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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 8th June 2022.

In attendance: Cllr Carol Blackledge, Cllr Roger Clayton (Chairman), Cllr Ian Moran.

In attendance: County Cllr Rob Bailey

Apologies received from: Cllr Andrew Beeston, Cllr Andrew Chanter

MINUTES

1 To record apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Beeston and 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 11th May 2022

The minutes of the AGM meeting held on 11th May were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Public Participation

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

County Cllr Rob Bailey advised that the schedule of rates for part funding of infrastructure with LCC and Parish Councils is still being negotiated with Highways.

The new Report It App is still rolling out and should be completely live mid-August. Another App linked to libraries is also being set up.

5 To ratify and authorise payment of accounts presented

Cq No 022045	130522	Land Registry	cq	£4.00
Santander	160522	Bank charges	d.d.	£0.05
Zurich	200522	Insurance premium	b.t	£301.10
J Smith	3005222	Clerk's gross salary May	s.o	£453.94
J Services	300522	Annual litter pick	b.t	£855.00
W Beeston	300522	Cedar tree reimbursement	b.t	£181.00
Classic Garden Furniture	300522	Queen's Green Canopy plaque	b.b	£235.00
Cricket Club	080622	Room hire	b.t.	£45.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

6 To discuss any current planning issues:

Application Number: 2022/0469/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition No 1 of Planning Permission 2020/0906/ARM relating to changes to house types and changes to the section 106 agreement, including removal of affordable housing and agreed financial contributions which had led to permission being given.

Location: Land To The East Of Firwood Road Lathom Lancashire

The meeting was informed that the Residents Association had written again to the Planning Department to object to the proposed variation but had received no response. It was suggested that the Residents Association also raise their concerns with WLBC Councillors, Cllr David O'Toole, Cllr Adrian Owens and Cllr David Westley.

Proposed section 106 changes were unacceptable. LSPC resolved to lodge an objection based on the underlying principles of the variation request being unacceptable.

7 To receive the Tree Warden report

Although Cllr Beeston was unable to attend the meeting, he had forwarded some information to be shared at the meeting.

Cllr Beeston had cleared a section of footpath in Swells Wood towards a spot designated for the planting of a new specimen tree. It should be possible to finish clearing this access and plant the tree even if the rest of the brash is not cleared.

A Queens Green Canopy plaque had been purchased to mark the planting of a Weeping Willow tree in Swells Wood to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Andrew Chanter had offered to put the plaque in place.

It was agreed that access into Swells Wood would need to be considered further in order for equipment, specifically a wood chipper, to be used to clear the brash. It was established that even if a chipper could fit through the kissing gate at the entrance to Jacobs Wood it would still not be possible to negotiate the terrain into Swells Wood where the chipper is required.

A route for the tree walk was yet to be agreed.

The drainage issue at Hollands Lane appeared to be much improved. As there had been little rain it may be too soon to establish if the problem is fully resolved.

8 Update on Swells Wood

This item had been covered under item 7.

9 To discuss future maintenance of footpaths

Julian Pritchard had completed the strimming of the majority of the footpaths. The meeting agreed that an ongoing maintenance contract to keep the footpaths clear would be beneficial. The Clerk is to make further enquiries regarding a possible contract with Julian Pritchard.

10 To receive internal audit, complete Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2021/22

The Clerk presented the audit as it had been presented to the internal auditor. Following the correction of where the staffing costs were shown on the form, the accounting statements were signed off as correct and will be uploaded to the external auditors' website in due course.

11 Consideration of Parish and Town Council Charter 2022-2024

No comments were raised regarding the new Parish and Town Council Charter. It was agreed to adopt the essence of the Charter.

12 Update on the parish council website

The Clerk reported that the website had been upgraded to the silver package. Hugo Fox had advised that payment would not be taken until the website was ready to 'go live'. The Clerk continued to work on building the website but advised that progress had been slow due to other commitments such as preparing the annual audit.

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

Several months ago, SLRA raised the question of where the cycle path, to be provided from Slate Lane alongside Slate Brook, would take cyclists to having reached FP101.

Plans approved for plot B now show the path being extended to the underpass of Neverstitch Road but it is just labelled "path". There is no indication of who will provide the extension, when it will be provided or how it will be signed i.e. footpath and/or cycle path. No response has yet been received from the Borough Council.

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

It is hoped a new bin is to be placed on Hollands Lane.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Cllr Roger Clayton
Chairman

20th July 2022