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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 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, M McDonnell and Parish Clerk D Abram

Councillor P Hesketh was also in attendance and one resident

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A Sherman and L McDonnell

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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 AND 25 NOVEMBER 2024

The 28 October 2024 Minutes to be further amended prior to being approved and will be presented to the next available Parish Council Meeting.

The 25 November 2024 Minutes were approved.

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PLANNING

Applications considered:

- a. Tawdside Farm, 38 Deans Lane, Lathom – Appeal (appeal start date 29 October 2024) – no comment to be submitted.
- b. 2024/0961/FUL – Top Locks Barn, 11 Top Locks, Wheat Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk – comment to be submitted.

Ship Inn – Car Park re Storage Units – Application No: 2024/0695/FUL

The Councillors commented that the above application had been approved for installation of two container units on the car park, however it is noted that land next to the car park is currently being cleared to be used as an additional car park and permission has not been sought to do so. This item is to be advised to the Planning Department.

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CIL Monies

Parish Clerk D Abram updated the Councillors with regard to the lack of progress in being able to obtain a response from WLBC. It was agreed that D Abram will continue with obtaining information during January 2025 and a decision will be made at the January 2025 meeting as to whether the funds will be used in an alternative direction than currently proposed and initial suggestions were made. The Councillors have asked for information as to how CIL monies can be spent be sent them in advance of the meeting.

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Online Banking Update

Information is currently awaited from Councillor A Beckett to enable the application to progress. Councillor H Shaw forwarded the relevant information to enable the same to be completed.

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Fencing at Property in Briars Lane

Councillor Pope advised that the broken fencing has now been removed but there is currently a gap which is large enough for someone to fall into Eller Brook from the pathway. E Pope to continue with his efforts to contact the land owner to resolve the matter but Parish Clerk D Abram to make enquiries with WLBC re who is responsible for replacing the pathway.

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Councillor Vacancy

The Councillors confirmed that a resident has expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor and full application details are awaited to complete the process.

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SPID Camera and speeding in the area

Parish Clerk D Abram advised Councillor M McDonnell that the SPID camera is due to be moved at the end of January 2025 and it was agreed that Yates Playgrounds to be contacted and advised that the movement of the same should be completed in conjunction with meeting Councillor M McDonnell to enable data to be retrieved from the current SPID camera location. D Abram also to find out the next location for the SPID camera with a view to possibly altering the pattern of the next location.

Councillor M McDonnell will then analyse the data from the SPID and report back to the next available meeting.

It was also agreed that D Abram to contact LCC with regard to the roads pinpointed as having speeding problems with a view to them reviewing the individual hotspots and roads to enable the appropriate speeding signage to be allocated to the individual areas.

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Events Working Group - Remembrance Day

The Councillors discussed the option of placing a purple poppy wreath on Remembrance Day at the memorial site dedicated to the work that animals had during WWI. Parish Clerk D Abram advised that we were unable to obtain a purple poppy wreath (dedicated to animals who served during WW1) from our usual supplier. The Councillors advised that they would like to continue placing the red poppy wreath going forward.

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Newsletter

Councillor M McDonnell distributed the supply of the newsletters to the Councillors for distribution. It was agreed that the payment of the invoice would take place in the January 2025 payment schedule and the printer had been advised.

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Parish/Neighbourhood Plan

The Councillors discussed this aspect and it was agreed that Councillor E Pope to bring along the questionnaire used by a local council for the Parish Meeting to discuss and Parish Clerk D Abram to contact Burscough Town Council in terms of the voluntary service that they used to complete the same.

D Abram also to forward to the Councillors a training video recently watched to assist them in understanding the process involved.

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2025 Meeting dates

All Councillors noted the proposed meeting dates.

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Finances – quarterly review

Parish Clerk D Abram has provided the first and second quarters figures to all Councillors i.e. April – September 2024 for consideration. No questions were raised and it was agreed that these be accepted by the Councillors.

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Local Government Pay Award

Parish Clerk D Abram discussed the annual NALC pay award backdated to 1 April 2024.

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Objectives by Lathom Parish Council 2025

- Traffic issues on all roads in Lathom. It was agreed that further discussion take place with regard to how the below can be tackled not only from a Lathom point of view but the wider areas where the traffic is travelling from i.e. M6 and M58 and if with public and other Parish Councils on these routes whether a resolution can be sought from Lancashire County Council in terms of providing alternative routes.
 - Heavy usage by commercial and private vehicles.
 - Speeding.
 - Local parish council working group to action this aspect.
 - Lack of footpaths in some areas where there is significant traffic i.e. Meadow Lane.
 - Liaison with Lathom Park Church of England Primary School re a school crossing in Hall Lane.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was agreed that we should book the Scout Hut for the above to set the budget for 2025/2026 on Monday 20 January 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

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FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	002075	£ 24.00
Diane Abram salary	002076	£275.64
November 2024 – Noticeboards (8 miles @ 0.45p per mile)		£ 3.60
November 2024 – monthly meeting (6 miles @ 0.45p per mile)		<u>£ 2.70</u>
		£281.64
PAYE – December 2024	002077	£ 69.00

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Councillors to raise issues for discussion

Road Sweeping Team at WLBC

Councillor E Pope advised that currently the trained drivers to operate the road sweeping vehicles are all off on long term sick leave.

Briars Garage, Lathom

Councillor H Shaw is concerned that the currently renovated garage will be known as "Spar Burscough" and leaflets have been distributed accordingly. Councillor E Pope to raise this issue with the owners in terms of the fact that the property is located in Lathom and not Burscough.

The Ship, Lathom

Councillor M McDonnell expressed concern regarding the parking area for The Ship. Following the recent application to reduce the car park spaces in the main car park, it now seems that the unofficial car park is now being cleared and will now be used as a car park going forward. Parish Clerk D Abram to contact the Planning Department and refer them to the recent planning application.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 27 January 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 16 December 2024

Chq No	Payee	Amount
002075	Ormskirk District Scouts	£24.00
002076	Diane Abram	£284.64
002077	PAYE November 2024	£69.00

The meeting closed, 9.20 p.m.

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