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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 November 2022.

**Councillors in attendance: Cllr Andrew Beeston, Cllr Carol Blackledge, Cllr Roger Clayton (Chairman), Cllr Ian Moran
Cllr Ernie Pallas**

Apologies received: Cllr Andrew Chanter

In attendance: Four members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTES

1 To record apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Chanter.

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 12th October 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October were accepted as a true 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

Residents raised concerns about a large advertising sign for Latune Gardens/Wainhomes which had been erected on Blaguegate Lane on the land opposite to Firwood Road. It was assumed the landowner had given permission for the sign. Residents main concern was that this land would become part of the Local Plan for further development. Although it was understood that this land was previously considered as not being viable to

build upon, due to an underlying pipe line, the Clerk would enquire if there were new plans for this land. It was suggested residents also raise their concerns with the local Labour candidate.

It was noted that the land on the left side of Firwood Road, to Plough Lane, had already been highlighted for building and Wainhomes had an option to buy much of the land.

5 To receive the Tree Warden report

Tree Warden, Councillor Beeston, gave the good news that the Weeping Cedar tree, which had been purchased earlier in the year, had been planted now that the ground was in a better condition. A Queens Green Canopy plaque will be installed alongside the tree in due course. Thanks were given to Cllr Chanter for planting the tree and for looking after it throughout the summer whilst waiting for suitable planting conditions.

The newly planted Weeping Willow had thankfully survived trees falling around it during a storm and is doing well. Andrew Greenough is booked to do further brash clearing in the central planted area in Swells Wood to allow the trees to flourish. It was still planned to keep Swells Wood as a wild wood. Any volunteers to keep the area tidy would be much appreciated.

Free hedging plants were available from the Tree Council so if any gaps in farmers hedges were evident these could be planted up with free hedging plants. Lathom St James School have done a lot of planting following the planting of the Community Orchard and there are plans for more involvement to engage the children. The Orchard continued to do well and most trees were growing and producing fruit. As a Community Orchard the community are encouraged to carefully pick the fruit.

6 To ratify and authorise payment of accounts presented

Santander	161022	Bank charges	b.t	£.0.05
CPRE	241022	Annual membership	b.t	£36.00
J Smith	291022	Clerk's gross salary Sept	s.o	£566.16
Cricket Club	091122	Room Hire	b.t	£45.00

The Clerk advise of the following income received

Precept 2nd installment – 28th September 2022 (£3,448.00)
2nd Concurrent payment – 9th November 2022 (£315.00)

The Precept had not been increased for 2 years; this will be reviewed at the December meeting when the 2022-23 budget will be discussed.

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

7 To discuss any current planning issues

No current applications.

Cllr Andrew Beeston left the meeting 8.15pm.

8 Update on issues raised regarding building works off Firswood Road by Wainhomes

There still appeared to be no wheel wash facilities at Latune Gardens which is in breach of condition 8 of the outline planning. Firswood Road continued to be getting covered in mud and cleaning by the road sweeper was intermittent. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise an official Parish complaint with WLBC Planning and Enforcement.

Road cleaner tankers making several journeys over the bridge is hazardous for drivers and pedestrians and is not an acceptable alternative to a wheel wash on site.

9 Update on the parish council website

Work on the new website was at a point where the site could go live and continue to evolve over time. It was resolved to launch the new website as soon as possible. The Clerk would contact Hugo Fox to start the process.

10 To discuss subscribing to Parish Online

The Clerk advised that Parish Online subscription is based on area/population size. The current annual cost for Lathom South Parish Council would be £84 incl VAT. However, as a Public Sector organisation, Parish Councils have access to certain maps and data through Ordnance Survey for free.

In order to register for access to mapping through Ordnance Survey (OS), a Public Sector Geospatial Mapping Agreement (PSGA) Licence is required. On investigation the Clerk had established that Lathom South PC held a PSGA licence which was registered via a former Councillor. The Clerk had made a request with PSGA to change the Lathom South PC license over to the Clerk's details. Once the transfer was completed the Clerk could establish what free maps and information were available through OS. It was agreed to postpone any decisions on a Parish On Line subscription until OS accessibility was fully explored.

11 To approve Newsletter

The draft newsletter had been circulated to Councillors by email for proof reading. The draft article concerning water coming off Hollands Lane had been amended, as the problem has resumed recently, however, this may be due to the recent high levels of rainfall and the drainage system in place not being able to cope.

The draft was approved for sending to print. Offers made by Councillors and residents to deliver the newsletters were gratefully accepted. The Clerk advised she would finalise delivery details once the printed newsletters were received from the printers.

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

There was no update from SLRA.

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

The Clerk was taking annual leave from Saturday 19th – Monday 28th November incl.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

**Cllr Roger Clayton
Chairman**

14th December 2022