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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 MAY 2024 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.35 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors E Pope (chair), I Fairclough, A Sherman, L McDonnell, M McDonnell and Clerk D Abram plus one resident.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A Beckett and H Shaw.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

No declaration of interest raised.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2024.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024 should be approved and signed by Councillor E Pope.

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ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

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PLANNING

Applications to be considered:

- a. 2024/0312/FUL – Robinsons Farm, Cranes Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire re Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of replacement agricultural buildings (comment deadline 7 June 2024) – no comment made.

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HISTORIC LATHOM SIGN REPAIR, PARISH MAP AND NOTICEBOARD (THE SHIP) UPDATE

The Chairman advised that the repair works are yet to be completed by I Waite.

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BLOCKED GULLIES (LOWRY HILL LANE/HALL LANE)

No update with regard to the timescale for repairing the same.

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WEBSITE UPDATE

D Abram advised that the "Who We Are" page has been updated but further amendments to the photographs are to be made. The Chairman will speak to the Website Designer with regard to the same.

Discussion then took place with regard to whether the Lathom Parish Council website should advertise business outside of the Lathom area or not. D Abram to make enquiries with other Parish Councils in the area and to contact LALC with regard to the legal position.

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CIL MONEY

The Chairman advised that he would like all Councillors to visit the land in Ring O'Bells Lane together with the possible use of the CIL monies.

D Abram to obtain some quotations with regard to suggested repair work and have available for the next possible Parish Council Meeting.

D Abram also advised that there will be fruit trees available via the Lancashire Community Orchard Grant and that some trees could be placed on the land in question.

The Councillors also discussed the possibility of utilising the money towards a further SPID camera.

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ONLINE BANKING

D Abram to complete her due diligence enquiries and provide options for the Councillors to approve at the next meeting.

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INSURANCE RENEWAL

D Abram advised that Lathom Parish Council are currently locked into a long term agreement with our current insurance providers with a high insurance premium. D Abram has sought an alternative quotation with a competitor at a much lower premium and will try to cancel the long term agreement insurance in favour of the lower premium insurance.

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LITTER PICKING GROUP

E Pope advised that he would obtain the receipts for the litter picking supplies that have been purchased and payment of the same has been agreed at this meeting.

E Pope also advised that there has been rough sleeping at Moss Bridge Lane and explained the procedure with regard to clearing the same using equipment purchased and paid for by the Parish Council. There is an arrangement with West Lancashire Borough Council whereby when they are telephoned they will come to collect the items gathered together and dispose of the same.

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WAYMARKER AND DISCS

The Chairman advised that he has a contact that will install the waymarker and discs with the assistance of D Abram.

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FENCING AT PROPERTY IN BRIARS LANE

E Pope advised that the repair of the above is currently pending.

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COUNCILLOR VACANCY

All Councillors confirmed that they would like to proceed with advertising for a new Councillor to fill the current vacancy. Adverts are to be placed in the main noticeboard in Briars Lane and on the website. Results will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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HANDYMAN POSITION

All Councillors confirmed that they would like the advert for the Handyman position to be advertised. Adverts are to be placed in the main noticeboard in Briars Lane and on the website. Results will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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SPID CAMERA DATA

D Abram has received information with regard to how to access the data from the SPID camera. The Chairman will contact the company who provided the SPID camera with regard to how to access the same.

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PARISH MATTERS

Scarisbrick Parish Council Civic Service

D Abram to advise the Parish Clerk for Scarisbrick Parish Council that A Beckett and I Fairclough will be in attendance on 2 June 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

Planning for Parish & Town Councils

E Pope advised that he had slides from his recent training that he feels will be beneficial for all and will email these for everyone to view.

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FINANCE

The following accounts was passed for payment:

Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	002037	£ 24.00
Diane Abram salary	002038	£219.60
- May 2024 – Noticeboards (8 miles @ 0.45p per mile)		£ 3.60
- May 2024 – Noticeboards revisited (8 miles @ 0.45p per mile)		£ 3.60
- February 2024 – Monthly Meeting (6 miles @ 0.45p per mile)		£ 2.70
- Stationery		<u>£ 17.00</u>
		£246.50
PAYE	002039	£164.80
Litter Picking Items (agreed once invoice received this is to be paid before the next meeting)	002040	£149.94
Insurance Renewal	002041	£327.00

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HIGHWAYS LETTER TO BE DRAFTED FOR LALC

D Abram to draft the same when time permits.

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

No issues were raised.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 24 June 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 22 April 2024

Chq No	Payee	Amount
	Ormskirk District Scouts	£24.00
	Diane Abram	£246.50
	PAYE	£164.80
	Litter Picking Group	£149.94
	Insurance	£327.00

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed..........