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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 MARCH 2025 AT THE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, HALL LANE, LATHOM COMMENCING AT 7.40 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors A Beckett (Chair), E Pope, I Fairclough, A Sherman, L McDonnell, M McDonnell, Parish Clerk D Abram plus Councillors P Hesketh and J Gordon

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**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor H Shaw.

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

Councillors Pope, Hesketh and Gordon declared an interest in the planning items.

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**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2025**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 February 2025 should be approved and signed by the Chair.

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**ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was not adjourned for public discussion as the attendees had no issues to raise.

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**PLANNING**

**Applications to be considered:**

- a. 2025/0166/FUL – 3 Blythe Cottages, Blythe Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – refurbishment of property and erection of new single storey front and rear extensions including partial recomposition of internal layout (comment deadline 28 March 2025).
- b. 2025/0203/PNP – Taylors Farm, Hall Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk, Lancashire – Application to determine whether Prior Approval is required – Agricultural Storage Building – Delegated to the Corporate Director of Place and Community for determination (comment deadline 25 March 2025).

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**CIL MONIES**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the requested extension of deadline to 30 September 2025 has been approved by West Lancashire Borough Council. Legal documentation to confirm that the land in Ring O Bells Lane is awaited. 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 the application with supplemental requested documentation has been submitted and confirmation of the opening of the account is awaited.

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**FENCING AT PROPERTY IN BRIARS LANE**

It was agreed that the owner of the land be identified and a letter to be sent requesting the repair of the fence.

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**COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

It was agreed that the councillor vacancy co-option advert be advertised on the noticeboards and website to try to fill the vacancy.

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**SPID CAMERA AND SPEEDING IN THE AREA**

Councillor M McDonnell advised that at the end of each month the data from the SPID camera can be obtained on all roads (both sides). The Councillors agreed that certain time periods are to be analysed by Councillor M McDonnell for Monday-Friday and different times for Saturday-Sunday. The information will be presented at the next available meeting on each occasion.

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the repairs to the chevron signs by Watsons Farm on Hall Lane have now been completed and the Love Clean Streets report has now been closed. A reply from the Speed Assessment Unit is awaited.

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**LATHOM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP**

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

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**BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Parish Clerk D Abram advised that the application to enter the same will be registered by the deadline.

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**BIODIVERSITY GRANT**

Parish Clerk D Abram to discuss spending the £300 grant with the Scout Leader, this has been mentioned in principle but further information of how this money can be spent will be provided.

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**FOOTBRIDGE (WATKINSONS FARM)**

Councillor Pope advised that the footbridge is owned by Lathom Parish Council and that I Waite will be inspecting the same to provide a written quotation and this will be considered at the April Parish Council Meeting.

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**REGISTER OF INTERESTS FORM**

Parish Clerk D Abram that there is still one form outstanding and upon receipt of the same, I will arrange for these to be uploaded to our website and emailed to West Lancashire Borough Council for their records.

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**PARISH MATTERS**Ormskirk Lodge North (Park) & Wall

The Councillors discussed the recent correspondence from a resident concerned at the current condition of the wall and lodge at the entrance to the Park by Lathom Chapel. It was agreed that the owners be traced and a letter sent to them concerning the same.

Ring O Bells Lane Parking Issues

Councillor Pope has advised that he has contacted the Highways Department of Lancashire County Council with regard to the ongoing problems regarding the parking near to the Ring' O



Bells Pub during busy periods i.e. weekends at present. A request has been submitted to install double yellow lines on both sides of the road following complaints from residents.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the proprietors of Ring O Bells Pub to advise them of the parking issues.

### Website

Changes to website can no longer be carried out free of charge due to staffing issues. S Robinson will continue to make any necessary changes but at a charge of £20 per hour.

### West Lancashire Borough Council – Financial Implication to Lathom

Councillors Pope, Hesketh and Gordon gave an update with regard to the recent extra ordinary meeting following the decision to keep both swimming pools open i.e. Nye Bevan and Park Pool by confirming that the draft changes agreed at the recent budget meeting are:-

- Litter bins to be reduced by half by end of March 2027.
- Reduction in grass cutting annually.
- Reduction in street cleansing.
- Planning enforcement – reduction to service.

### Spar Garage/Shop

Councillor Pope advised that whilst the upgrade of the garage and new shop are taking place, the hedgerow on two sides of the shop have been removed and the owners have advised that these will be replanted following completion of the work.

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### **FINANCE**

The following accounts was passed for payment in March 2025:

Ormskirk District Scout – Hall Hire	002086	£ 24.00
Diane Abram salary – February & March 2025 and 24 hours overtime	002087	£826.92
- February & March 2025 –Noticeboards (8 miles @ 0.45p per mile x 2)		£ 7.20
- February & March 2025 –Monthly Meeting (6 miles @ 0.45p per mile x2)	£	5.40
- Stationery		<u>£ 7.00</u>
		£846.52
PAYE March 2025	002088	£ 69.00
Best Kept Village	002089	£ 25.00

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### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Lathom Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28 April 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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