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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 November 2025.

Councillors in attendance: Cllr Karen Fairhurst, Cllr Ernie Pallas and Cllr Darren Steele (Chairman)

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Andrew Chanter, Cllr Roger Clayton and Cllr Andy Taylor

In attendance: One member of the public was in attendance

MINUTES

1 To record apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andrew Chanter, Cllr Roger Clayton, Cllr Andy Taylor and Ward Cllr Linda Webster.

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 8th October 2025

The minutes of the meeting of 8th October 2025 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4 Public Participation

One member of the public was in attendance.

5 To approve notices for way markers at entrances to farmland

Following consultation with a local farmer, it was resolved to purchase 5 rigid plastic, pre- printed signs.

6 To ratify and authorise payment of accounts presented

Talk Mobile	091025	Mobile phone bill	d.d	£6.25
Santander	161025	Bank charges	b.t	£31.65
NEST	271025	Clerk's Pension Oct 25	d.d	£167.23
J Smith	291025	Clerk's salary Oct 25	b.t	£774.27
HMRC	291025	Employer NI payment	b.t	£84.10
Cricket Club	121125	Room hire	b.t	£50.00
SLCC	121125	Membership fee increase	b.t	£46.00

The above accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

7 Update on transfer of bank account from Santander to Unity Trust Bank

The Clerk advised the full transfer to Unity Trust Bank from Santander was scheduled for completion on 13 November 2025 at which point the Santander accounts would be closed.

8 To discuss any planning issues

Application Number: 2025/0906/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing detached single car garage. New single storey attached two car garage. Utility room and W.C.

Location: Belgrave, Plough Lane, Lathom

Response Deadline: 21 November 2025

There were no objections to the above application and it was resolved not to make a comment on the Planning Portal.

Application Number: 2025/0890/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2022/0138/FUL in relation to approved plans.

Location: Slate Farm, Slate Lane, Lathom

Response Deadline: 21 November 2025

There were no objections to the above application and it was resolved not to make a comment on the Planning Portal.

9 To consider the asbestos report on Swells Wood

The completed asbestos report had not been received. Therefore, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

10 To agree a date for hedge planting in Swells Wood

The Woodland Trust had delivered 420 hedging saplings. It was agreed that a working party would meet at 10.30am on Sunday 16th November to plant the saplings along a section of the north boundary of Swells Wood and the adjoining farm field.

11 Update on the Firwood Road Bridge Project and approval of the LCC Highways agreement

WLBC agreed to remove the requirement for the Parish Council to hold Professional Indemnity Insurance from the funding agreement for the Firwood Road Bridge Project. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the acceptance of this variation to the agreement.

The draft agreement from LCC Highways regarding completion of the work had been circulated to all Councillors. No concerns were raised by Parish Councillors or by the solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed that the solicitor would be informed that the agreement is acceptable to the Parish Council without amendment.

12 To approve the Winter 2025 newsletter and agree distribution list

The draft of the Winter 2025 was approved. It was resolved to have 525 copies printed. Volunteers for distribution of the newsletter were noted.

13 To receive feedback from the 1st November LCC Conference

The Councillors who attended the LCC Conference commented that it had been informative and enjoyable.

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

There was no report from SLRA.

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

There were no exchanges of information

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Cllr Darren Steele
Chairman

10th December 2025