN THE CHAIR)

I FAIRCLOUGH

E POPE

MRS A SHERMAN

MRS I M O'DONNELL (C LERK)

23.45 APOLOGIES: COUNCILLORS; MRS M GORST, MRS E MCDONNELL, M MCDONNELL

23.46 The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2023 were taken as read and signed as a correct record. The minutes of the 26th June 2023 needed amending so would be signed at the September meeting.

23.47 ADJOURNMENT: No members of the public were present

23.48 PLANNING- The clerk had missed the Lathom planning application as hadn't realised they were listed under Burscough Bridge and Rufford Ward following the recent elections when Newburgh had been joined with Burscough and Rufford. Planning Application 2023/0625/PNN was briefly discussed but as no one had looked at the plans, it was agreed councillors would look at them and forward any comments to the clerk so they could be forwarded to WLBC before the closing date of 11th August 2023. ALL/IMOD

23.49 FINANCE – The following accounts were passed for payment

1. Mrs I M O'Donnell (clerk July/August salary/exes)	£684.75
2. Ormskirk District Scouts (hall hire)	£24.00
3. F I Waite (maintenance- replacement cheque 1937)	£1306.00

Councillor Pope requested copies of all statements to be dropped at his house before the September meeting. He also requested a Budget and breakdown of the Accounts be placed on September agenda. The clerk reported she would be submitting a VAT Return form to HMRC value £1031.17 for years 2022-2023. IMOD

23.50 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – At this point the re-election of Councillor Beckett was raised by Councillor Pope, but the clerk stated she was still awaiting guidance with regards this so hadn't put it on the agenda. Councillor Pope proposed and Councillor Mrs Shaw seconded that Councillor Beckett be elected. A vote was taken and Councillor Beckett was elected Chairman for 2023-2024. As the clerk had not brought Declaration of Acceptance Forms to the meeting for Councillor Beckett she promised to get the form to him before the 28 days to sign expired. IMOD/AB

23.51 PARISH "YOU ARE HERE" MAP The clerk reported that she had been trying to source a replacement map for the frame and had received some copies. Peter Ferguson told me he had passed one to Councillor Fairclough to bring to the meeting for the council. Councillor Fairclough would pass to Councillor Beckett who would contact I Waite and look at the Map

frame that I Waite had been working on and discuss how this map could be scanned and enlarged to fit the frame and replaced back in situ. AB/IW

23.52 REPAIRS & RENEWALS FUND There had been no further progress in setting this up in order to separate the WLBC street furniture from the parish furniture. This needs to be clarified as the bus shelter at Lowry Hill Lane needs repair but the clerk has been told by LCC and WLBC that they do not own these shelters. Put on September agenda. IMOD

23.53 CIVIC SERVICE – The Civic Service is usually held in early October but as no decision has been made to arrange one it is now too late to organise for this date. After a discussion it was agreed to leave in abeyance for this year and look again in 2024. The clerk to inform Lathom Chapel IMOD

23.54 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Remembrance Sunday 2023 is Sunday 12th November 2023. The Lathom Chapel service in Church is organised by the Chapel but the service at the War Memorial is organised by the clerk. This includes inviting all the people who will be laying wreaths and giving the time table for the day, Police, Scouts, school, Burscough PC, Royal British Legion, W I, and various other people (clerk has a list and will leave for new clerk) usual time is meet at 10am at the scout HQ and walk to war memorial for 10.20am for short service (service sheets are printed out by clerk and if Lynne Camp takes service it's fine) after the wreath laying people make their way to Chapel for a service starting 11.50am with 2 minute silence at 11.00am). There is also a service in the afternoon at 2pm organised by Burscough TC. In previous years parade lined up at RBL Burscough, parade of uniformed groups, all church officials from Burscough churches marched to war memorial for short service and wreath laying then marches to St Johns CE Church for service of Remembrance and then a march pass and salute and refreshments provided locally for those who wish to attend. To Take part in parade need to be at start for 1.30pm. There is also a service at Booths Store memorial garden on Remembrance Day 11th November each year. This starts at 10.30am with a service and this is organised by Burscough TC and again there is usually some refreshment laid on. I have ordered 4 wreaths from Chris Ryley who will leave them with Councillor E Pope before the day. The fourth wreath is placed on the Remount Depot memorial at Hall Lane Lay by which is not actually a war memorial so no service is held. Clerk will provide all details at September meeting. IMOD

23.55-PROW – The 2022-2023 PROW Grant £500 + £300 Biodiversity Grant (£800) has been paid into the bank. We have already spent £295 of the £500 leaving a balance of £205. The Biodiversity Grant is unspent as yet. We should be receiving the same grants for 2023-2024 in the next couple of weeks as the 'opt in' forms will soon be sent out. I will apply as soon as I receive them. A discussion took place regarding the work to be done. Two quotes have been received and the council have agreed on one of the quotes and who will carry out the work. Councillor Fairclough has agreed to carry out the strimming some of the footpaths near his property. Councillor Mrs Sherman asked about the fence post that has been on order since last September and requested the clerk send a copy of the order to the council IMOD

23.56 WEBSITE – Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that the web site was being updated. HS

23.57 WLBC MINUTES – Councillor Pope reported that WLBC had received £305,000 towards a project for Burscough Sports Centre and Burscough TC have received a Grant to develop a

Leisure Centre. This may also mean more developments taking place around Yew Tree Farm in Burscough.

23.58 PARISH MATTERS – Councillor Mrs Shaw commented on the increase in traffic through the parish and the fact that the Lorries that park on the pavement outside the Garage on Briars Lane when just going in for a drink or food and didn't drive in as didn't need petrol.

The question regarding what to purchase to celebrate the King's coronation and in memory of Alderman Ken Vincent and it was agreed that we would plant a tree for the coronation and a bench in memory of Alderman Ken Vincent and place in or near Hall Lane by or the public open space at Ring O'Bells Lane.

The date of the next meeting 25th September 2023

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed chairman