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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 9th February 2022.

In attendance: Cllr Andrew Beeston, Cllr Carol Blackledge, Cllr Roger Clayton (Chairman), Cllr Richard Neale.

In attendance: Two members of the public attended the meeting

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 meeting held on the 12th January 2022

The minutes were accepted as a correct record 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 was advised that the Waymarker on footpath 15 & 16 had been knocked down and a new post put up.

A litter pick would be appreciated. It was advised that the annual litter pick would be arranged for March time. A Parish member had enquired if they could be provided with a litter picker. The Chairman advised that he would arrange for a litter picker to be made available.

5 To receive the Tree Warden report

Cllr Beeston advised that thought was still being given to what would be the best Jubilee tree to plant. There had still been no suggestions for tree/hedge planting and it was proposed that an item be included in the newsletter requesting input from the community. Discussions revolved around the possibility of planting off Spa Lane/Statham Road.

Four trees gifted for Jacobs Wood had been planted.

6 To ratify and authorise payment of accounts presented

Santander	160122	Bank charges	d.d.	£0.05
J Smith	290122	Clerk's gross salary Jan	s.o	£ 421.00
Cricket Club	090222	Room hire	b.t.	£40.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

7 To discuss any current planning issues:

Application Number: 2022/0057/CON
Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition 9 of planning permission 2021/0286/FUL relating to a strategy for the foul and surface water drainage of the development.
Location: Land To The East Of XL Business Park Statham Road Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 8DY

There were no comments proposed

Application Number: 2022/0038/CON
Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition No 19 of Planning Permission 2019/0069/OUT relating to bat and bird box plan
Location: Land To The East Of Firswood Road Lathom Lancashire

There were no comments proposed

Application Number: 2022/0017/CON
Proposal: Approval of Details Reserved by Condition No. 9 of planning permission 2018/0281/OUT relating to a Construction Environment Management Plan.
Location: Land On The Western Side Of XL Business Park Statham Road Skelmersdale Lancashire

Concerns were raised regarding the growth of poisonous weeds along Slate Brook which may have health implications.

Application Number: 2022/0018/CON
Proposal: Approval of Details Reserved by Condition No. 21 of planning permission 2018/0281/OUT relating to a scheme to deal with the risk associated with contamination on the site.

Location: Land On The Western Side Of XL Business Park Statham Road
Skelmersdale Lancashire

In relation to application numbers 2022/0017/CON and 2022/0018/CON concerns were raised about the underground water course. It was proposed to comment on the need to explore what impact blocking the water course would make.

8 To consider any suggested projects to put forward to the Highways Department

The Chairman advised that he would attend the Highways conference on 17th March and invited other members to attend also.

Suggestions were invited for projects to be put forward to the Highways Department. With reference to the nationwide initiative encouraging people to leave cars at home and walk, the safety of walking along some roads was highlighted as many roads in the Parish either have no pavements or the pavements are over grown. In particular Firwood Road, Spa Lane, Plough Lane, Lyelake Lane and Vale Lane were considered to be in need of continuous pavements. It was agreed that CIL money could be used towards the development of pavements but this would need to be confirmed by WLBC, situation by situation.

It was agreed that the issue of standing water on Plough Lane (installing an extra gully) should be included as a suggested project, noting that LCC had already committed to install one at the bottom of Hollands Lane in 2022/3.

9 To consider the addition of any highways infrastructure which would be beneficial in the Parish

This item was covered in discussions under item 8.

10 Consideration of next newsletter

The meeting agreed that a newsletter should be issued as soon as possible. The Chairman requested that all Councillors contribute an article for inclusion in the newsletter. Suggested subject headings included, Tree walk, Jubilee tree, Jacobs Wood and Swells Wood. Draft articles to be sent via email by 2nd March.

11 Update on Jacobs Wood

Consideration was given to quotations received for the supply of benches in Jacobs Wood. It was resolved to purchase two 6ft benches from Classic Memorial Benches.

Action: Clerk to raise purchase order for benches

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

A draft Wayleave agreement had been circulated by email for consideration. It was resolved to proceed with the signing of a new Wayleave agreement as requested by National Grid.

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

There had been no response to emails enquiring of any progress with a new website. Discussions ensued to determine how to proceed. The Clerk offered to investigate website building options and report back at the next meeting.

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

The Chairman advised there was nothing to report from SLRA.

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

There were no exchanges of information.

16 Update on land acquisition

The Chairman advised that the required paperwork had been signed in relation to the land purchase and further instructions were to follow. It was agreed that once the land purchase was complete, a request should be made for Andrew Greenough to visit site and recommend works required. It was suggested that volunteer parties to a "Balsam Bash" be arranged in due course.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Cllr Roger Clayton
Chairman

9th March 2022