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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2023 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.30 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors H Shaw (Chair), E Pope, A Sherman, L McDonnell, M McDonnell and Clerk D Abram. Councillors R Bailey and J Gordon. 60 plus members of the public attended.

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**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Beckett and I Fairclough.

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**COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

Councillor S Sherman declared an interest in 2023/1075/FUL - Blythewood Lodge, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 5UD.

Councillor E Pope declared an interest in 2023/1034/FUL - Palace House Farm Cottage, Hall Lane, Lathom, Lancashire, L40 5UW.

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**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2023.**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 November 2023 should be approved and signed by the Chair.

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**ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

Members of the public raised concerns regarding the planning application 2023/0801/FUL - Land West Of Meadow Lane, Lathom, Lancashire - Change of use of land for outdoor sport with associated facilities.

Many concerns were raised by the public with regard to the planning application and the Parish Council explained their position with regard to representing all residents of Lathom and suggested that if anyone has any concerns at all they should put this in writing to the Planning Department at West Lancashire Borough Council.

It was agreed that Highways will be contacted with regard to the road issues the footpath issues raised at the meeting.

It was resolved that the Parish Council write to the Planning Department at West Lancashire Borough Council and ask for an extension of time to the deadline of 5 January 2024 to allow further time for the Councillors and the residents of Lathom to respond fully as the deadline is shortly after the Christmas/New Year period and as a result of the number of members of the public at the meeting.

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**PLANNING**

**Applications to be considered:**

- a. 2023/1075/FUL - Blythewood Lodge, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 5UD - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear.
- b. 2023/1057/FUL - The Ship Inn, 4 Wheat Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 4BX - Proposed extension of corner of existing building to fill in the corner and link the building.
- c. 2023/1034/FUL - Palace House Farm Cottage, Hall Lane, Lathom, Lancashire, L40 5UW - Single storey extension to rear, subsequent to demolition of existing outriggers.
- d. 2023/0801/FUL - Land West Of, Meadow Lane, Lathom, Lancashire - Change of use of land for outdoor sport with associated facilities.

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**BIODIVERSITY GRANT 2023 (£300)**

It was agreed at the meeting that A Sherman is to liaise with Lathom Junior School to use the grant on a school project with details to be provided back to the next available meeting as to how the funding is used.

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**HISTORIC LATHOM SIGN REPAIR UPDATE**

D Abram advised the meeting that a quotation from I Whyte has been contacted to provided an estimate for repairing the same as opposed to an insurance claim (£250 excess). D Abram will contact I Whyte after the New Year period for an update and will report back with progress at the next meeting.

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**PARISH MAP UPDATE**

A Beckett has informed D Abram that I Whyte will be installing the Parish Map in the New Year after resolving the sizing issue of the same.

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**WEBSITE UPDATE**

D Abram advised that the signing in details for the website had changed and a call back/email is currently awaited from the website designer so that the Minutes from April 2023 can be uploaded. D Abram has also requested instructions on how to make amendments to the website and that the layout of the website be altered going forward (instructions have been provided in an email).

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**PARISH MATTERS****BLOCKED GULLIES (LOWRY HILL LANE/HALL LANE)**

The Councillors raised this problem that occurs when we have consistent rain and advised that this matter is to be reported to Highways via the "Love Clean Streets" portal.

**SPIDS**

Councillors raised the issue of the location of the SPID devices currently installed and it was agreed that all locations will remain as they are the present time especially with regard to Ring O Bells Lane until we have the analysed data from the SPID device.

**NATIVE WILDFLOWER MEADOWS**

D Abram advised that West Lancashire Borough Council have appointed certain areas within the borough for the above. Most of these are located within the Skelmersdale area with the closest area being the area between Junction Lane and Delph Drive in Burscough.

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**RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR M GORST**

It was agreed that this point be raised at a future meeting.

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**FINANCE**

The following account was passed for payment:

Ormskirk Scouts (hall hire)	£24.00
Mrs I O'Donnell (last salary payment with increase)	£120.00
HMRC (Mrs I O'Donnell & Miss D Abram)	£139.80
Miss D Abram – November Salary	£220.00
Miss D Abram – December Salary	£219.40
Voided Cheque	

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**COUNCILLORS TO RAISE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION ONLY (10 MINUTES TOTAL TIME).****MILESTONE MARKERS REMOVED FROM MEADOW LANE**

A resident advised that these had been seen to be removed by a JCB and taken to Taylors Farm. This item to be reviewed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEVOLUTION**

Councillor E Pope advised that Lancashire County Council have a Level 2 devolution deal which means that powers and budgets will be devolved from central government to Lancashire County Council themselves and is expected to be implemented in 2024/2025. No further information is available at this current time.

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 22 January 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 18 December 2023**

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
002017	Mrs I O'Donnell	£120.00
002018	HMRC (Mrs I O'Donnell & Miss D Abram)	£139.80
002020	Miss D Abram – November Salary	£220.00
002021	Miss D Abram – December Salary	£219.40
002022	Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	£24.00
002019	Voided Cheque	

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

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