



Lathom South Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Lathom South Parish Council held at the Cricket Club, Blaguegate Lane, Lathom, WN8 8TY at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

Present: Cllr Andrew Beeston, Cllr Carol Blackledge, Cllr Roger Clayton (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Chanter, Cllr Richard Neale.

In attendance: Cllr Rob Bailey, Cllr Ian Moran and one member of the public

MINUTES

1 To record apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2 To receive declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest

3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on the 9th November 2021 and 8th December 2021

The minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meetings and duly signed by the Chairman

4 Public Participation

The meeting will consider any matters raised by members of the public by email to the Clerk

The meeting heard the following updates provided by Borough Councillor Rob Bailey

- As the new financial year started there were new strategies being introduced by the Highways Department. The Parish Council were asked to provide details of up to 3 highways issues which would not normally fall within the Highways Management Plan.

Action: Councillors to consider possible projects and send to the Clerk to consolidate for forwarding to Cllr Bailey.

- There is a schedule of rates for highway costs. If the Parish wishes to add to any highway infrastructure, such as traffic calming measures, then LCC Highways may share the cost.

Action: Consideration to be given by members of the Parish Council of any additional beneficial infrastructure.

- With reference to the Hollands Lane flooding issue there had been a delay in any action being taken due to information initially being sent to the wrong department. Highways had now pledged to add additional drainage where the unadopted road meets with Hollands Lane/Dickets Lane. The work is planned to commence within the next financial year.

5 To co-opt Member to fill vacancy and hear declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Ian Moran was formally co-opted as a Parish Councillor to fill one of two vacant posts. Declaration of acceptance of office was read out, witnessed and signed.

6 To receive the Tree Warden report

Cllr Beeston reminded the meeting that suggestions were still required for tree and hedge planting. It was agreed that a request for suggestions should be included in the next newsletter.

The Tydeman early tree in the community orchard is struggling possibly due to a poor root stock and it was suggested it be changed if there is no positive growth in the spring. Cllr Beeston was in discussions with Latham St James School with regard to purchasing a Commemorative tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The school are blanket tree planting around the school field but are in favour of a Commemorative tree. Thought was to be given to what would be a suitable tree. The 60th Jubilee tree planted at the school was an apple tree. Councillors were asked to consider the possibility of the Parish paying for the tree.

A tree walk is in planning for the spring/summer to visit approx. 20 trees which have identification labels. The tree on the boarder of St James School and the road has had the branch removed which held the label, therefore a new label will be required. Details of the tree walk are to be included the newsletter.

It was resolved to budget £100 to replace the struggling tree in the orchard and to purchase a Commemorative tree.

Two trees in Jacobs Wood had suffered from wind damage. An Oak, Yew, Beech and Chestnut had been provided as a gift for planting in Jacobs Wood.

7 To ratify and authorise payment of accounts presented

Santander	161221	Bank charges	d.d.	£0.05
J Smith	291221	Clerk's gross salary Dec	s.o	£ 421.00
Cricket Club	120122	Room hire	b.t.	£40.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

8 To consider the budget for Financial Year 2022/23, including any capital purchases and Community Infrastructure spending but excluding exceptional items.

This item was deferred until later in the meeting and discussed following item 15.

The spreadsheets showing accounts to date and the proposed figures for the next financial year's budget had been distributed with the agenda for consideration.

It was resolved that the following amendments be made to the budget:

- Provision to be included for pay point progression for the Clerk
- Meeting room hire to be increased to £45 per meeting
- Provision to be included for additional training as requested by the Clerk
- Inclusion of £100 to purchase 2 trees as discussed under item 6

The amended budget figures were accepted as a basis for setting the precept. It was resolved to request £10,948 in precept, with an expectation of receiving £406 Council Tax Support Grant and £630 concurrent funding grant.

9 To discuss any current planning issues:

Application Number: 2021/1457/FUL

Proposal: Proposed change of use from A1 or E(a) to C3, existing bridal boutique shop to be converted into an annexe for their parents to live independently whilst still be accessible from the main dwelling.

