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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2024 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.30 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors A Beckett (Chair), H Shaw , E Pope, I Fairclough, L McDonnell, M McDonnell and Clerk D Abram plus four residents.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor A Sherman.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Councillor Pope expressed an interest in item 4 on the Agenda – Abbey Farm Caravan site (2024/0168/FUL). Concerns have been noted re the cutting down of trees to facilitate the planning application.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2024.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chair.

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ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Items raised by the residents who attended the meeting relating to Abbey Farm Caravan site (2024/0168/FUL).

Residents are concerned with regard to the following items:-

- a. The number of additional static lodges on site are considerably more than was granted and there are a number of concerns regarding the proposed increase.
- b. The proposed new unlicensed static lodges to be sited on an additional piece of land is to total 177 mixture of statics caravans and touring caravans and concerns have been made in this regard.
- c. Concerns by the residents have been raised in 2023 to Councillors at West Lancashire Borough Council but enquiries never took place.
- d. Access road to Abbey Road Caravan Site is too small for the proposed increase in traffic intending to use the site and is currently too narrow for two way traffic to facilitate access to the caravan site.
- e. Concerns were raised that there are a number of permanent residents on the site at the moment. Harrison Homes (owners of the site) have listed on their

website that all types of homes are available but only as “holiday homes” and therefore not for residents to use permanently. The residents have raised if this is monitored by the owners and if residents are trying to use the site for this purpose what action is taken by the owners to stop this?

- f. Are checks with carried out by West Lancashire Borough Council regarding the licensing arrangements as residents are aware that there are several breaches currently taking place i.e. is the site owner required under their site licence to keep a list of all residents and a licence for the propane gas tank, illuminated signage currently on the Site Manager’s lodge, is the current number of static lodges on the site within the current licence granted, etc? Is West Lancashire Borough Council regularly monitoring the site with regard to meeting all the requirements under the licence granted to them?
- g. Concerns were raised that not all residents in the area are being given notice of any developments or amendments to planning applications or licensing arrangements and this should be expanded by the Planning Department and other departments within West Lancashire Borough Council.
- h. If residents on the site are using the same as a permanent residence is Council Tax paid by them?
- i. Residents raised the question as whether the sites reed bed system is large enough to clean the water and where is it running out to? The site is not linked to the mains water system as result of its location.
- j. If the hard standings are put in place for additional lodges, etc how is the increase in surface water being addressed i.e. will this cause flooding?
- k. With regard to the proposed additional static lodges, is an archaeological survey required before any proposed development project goes ahead? Given that the remains and historical site of Burscough Priory is very close to the proposed land to be used there is a need to ensure that no harm is made to historic sites and features.
- l. There is a possibility that the land in question may have a mains gas pipeline running through it and therefore the protection of the same would be required.

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PLANNING

Applications to be considered:

- a. 2024/0045/FUL - Beech Grove, Hall Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire - Erection of an agricultural storage building (Deadline 23 February 2024). ~~Item has been called into committee and comment submitted by Lathom Parish Council.~~ –

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HISTORIC LATHOM SIGN REPAIR UPDATE

Councillors approved the Invoice for the work carried out by I Wayte of £410.

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PARISH MAP UPDATE

Councillors approved the Invoice for the work carried out by I Wayte of £487.

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NOTICEBOARD (THE SHIP)

Councillors approved the Invoice for the work carried out by I Wayte of £147.

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MILESTONE MARKERS

D Abram reported that a reply had been received by Taylors Farmshop with regard to this item. It was agreed that as the "gateposts" were removed from private land then and had no historical significance and that there is no requirement to replace the same.

24.35

BLOCKED GULLILES (LOWRY HILL LANE/HALL LANE)

E Pope gave an update in that some of the blocked gullies are actually broken and this is now on the repair schedule with no timescale for conclusion of the works required.

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WEBSITE UPDATE

D Abram advised that the initial page detailing the Councillors is the next page to be updated. D Abram requested Councillors L & M McDonnell by way of a photograph of each and the contact telephone number. D Abram will arrange for the page to be updated.

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CIL MONEY

D Abram informed the Councillors of the amount of CIL monies that require spending during the next financial year i.e. 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. A brief discussion took place of the limitations of how we can spend the money and all Councillors were asked to consider how the Parish Council could spend the same. Suggestions include:-

- New footpath
- Wellbeing space with benches and trees (land at Ring O'Bells lane).

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ONLINE BANKING

D Abram to continue due diligence enquiries with regard to the way forward for the Parish Council and the options available.

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LITTER PICKING GROUP

Councillor H Shaw advised that further equipment and signage were required by the Litter Picking Group to assist them and it was agreed that the price quoted of £230 is agreeable by all Councillors. H Shaw to ensure that written receipts are passed to D Abram.

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PARISH MATTERS

Signpost

A Sherman has advised that a waymarker and discs and the will need cementing in on the junction of footpaths 60, 61 and 62. D Abram to speak to A Sherman to find out the exact location and arrange for these to be purchased.

Vacancy for Councillor

The Councillors have asked D Abram to look into what is required to be able to advertise the vacant position and how to advertise the same e.g. website/noticeboards.

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FINANCE

The following account was passed for payment:

Ormskirk District Scouts – Hall Hire	002029	£ 24.00
Diane Abram (January and February 2024) plus Expenses	002030	£ 232.20
I Waite re repairs to Wane Blade Bridge, The Ship	002031	£1044.00
Noticeboard and Map		

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HIGHWAYS ISSUES

D Abram to draft a letter to send to West Lancashire Borough Council, Lancashire County Council and to mention at the next LALC meeting (April 2024) and to include amount of traffic of all types and the damage to the roads incurred i.e. potholes.

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COUNCILLORS TO RAISE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION ONLY (10 MINUTES TOTAL TIME).Biodiversity Grant

Contact C Wood at school with regard to a photo opportunity once items are in place with the Councillors.

School Applying for Crossing

D Abram to contact Yates Playgrounds with regard to moving the SPID device (already placed for the next 4 months in Carr Lane) to Hall Lane to assist the school in their application for a school crossing. D Abram to look into how we can analyse the data with Yates Playgrounds.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 25 March 2024

Chq No	Payee	Amount
002029	Ormskirk District Scouts	£24.00
002030	Diane Abram	£232.20
002031	I Waite	£1,044.00

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....

