

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8 February 2022

Latton Parish Hall

at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

Cllr P Rawsthorne (Chairman)
Cllr K Johnson

Cllr D Lloyd (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr J Towner

Cllr De'Witt

Clerk: Tina Jones PSLCC

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones and two members of the public

Public and Councillor Question Time: There were no questions asked

MINUTES

21.106 **Apologies for Absence**

All Members were present

21.107 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made

21.108 **Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received

21.109 **Minutes of the previous meetings**

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 14 December 2021, following the correction of a spelling mistake, the minutes were ADOPTED as a true record, they were signed by the Chairman

21.110 **Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update – Main points were:**

- Outline planning permission for the new Recreation Hall has been approved
- All members of the Northern Area Committee were in favour
- A Trust needs to be set now, the Parish Council must instigate this
- The donated £100,000 will not build it, but the Trust can apply for grants to achieve this (such as Hills, Crappers and Community First). Request for Clerk to contact Community First
- Listers has pulled out of the purchase of the Old Creamery

21.111 **Clerks Report** – Members NOTED the report

20.121 /21.71- Water Eaton Donation

Request for a traffic survey has been agreed by WC and via Community Area Transport Group (CATG) a speed reduction action review will also take place on the road. The first survey has taken place. CLOSED see Minute Reference 21.118

Traffic survey instigated by CATG via Atkins - it is not known when this will take place – results will assist WC Traffic Engineers are looking at issues such as a change in speed limit (reduction or increase) or any other traffic schemes. Members agreed that the request for a 25% contribution towards the traffic survey was acceptable. CATG noted this information at the 15 December meeting

20.126 Cerney Wick/Latton Road Parking Issues

Members noted the request from South Cerney PC, requesting a submission to Community Area Traffic Group requesting No Parking signs on the passing places on the road over the A419 between Latton and Cerney Wick. Following discussions, Members agreed to wait until the outcome of the WC Enforcement investigations. WCE advised that the operator has been advised to make a change of application, if they wish to continue using the lake as a commercial operation Meeting Update received from WC on 2 February – The operator is almost ready to submit, they are waiting on some final information

20.144 - Village Maintenance Report

The benches in the Play Area and Jubilee Garden to be replaced with benches made of recycled materials which will require minimum maintenance in the future. The Clerk to obtain designs and costs -on hold re Platinum Jubilee. CLOSED see Minute Reference 21.124

Councillors Rawsthorne and Johnson agreed to remove and dispose of the barbed wire, running along the middle of the fence between the Jubilee Garden and the Play Area. Ongoing Meeting Update: Councillor Towner reported graffiti on the climbing frame – the Clerk was instructed to purchase graffiti remover, costs met from Play Equipment Maintenance

