

## LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10 January 2023

Latton Parish Hall

at 7:30pm

### Councillors present:

Cllr P Rawsthorne (Chairman) Cllr D Lloyd Cllr R De'witt Cllr K Johnson Cllr J Towner

**Clerk:** Tina Jones PSLCC

**Others in Attendance:** Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones and 3 Members of the Public

### Public and Councillor Question Time:

There were no questions raised

## MINUTES

### 22.89 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were ACCEPTED from Councillor Clarke. Councillor Slater was not present. Members unanimously APPROVED Councillor Clarke's request for a leave of absence from Council meetings until May 2023.

### 22.90 Minutes of the previous meetings

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Members ADOPTED the minutes as a true record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

### 22.91 Wiltshire Councillor Report

Members received an update from WC Councillor Jones, Main points were:

- Water Eaton traffic survey – discussed under Minute Reference 22.95
- Castle Eaton Biomass – Wiltshire Council Highways has objected to the proposed 21 passing places along the C114 from the A419 turning to Castle Eaton for the second Biomass plant. It has come to light that Wiltshire Council Highways was not consulted when the original planning permission for the first Biomass Plant was granted by Swindon Borough Council
- Wiltshire Council has announced that Parishes will have to pay for elections from 2025.

### 22.92 Clerks Report

Members NOTED the report.

#### 21.116 Water Eaton Traffic Survey

Members NOTED the results of the Water Eaton Traffic Survey, waiting on the result of the second survey are received. Members agreed that all households in Water Eaton would be sent a letter (posted) with the results of both surveys once second has taken place.

Members AGREED to close – see Minute Reference 22.95

#### Parish Maintenance

Following discussions, Councillor Clarke AGREED to speak to a local farmer regarding the hedge behind the bus stop. Meeting Update: Clerk to check with Councillor Clarke

The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes to spray and clear weeds from Gosditch to Croft Lane. Cost included in new Contract, Members AGREED to close – see Minute Reference 22.94

Parish Steward to be asked to clear overhanging branches over footpaths, completed. Members AGREED to close

#### 22.73 Community Garden Agreement

New agreement signed, agreement in place from 29 June 22. Signed copy of the agreement received from Bidwells. Next steps for the Council is to draft a formal agreement with the users. Members AGREED to close – see Minute Reference 22.96

#### Actions 27 September meeting

- Report of broken stile at Lake Louise – reported to Wiltshire Council. Meeting Update: Councillor Rawsthorne to check stile
- Entrance to the Down Ampney track has been vandalised, gate timber smashed, wheelchair access issues. All reported to Bidwells.

#### 21.24 Relocation of Waste Bin

Wiltshire Council is happy for the waste bin to be moved to the start of the public footpath to Down Ampney at Parish Council Costs. Cllr Rawsthorne to arrange Working Party to relocate.

**22.46 Parish Logo**

Members AGREED that design A was the most appropriate, with the addition of the canal bridge on top line, the straight line changed to blue, so both the river and canal form part of the design. Wording to be amended to Latton Parish Council, with Eysey and Water Eaton. Councillor Lloyd to arrange for design to be amended, for reconsideration at a future meeting. Meeting update: Councillor Lloyd to follow up

**22.51 Cycling Event**

Councillors Rawsthorne and Johnson to meet with the Organiser to discuss the issues raised by residents and the observations made. Meeting to be arrange for the Spring

**22.85 Play Area Inspection**

Members NOTED the inspection – main points: all low or very low risks identified. Gate (Play Area/Jubilee Garden) – level reinstatement required and to remove weeds etc Goalmouth and Basketball Post – Signage required – as picked up in previous years – Clerk to seek advice on suitable location. Cableway – recommendation from Inspector that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for damage, security or internal rusting, this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment. Clerk to seek advice. Emails sent and chase email no response to date. Clerk to order graffiti remover

**Website and Emails**

Website design in progress, unfortunately the old site was closed before completion. Councillor Lloyd to receive website training along with the Clerk.

**22.93 Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation**

Members NOTED the Bank Account figures, bank balance as of 30 November = £55,739.52 including ring fenced funding of £24,963.35. Members APPROVED the expenditure schedule.

**22.94 Grass Cutting Contract**

Members NOTED the quote received and the letter from the St. John the Baptist Church PCC. Following discussions, the Clerk was asked to investigate contribution status, and to write to the PCC. Content to include contributions and forward planning. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

**22.95 Water Eaton Speed Review**

Members NOTED the results of the traffic survey along the C114. The Wiltshire Council proposal is to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph from the junction with the C114/A419 Water Eaton to South Farm Cottage and to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph from South Farm Cottage to the Castle Eaton Village sign. Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to support the proposal, with costs met from the ring fenced funds set aside for Water Eaton.

**22.96 Community (Jubilee) Garden**

Members NOTED the signed lease had been received. Standing Orders were Suspended to allow discussions with the residents interested in organising a Jubilee Garden Community Group. It was AGREED that the draft Users agreement and draft constitution, would be sent to them for consideration. WC Councillor Jones also explained the process to apply for an Area Board Grant, Councillor Rawsthorne to forward on the information. Standing Orders were Reinstated

Three Members of the Public left the meeting

**22.97 Precept 2023-2024**

Members NOTED the report and precept analysis. Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to reduce the funds for the Coronation celebrations to £500. Members RESOLVED to set a precept for 2023-2024 of £14,567 equating to a Band D of £56.04 an increase of £4.43= 8.59%.

**22.88 Councillor Updates**

Area Board – Councillor Rawsthorne: He did not attend the last meeting. Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Janaury in Purton Village Hall starting at 6pm

Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne: New Latton Facebook page called Latton Local which is for businesses. No noticable drop on the Community page, few new members as probably reached saturation limit for the village.

Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) – Councillor Lloyd: He did not attend the last meeting. Next meeting to be held 22 February – online.

Safety Forum – Councillor Johnson: No meeting in December, next meeting on 13 January

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| Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne: Working but still unable to download, Councillor Johnson volunteered to help Councillor Rawsthorne with downloading.                                                                                    |
| Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson: The Clerk was asked to chase the previously requested traffic survey. There is a marked decrease in lorries through the village. Mud on the road from the quarry, roadsweeper does go through regularly |
| Recreation Hall Development – Councillor Rawsthorne: Meeting to be held on 11 January                                                                                                                                                                    |

Meeting Closed at 20.36