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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 11th September 2024

Councillors in attendance: Cllr Andrew Chanter, Cllr Carol Blackledge, Cllr Roger Clayton (Chairman), Cllr Ernie Pallas, Cllr Darren Steele

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Beeston and Cllr Andy Taylor

In attendance: Ward Cllr Linda Webster was in attendance.

MINUTES

1 To record apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andrew Beeston and Cllr Andy Taylor.

2 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2024 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4 Public Participation

Ward Councillor Linda Webster had attended an NHS public meeting about the future of health services in Southport, Formby and West Lancashire following the merger with St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust. The Trust doesn't have the funding to build a new hospital but has bought back land next to Ormskirk Hospital with a view to extend the site at Ormskirk. The Trust is looking at having the children and adult A&E in the same hospital rather than split between

Southport and Ormskirk. There is a survey for the public to have their say about facilities at www.yoursayshapingcaretogether.co.uk

5 To ratify and authorise payment of accounts presented

D Steele	110724	Fingerpost repair	b.t	£12.90
Santander	160724	Bank charges	d.d	£0.10
NEST	220724	Clerk's Pension July 24	d.d	129.57
J Smith	290724	Clerk's salary July 24	s.o	£601.00
Open Spaces Society	050824	Membership	d.d	£45.00
Hugofox	080824	Web hosting	d.d	£23.99
J Services	160824	Footpath maintenance	b.t	£600.00
Santander	080824	Bank charges	d.d	£0.20
NEST	220824	Clerk's Pension Aug 24	d.d	£129.57
Local Authority Tech CIC	230824	Website annual sub	b.t	£300.00
J Smith	290824	Clerk's salary Aug 24	d.d	£601.00
Working Woodlands	300824	Invasive weed spraying	b.t	£885.51
Hugofox	090924	Final fee for web hosting	b.t	£23.99
LALC	090924	LALC Conference	b.t	£70.00
Cricket Club	110924	Room hire	b.t	£50.00
J Smith	110924	Travel expenses	b.t	£32.40

The above accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

6 To discuss any current planning issues:

Application No: 2024/0748/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension

Site Location: 21 Meadow Nook Drive Lathom WN8 8AA

It was resolved not to comment to WLBC about the above application.

It was noted that planning applications 2023/0117/FUL and 2023/0118/FUL had been considered at the WLBC Planning Committee on 5th September after being deferred at the April Planning Committee. Objections had again been raised about the lack of green space. There had been a mass abstention in voting and after

much debate, application 0118 (for an access road leading to the 9 houses in application 0117) had been passed. Further objections had been raised in speeches on behalf of the Parish Council and by Ward Councillor Ian Rigby regarding application 0117 (for 9 houses) and after further debate the Planning

7 To adopt the updated Financial Regulations document

The Financial Regulations document had been updated as agreed by Councillors at the July Parish Council meeting and it was resolved to adopt the amended version.

8 To adopt the updated Standing Orders

It was resolved to adopted some minor changes to the current Standing Orders to reflect the updated Financial Regulations whilst a full review of the Standing Orders was undertaken.

It was agreed that Cllr Pallas and Cllr Clayton would form a working party to complete a full review of the Standing Orders.

9 To consider Autumn maintenance of the public footpaths

Footpaths 17, 20 and 21 had undergone strimming in mid-August as they had become unpassable. It was agreed that the condition of the remainder of the footpaths was acceptable and would not need strimming until next year. However, FP101 through to Statham Road, in particular, was being encroached by brambles which needed cutting back. It was noted that Councillors could clear any overhanging brambles from footpaths if they carried secateurs with them when walking footpaths over the following few weeks and the cuttings could safely be laid alongside the path concerned.

10 To discuss options to hinder access into Swells Wood via the farm field following the removal of vegetation under the powerlines

It was agreed to put a post and wire fence along with hedging down the edge of Swells Wood from the access point from the farm field where a gate is to be placed up to where the embankment becomes steep. The Clerk will source 40 hawthorn/hedging plants.

11 To arrange street furniture maintenance checks

The Clerk had been compiling a comprehensive list which located all the street furniture in order for regular maintenance checks to be completed. The list was circulated and the help of Councillors was requested to pin point the location of any fingerposts or way markers which had not been accounted for.

12 Update on Friends of Jacobs Wood flyer

Councillors approved a flyer advertising the Friends of Jacobs Wood (FOJW) Facebook page. The Facebook page would be used to inform residents when work parties were planned and to get a group of people together who were

interested in being proactive in the development and upkeep of the woods. Circa 10 copies of the flyer were to be laminated and displayed in the woods.

13 To agree date for winter newsletter and consider articles for inclusion

It was agreed to produce a winter newsletter for printing in late November ready for delivery to residents in early December.

Suggested articles for inclusion:-

Change to .gov.uk - Clerk

CCLA - Clerk

FOJW – Cllr Steele (2 pages)

Appeal for another councillor – Cllr Blackledge

Welcome to new residents – Cllr Clayton

It was noted that there are currently 834 registered electors in Lathom South. 526 properties are on the register, of which 106 have no one registered. In some cases, the properties may still be unoccupied or under construction.

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

After a WLBC Enforcement Officer had stated that Shireoaks was a recognised Gypsy site, SLRA made a freedom of information request for any documentation showing that Shireoaks had become a recognised Gypsy site. No response had been received within the twenty working day timescale and when the request had been chased up, SLRA had been informed that there was no correspondence to provide under the FOI request. A complaint had since been made about the assumption having been made that the site had been granted Gypsy site status and the Enforcement Officer had been reassigned to look into the situation.

The Planning Enforcement Team have been involved in investigating a hardstanding which has been put down at 187 Wigan Road.

There had still been no remediation work by Wainhomes after a pipeline had been put through FP101. It was to be a joint job with Bellway when the work on Neverstitch Road was being carried out but the Neverstitch Road work had been completed without PF101 being reinstated to an acceptable condition.

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

Cllr Darren Steele will attend the Mayoral procession on 22nd September.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Cllr Roger Clayton
Chairman**

9th October 2024