21.24 Relocation of Waste Bin Members AGREED to ask Wiltshire Council if the waste bin by the Play Area could be relocated to the start of the public footpath to Down Ampney. This move is requested due to the volume of dog waste being left at the entrance. Councillor Rawsthorne to speak with resident regarding relocation. Meeting Update: Councillor Rawsthorne suggested an alternative position, to send photographs to the Clerk Councillor Rawsthorne to speak with residents. Ongoing
21.26 Collapsed Wall Wall collapsed on 4 October following bad weather Bidwells advised they have requested a quote to get it rebuilt and will advise when they can instruct the works. Wall has been rebuilt. Meeting update: Councillor Towner reported that a builders bag had been left on site, the Clerk was asked to contact the land agent
21.50 College of Arms – Parish Crest Councillor Lloyd agreed to take forward the concept of a Parish Logo, with designs available later this year for consideration. Meeting Update: The project brief is out with the students. Ongoing
21.56 Recreation Hall Development Councillors Lloyd and Johnson to attend the planning call in meeting when it is arranged. 21.103 Meeting to discuss application on 6th January, ahead of the planning application being considered on 2nd February by the Northern Area Planning Committee. CLOSED see Minute Reference 21.110
21.64 Cycling Events Councillor Johnson reported that he would be discussing the issues of cycling events at the next meeting of the RWB&C Community Safety Forum, the new North Events Planner & Resources Co-ordinator will be attending, after this meeting Councillor Rawsthorne and Johnson will arrange a meeting with the cycling event organisers. Meeting update: Councillor Johnson queried how the new Highway Code changes would affect their Risk Assessment. Ongoing
21.68 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons Members NOTED the invitation and RESOLVED to light the beacon on Thursday 2 June 2022 at 9.15pm as part of the Platinum Jubilee extended bank holiday weekend, Thursday 2 – Sunday 5 June 2022. The Clerk was asked to contact Phil Winfield to see if he would like to organise a fundraising village BBQ over the Jubilee weekend. Mr Winfield contacted agreed in principle, details to be discussed and finalised. CLOSED see Minute Reference 21.124
21.99 Play Area Gate Members resolved to accept Quote B to replace both gates at a maximum cost of £700, the final cost depends on whether the old hinges can be reused. Gates have been ordered
21.102 Road Markers and Road Studs Members agreed to write to the Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer and request that consideration be given to replacing them along the Ermin Street, due to: • The current line markings are very old (pre by-pass) and are not in the centre of the road. • Ermin Street is too busy to be classed as a country road. • Can the white lines be closer together, to encourage drivers to slow down. • It is a busy stretch of road, where cars exceed the speed limit most of the time. • When the A419 is closed for road works, or accidents, all traffic is diverted along it. • The Village is used a pickup/drop off point for local villages attending various schools in the area To add issue a CATG discussion to next agenda to discuss traffic calming through the village. CLOSED see Minute Reference 21.123
21.103 Flooding in Gosditch Members NOTED the concerns for a resident regarding flooding. Councillor Lloyd observed a resident rodding a drain in this area to clear the flood water, the drain maybe blocked further down causing a build-up. Councillor Lloyd agreed to take photographs, Councillor Jones will then look at the drainage maps, to move issue forward – ongoing
Parish Newsletter Newsletters delivered – CLOSED

21.112 **Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation**
Members NOTED the funds held and APPROVED the list of payments to 17 December 2021.

21.113 **Correspondence**

a) Members NOTED the letter of thanks from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) regarding Churchyard maintenance for 2022-2023. The PCC would like to discuss the future of the existing Church Hall and the Church with the Council, once the outcome of the planning application for the new recreation hall is known.

- b) Members NOTED the request for a memorial bench in the Jubilee Garden, this has been put on hold pending a new lease, as the current lease finishes in May.
- c) Members NOTED the information from Marion Parsons, who is planning to write a limited edition booklet (as part of the Cricklade Revealed series) exclusively about Latton and its surrounding parish – based on memories, additional information and previously unpublished pictures. Chapters to include village life, the CWS farms including Eisey, lakes, canal, basin, and the Creamery etc. Any proceeds from sales to be donated to a Latton good cause, Members suggested the PCC Hardship Fund.

21.114 **Planning Applications**

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decision to Approve with Conditions

Application PL/2021/05826	Address: 5 Seven Bridges Cottage, Water Eaton, SN6 6JS Applicant: Mr Dinis Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
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21.115 **Down Ampney Parish Council - Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

Members NOTED the opportunity to make comment.

21.116 **Health and Wellbeing/Older and Vulnerable People and their Carer's Group**

Members NOTED that the RWB and Cricklade Area Board is looking for a volunteer from the Community to represent the Parish. The request for a volunteer to be posted on the Community Facebook, and the Clerk was asked to contact a resident.

21.117 **Black Burr Farm**

Members NOTED the application for mineral extraction at Blackburr Farm been submitted to Wiltshire Council, although not yet registered. Following the Community Consultation, the proposal has been modified and the application improved to reflect community comments, outcomes of environmental assessments, planning policy updates and stakeholder feedback.

