

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
25th March 2025
Latton Parish Hall
at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

Cllr J Towner (Chairman) Cllr D Lloyd (Vice Chairman) Cllr R De'Witt Cllr R Mitchell
Cllr K Johnson

Apologies: Cllr Dye (Wiltshire Council)

Clerk: Johanna Harvey-Cove

Others in Attendance: David Newton, Jon Courtiour, Reg Bennett

Public and Councillor Question Time:

- i. JC raised concerns regarding security in the village and proposed reconsidering the placement of CCTV. The council acknowledged that this issue had been explored previously but confirmed that implementation was not feasible due to the need for system housing and data management. As an alternative, the council suggested exploring a Neighbourhood Watch programme, which will be included in future agendas.
- ii. DN requested information on the implementation of speed indication devices in Water Eaton. RD would provide the information required.
- iii. DN wished to join the LPC as a Cllr representing the village of Water Eaton. To be discussed at the meeting.

MINUTES

25.01	Apologies for Absence Cllr Dye (Wiltshire Council) offered his apologies.
25.02	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations No declarations of interest were received No requests for dispensations were received.
25.03	Chairman's Announcements Cllr J Towner provided the following updates: a. To acknowledge the passing of former LPC Chairman Peter Rawsthorne, extend heartfelt condolences to his family, and express gratitude for his dedicated contributions and service. b. Acknowledge the resignation of Cllr Bob Mitchell and express gratitude for his dedicated contributions and service. c. He informed the council of his decision to resign as Chairman, with this meeting being his final one. Attendees expressed their thanks and appreciation for his leadership and service over the past five years.
25.04	Minutes of the Previous Meeting Members considered and ADOPTED the minutes as a true record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 December 2024.

25.05	Wiltshire Councillor Update No update was provided.																								
25.06	Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation Members NOTED the Bank Account figures, bank balance to 18 th March 2025. Members APPROVED.																								
25.07	Precept Members NOTED the precept application had been submitted requesting 0% increase on FY 23/24.																								
25.08	Correspondence and Information Cllrs NOTED the following. a. Correspondence from Cllr Colin Williams, CEPC – re: Digester Traffic <i>ACTION: DN will investigate and compile findings on traffic concerns to present at the next LPC meeting, ensuring Cllr Dye is actively included in the discussion.</i> b. Major Structures Maintenance on A419/A417 - RMS																								
25.09	Planning Applications <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">PL/2025/02291– Full Planning Permission</td><td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">Applicant: Brook Bishop</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Address: 11 COLLETT PLACE, LATTON, SWINDON, SN6 6EH</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Proposal: Replace soft wood windows</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Application link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000</td></tr> <tr> <td>PL/2025/02291– Full Planning Permission</td><td style="text-align: right;">Applicant: Timothy Furmidge</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Address: Eysey Manor Quarry, Eysey, Cricklade, Swindon, SN6 6LP</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Proposal: Erection of workshop building for repair and maintenance of plant and machinery at Eysey Quarry</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Application link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000</td></tr> <tr> <td>PL/2025/02291– Full Planning Permission</td><td style="text-align: right;">Officer Name: Audrey Lo</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Address: The Lodge, South Farm, Water Eaton, Swindon, SN6 6JU</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey porch. Installation of new glazing to existing main house, to suit internal alterations</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Application link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000DE5rZ</td></tr> </table>	PL/2025/02291– Full Planning Permission	Applicant: Brook Bishop	Address: 11 COLLETT PLACE, LATTON, SWINDON, SN6 6EH		Proposal: Replace soft wood windows		Application link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000		PL/2025/02291– Full Planning Permission	Applicant: Timothy Furmidge	Address: Eysey Manor Quarry, Eysey, Cricklade, Swindon, SN6 6LP		Proposal: Erection of workshop building for repair and maintenance of plant and machinery at Eysey Quarry		Application link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000		PL/2025/02291– Full Planning Permission	Officer Name: Audrey Lo	Address: The Lodge, South Farm, Water Eaton, Swindon, SN6 6JU		Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey porch. Installation of new glazing to existing main house, to suit internal alterations		Application link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000DE5rZ	
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	Cllrs NOTED the planning applications detailed.																								
25.10	LPCT Conveyancing The committee AGREED to contribute £1500 towards the conveyancing fees associated with the New Village Hall project.																								

25.11	Clerks Report Parish Clerk Update The Parish Clerk has been promoted in their primary job and had reduced capacity to continue with the Clerk and RFO role. The Clerk had been in touch with Cllr Dye and WALC for support and the role was advertised locally. Opportunities would be discussed at Item 13 on the meeting agenda. Down Ampney Track No further correspondence had been received to the Clerk regarding the entrance to the Down Ampney track that had been repaired and restricted access to unauthorised vehicles but also limited access to other legitimate users. DISCUSS removing from agenda and report. Community Garden Ivy Works were completed to clear ivy from the jubilee garden wall. DISCUSS implementing routine maintenance. Defibrillator The defibrillator was repaired and back 'online'. Biomass Plant Water Eaton A parishioner from Water Eaton had requested support from the council regarding the effect of the planned increase to the size of a biomass plant on the Water Eaton Road (C114). Parishioner invited to LPC meeting to DISCUSS. Members NOTED the report.
25.12	Councillor Resignations a. Cllrs ACKNOWLEDGED the resignation of the Chairman, Cllr James Towner and thank him for his service to the Latton Parish Council. b. Cllrs ACKNOWLEDGED the resignation of Cllr Robert Mitchell and thank him for his service on the Latton Parish Council.
25.13	Parish Clerk Post and LPC Composition It was AGREED that Cllr Johnson would assume the role of Chairman. <i>ACTION: Clerk would complete necessary administration including financial accounts and banking access.</i> It was AGREED that David Newton would join the LPC as a Councillor. <i>ACTION: Clerk would complete necessary administration.</i> The Parish Clerk notified the Council of her inability to continue in the role due to the increased demands of her routine employment. <i>ACTION: Clerk would engage with WALC for support to cover the role and monitor any local interest.</i>

	<i>ACTION: The Clerk would fulfil the essential duties to ensure the LPC remained operational until a replacement was appointed.</i>		
25.14	Councillor Updates		
	Area of Interest	Cllr	Update
	Area Board	Cllr Townsend	No update
	LHFIG	Cllr Lloyd	No update
	Speed Indication Device	Cllr De'Witt	No issues.
	Speed Watch and Lorry Watch	Cllr Johnson	Due to the lack of volunteers for speed watch activities, the camera was subsequently returned.
	LPCT	No assigned Cllr	To be discussed at the next meeting.
	<i>ACTION: Cllr Johnson would liaise with the local Police regarding the establishment of a SID in Water Eaton.</i>		
<i>ACTION: Clerk to add LPCT representation as an agenda item for the next meeting.</i>			
25.15	LPC Meeting dates		
	Cllrs CONFIRMED availability for 2025 and agreed the following meeting dates:		
	27 th May (Annual Parish Meeting, Annual General Meeting, routine Council Meeting)		
	12 th August		
	7 th October		
	9 th December (REVIEW and APPROVE precept)		
25.16	AOB		
	There had been no further update from Bidwells.		
25.17	The next meeting is scheduled for 27th May 25 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall		
	Meeting Closed at 20:30		