

Lathom Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting held on  
Monday 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2023  
at the scout HQ, Hall Lane, Lathom at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors;

A Beckett (Chair)  
I Fairclough  
M Gorst  
M McDonnell  
E McDonnell  
E Pope  
H Shaw  
A Sherman

In attendance: I M O'Donnell (clerk)

23.59 Apologies – none.

23.60 The minutes of the meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> July 23 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

23.61 ADJOURNMENT – [redacted] had come to discuss a planning application they had submitted, to change the use of some of [redacted] land to provide football pitches. They explained that [redacted] the Burscough Junior League where they have many youngsters ready to move to playing on bigger pitches. Despite numerous approaches and enquiries with existing pitch owners and operators, they have not been able to secure suitable pitches to play or train on.

[redacted] had provided a full statement including maps of their proposed plans which they had submitted to the Borough Council for planning permission. A discussion took place regarding the proposal, and it was agreed to monitor progress and consider the plans. All

had attended the meeting to say goodbye to the clerk Irene and thanked her for all she had done for the council and how she had helped him over the years. He wished her well and hoped she would enjoy her retirement.

### 23.62 PLANNING

The following comments were to be submitted to WLBC

1. 2023/O566/FUL – Single storey extension – Abrahams Barn, Meadow Lane – No comment
2. 2023/0773/FUL – extension to shop + Tuition rooms + storage area – Ormskirk Golf Club, Cranes Lane. No comment
3. 2023/0784/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling -new single storey dwelling – 38 Daisy Lane. – No comment
4. 2023/0804/FUL– Extension to industrial Workshop – Dutton’s Farm, Moss Bridge Lane. – No comment
5. There was an application for Needless Inn and Councillor Mrs Shaw said she would send me comments after the meeting when they had been agreed by the other councillors. HS

spoke briefly regarding the feelings of his neighbours in Daisy Lane on this latest application for number 38.

### 23.63 FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

1.Ormskirk District Scouts (Hall hire)	£24.00
2. F I Waite (replacing footpath sign)	£48.00
3. ICO (DATA Protection fee)	£40.00
4.HMRC (Clerk’s PAYE)	£263.00
5. E Pope (refund of Payment to WLB –( repair to chairman’s chain)	
£20.00	
6. A Beckett (refund of payment for new parish map)	
£134.91	
7. Petty Cash top up	£32.25
8. Mrs I M O’Donnell (clerk September salary/august/September exes+ Holiday pay due at retirement )	£569.35

Councillor Pope asked why this payment was significantly more than usual. The clerk said that it included a payment for additional hours. The Council asked for further information about the additional hours which the clerk explained had been calculated by LALC. Councillors agreed that the calculation should be viewed before signing off the payment. It was agreed that the clerk would

provide these documents for the Chairman in order for him to authorise the payment. **AB/IMOD**

At this point Councillor Mrs Sherman left the meeting 9.30pm followed by Councillors Martin and Liz McDonnell also leaving at 9.40pm

The handover from the clerk was discussed. The clerk said that she had put items in folders on the laptop desktop and that this, along with a filing cabinet would need collecting from her house. The chairman agreed to arrange this. **AB**

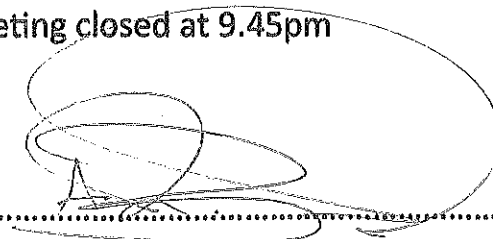
The chairman resolved that due to the lateness of the hour and a number of councillors having had to leave, the remaining items would be deferred.

He thanked the clerk for her service and presented her with a gift from the councillors to wish her well in her retirement.

- 7. Parish map update
- 8. Lowry Hill Bus shelter
- 9 Taylors Farm - this had been discussed at item 4 Adjournment
- 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
- 11.PROW – Public Rights of Way
- 12 Repairs & Renewals
- 13 WEB SITE
- 14 Handover from clerk
- 15.WLBC REPORTS
- 16 PARISH MATTERS

Date of the next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed  ..... Chairman