Location: The Barn At Brighthouse Green 177 Wigan Road Lathom Ormskirk Lancashire L40 6JN

There were no objections raised.

Application Number: 2021/1233/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective change of use of land to private equestrian use including conversion of building to stables and creation of a menage with proposed lighting. Proposed new storage building to replace existing containers

Location: Seed Hill Vale Lane Lathom Ormskirk Lancashire L40 6JH

There were no comments proposed.

Application Number: 2021/1428/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2019/1066/FUL to vary the approved plans to allow alterations to the approved car parking layout to ensure that a mature oak tree can be retained on site and enhancements to the new exit forecourt can be achieved. Removal of Condition Nos. 3 and 4 imposed on planning permission 2019/1066/FUL to confirm acceptance of drainage details and hard and soft landscaping.

Location: Warbreck Garden Centre Lyelake Lane Lathom Ormskirk L40 6JW

There were no objections raised.

The meeting suggested a letter be sent to Warbreck Garden Centre encouraging the planting of a landscaping which would soften the intrusion of the garden centre on the visual impact of the site from Dickets Lane and protect neighbours from light intrusion. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

10 Update on Jacobs Wood

The Clerk had made initial enquires on costings for benches and an information lectern for installation at Jacobs Wood. Further consideration would be given following receipt of additional quotations.

11 Consideration of Wayleave agreement with National Grid in respect of land on the north west and southeast side of Plough Lane Lathom, Land Registry title LA762664

It was questioned if the Land Registry title number named by National Grid covered Jacobs Wood as an old map showed that title number

belonged to another owner. Discussions pursued as to the extent of permission a Wayleave would give for National Grid.

It was agreed that Clerk request a draft agreement and this item be carried to the next meeting.

12 Update flooding issues affecting Hollands Lane/ Blaguegate Lane/ Dickets Lane

Cllr Bailey had provided an update under item 4. The meeting noted that water travels from the unadopted road onto Hollands Lane. The Clerk had sent an email to the landowner of the main source of leaking water enquiring what action was to be taken to resolve the issue. It was discussed if some of the issue may occur from unmaintained drainage from residential gardens. Cllr Rob Bailey offered to visit the site to view the issue.

Thanks were given to Borough Councillor Bailey for the action he had taken relating to the issue.

Dickets Bridge on Plough Lane was raised as another flooding issue as standing water forced traffic onto the opposite side of the road and into oncoming traffic. Cllr Bailey advised that he would look into the matter.

13 Update on the parish council website, Communications Working Group and communicating feedback to residents

There was no feedback available.

Action: Clerk to send an email to Mr Adrian Smith requesting an update.

14 Report from South Lathom Residents' Association (SLRA) for information only

SLRA had not been active recently. There was some news that the local Planning Department was being overhauled. A new interim head of development had been appointed and a review by a consultant had resulted in a 99 point plan. The Enforcement Team was being strengthened and with changes in the Planning Department the aim was for greater efficiency and more stringent upholding of conditions.

The Clerk confirmed that the points agreed at the previous meeting for response to the Ward Boundaries Consultation by the Boundary Commission had been sent and an email of receipt had been received.

With reference to the Local Plan consultation, the Chairman advised that he had accessed the online survey. The survey consisted of a large questionnaire which would be impractical to discuss question by question at a meeting, although it was established that it was not a requirement to answer all the questions. Councillors agreed that previously agreed comments should be sent in an email from the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council and individual Councillors would complete the online survey with their personal views/comments.

The next phase on consultation will involve housing numbers.

15 To consider delegating authority to the Clerk to purchase Zoom membership should future legislation place restrictions on public meetings

The Clerk advised that SLCC were campaigning to give local councils (town and parish) the right to conduct on-line meetings at their own discretion.

It was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to act in purchasing Zoom membership should it be required.

16 Exchanges of Information. For information only (no discussion)

There were no exchanges of information.

17 Resolution: Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (contracts for services and similar, and human resources issues) the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda

Resolved

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

***Cllr Roger Clayton
Chairman***

9th February 2022