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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2025
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, A Sherman, L McDonnell, M McDonnell, Parish Clerk D Abram plus one resident

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Gordon and Hesketh.

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COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Councillor Pope declared an interest in the planning items.

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**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28
OCTOBER 2024.**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 October 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chair. Further amendments to be made to the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024 and presented at the next available meeting.

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ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

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PLANNING

Applications to be considered:

- a. 2024/1094/FUK – 4 Top Locks, Wheat Lane, Ormskirk, Lancashire, Single storey rear extension with associated external works (comment deadline 31 January 2025) – agreed that this application does not fall within Lathom Parish Council area.
- b. 2024/1053/FUL – Avondale Nurseries, Spa Lane, Lathom – proposed 400 MWH Battery Energy Storage System and Associated Works (comment deadline 31 January 2025) – it was agreed that a comment should be submitted prior to the comment deadline.
- c. 2024/1108/FUL – The Wharf, Ring O Bells, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – proposed detached storage outbuilding conversion to storage with self

contained granny annex (comment deadline 14 February 2025) – no comment to be submitted.

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CIL MONIES

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the requested extension of deadline to 30 September 2025 is still awaited from West Lancashire Borough Council. The project plan will be updated and circulated to all Councillors prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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ONLINE BANKING UPDATE

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that identification documents are still required and that the application with the agreed banking institution will continue as and when information is available.

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FENCING AT PROPERTY IN BRIARS LANE

Councillor Pope to continue efforts to contact the Landlord and will provide an update at the next available meeting.

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COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Councillor Beckett discussed the documentation that is required to enable the new prospective Councillor to legally become a member of Lathom Parish Council.

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SPID CAMERA AND SPEEDING IN THE AREA

Councillor McDonnell has obtained the data from the SPID camera which is to be analysed and results brought to the next available parish council meeting.

Councillors are very concerned with the number of speeding incidents in the parish.

25.13

PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillors discussed the prospective update to the Local Plan for West Lancashire Borough Council in 2027. The draft updated Local Plan will be available for consultation in December 2025.

The Councillors decided to postpone starting a Parish/Neighbourhood Plan until the draft document is available to decide whether to prepare a parish/neighbourhood plan for Lathom.

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PARISH MATTERSFinance Committee Meeting – Budget

The Finance Committee Meeting agreed that the precept should be increased by 3.09% and the Councillors have all agreed this at tonight's Parish Council Meeting.

Ship Inn Car Park

The Councillors discussed the additional area that is being cleared for a car park and requested that this be directed to the Planning Department of West Lancashire Borough Council.

Briars Garage Building Work and Name

Councillor Pope to discuss the name with the owners i.e. Greater Burscough Spar.

Working Group – Project Plan for Lathom Parish Council

It was agreed that the above will take place in March 2025 by all Councillors to discuss items that Lathom Parish Council wish to action during the next financial year.

Website

It was agreed that Parish Clerk D Abram to contact the website designer to request various changes to the current layout to include Agendas being uploaded to the website.

Bridge near Watkinsons Farm

It was agreed that Councillor Pope should contact I Whyte to provide a quotation for repair of the bridge on the PROW footpath (49/50) for the Parish Council to agree at the next meeting.

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FINANCE

The following accounts was passed for payment in January 2025:

Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire (x2 in January 2025	002079	£ 24.00
Diane Abram salary	002080	£275.64
Stationery and Stamps		£ 11.80
- December 2024 & x2 January 2025 –Noticeboards (8 miles @ 0.45p per mile x 3)		£ 10.80
- December 2024 & x2 January 2025 –Monthly Meeting (6 miles @ 0.45p per mile x3)		<u>£ 8.10</u>
		£306.34

SLCC Annual Membership	002081	£118.00
PAYE December 2024	002082	£ 69.00
Newsletter	002083	£ 90.00

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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