21.118 **Water Eaton Traffic Survey**

Members NOTED the results of the Water Eaton Traffic Survey, waiting on the result of the second survey are received. Main Results were: Northbound peak between 6am and 10am, one vehicle is travelling at over 90mph, the same peak Southbound occurs between 4pm and 6pm, 94% is vans and cars, 5% large vehicles. There were no incidents or observations during the survey period which started on 21 November 2021.

Wiltshire Council has stated that the results of the first survey demonstrate that no further action is required at present. Members AGREED that all households in Water Eaton would be sent a letter (posted) with the results of both surveys once the second one has taken place.

21.119 **Thames Water**

A resident had raised concerns regarding the possibility of a large amount of additional cleaned wastewater coming towards Latton, from a development in Cirencester, cleaned by Thames Water and then discharged. Members NOTED the report – Thames Water advised that this was not the case - storm water treatment which will go through reed beds and the storm land treatment areas to be then discharged into the Shorncote Ditch. Thames Water also advised that there will be customer engagement once the project is in a more established phase and we will be communicating our upgrade with the local community.

21.120 **Meeting Dates 2022-2023**

Members NOTED the dates for the Parish meeting: 10 May - Annual Parish Meeting and Council Meeting, 14 June 2022 – Special Audit Meeting, 26 July 2022, 13 September 2022, 8 November 2022, 10 January 2023 and 7 March 2023.

21.121 **Latton in Bloom and Best Kept Village Competition**

Members NOTED the report and after discussions AGREED to ask on social media for a Co-ordinator for the Best Kept Village competition, to see if anyone wants to take part this year. Members AGREED that more publicity should be made to generate Latton in Bloom entries and a judging criterion should be agreed (next meeting). Members hoped the sunflower fairy would be present again this year too. See Minute Reference 21.124 for more information.

21.122 **Council Mobile Telephone**

Members NOTED the report and following discussions RESOLVED to purchase a Council mobile

to a maximum of £200 (ex VAT) with ongoing costs of a maximum of £10 (ex VAT) for PAYG. Members AGREED a mobile telephone policy with the addition that it should only be switched on during working hours.

21.123 **Traffic Calming Through Village**

Members NOTED the report, after discussions it was agreed that a full report covering all the traffic calming issues affecting the village, was to be prepared for consideration at the next meeting, prior to submission to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG). Main issue traffic calming but to include: speed limits, road markings, road studs, white lining (these are needed for when A419 is closed for road works, or accidents and all traffic is diverted through the village), speeding traffic, unclear weight limit signs, coaches pickup/drop off for schoolchildren from various villages, as the village is used as a pickup/drop off point for local villages attending various schools in the area. Clerk to prepare and circulate to Members for input prior to the next meeting. Councillor Rawsthorne reported a set of road weight limit signs, just before the junction, opposite start of Manor Farm Cottages, have been demolished. WC Councillor Jones agreed to investigate.

21.124 **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Members NOTED the report: Councillor Rawsthorne to post to Community Facebook page for ideas for the weekend. Members AGREED an outline plan: light the beacon on Thursday 2 June at approximately 21.15hrs, the PCC hopefully organise a BBQ and, over the weekend the Council would like to hold the Latton in Bloom competition and perhaps at the same time a Jubilee scarecrow trail. Clerk to check if an official timetable has been released. Members RESOLVED to replace the benches in the Play Area and Garden to mark the Jubilee. Clerk to source no/low maintenance replacements

21.125 **Councillor Updates**

Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – Councillor Lloyd - No Update
Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne There are 217 active members and membership is up by 2.2%
Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne Latest results have been put on Facebook, Maximum speed in January was 78mph, 20% travelling above 35mph
Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson PCSO's attended a recent speed check session. Pleased of what has been achieved over last few months, although sharing of speed gun with Cricklade restricts sessions, the Police Crime Commissioner is getting more speed guns, Clerk to make contact re allocation of cameras.
Recreation Hall Development – Councillor Rawsthorne Message sent to M Pritchard regarding information relating to Trust recruitment
RWB&C Community Safety Forum (RSF) – Councillor Johnson Received a lot of support from the Safety Forum Committee. Topic for next meeting is speeding

Meeting Closed at 8.32pm