

Latton Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Village Hall, Croft Lane, Latton
Date & Time: 9th July 2019, 7:30 pm
Attendees: Cllr Peter Rawsthorne (Chairman), Cllr Chris Lennon, Cllr David Lloyd, Cllr Jack Myszkowski, Cllr Barbara Hurst, Wilts Councillor Bob Jones
Several Members of The Public were present
Apologies: Potential Councilor Matt Pritchard

19.19 Public question time and petitions: Phil Winfield highlighted the overgrown state of the footpath at the end of Upcott linking Lake Louise. *CL agreed to report to Wiltshire County Council and the Footpaths Officer – **Done: Job Number 4058184***
The future of the village hall and proposed village hall developments were discussed as separate agenda items

19.20 Declarations of interest: None received or declared. Bob Jones highlighted that Barbara Hurst is not noted on the register of interests. Barbara recalled completing this and agreed to complete the declaration of interest on the Wilts Council Website without delay.
<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=CouncillorsDeclarationofInterest&bcr=1>

19.21 Matters Arising from the above Minutes: The Latton Parish Council Website is currently not active and functioning, this is the central repository for all documentation and the previous minutes were circulated as a hyperlink to the website, therefore the minutes were not available to be approved and signed off. *This agenda item has therefore been carried forward and these will be approved at the next meeting.*

19.22 Co-option of Councilor Matthew Pritchard: Matthew was not present and it was not possible to co-opt a councilor in absentia, *this is therefore carried forward and Matt will be co-opted at the next parish council meeting.*

19.23 Website and Email Updates: It has been noted that the Parish Council Website has been offline for over two weeks and within the last week the email addresses of councilors attaching to the Lattonparishcouncil.org.uk domain appear to be intermittently working if at all. *Cllr C Lennon agreed to investigate the website and email domain issues reported with www.123-reg.co.uk – an update will be circulated ASAP*

19.24 Update re proposed Village Hall Development: Update from Matt Pritchard (*Chairman of the Latton Parish Council Community Trust*): The formation of the Trust is being finalized under the above name, the submission will be made this week after signatures obtained by the other trustees. MP agreed to confirm to all involved. Mr B Oram (*Land Owner*) confirmed that all paperwork and legal matters have been attended to and as soon as the trust is formed the deed of gift will be raised.

19.25 Vacancy Update re Parish Council Clerk: Cllr C Lennon confirmed having posted notice of the vacancy on the notice boards around the village and tweeted the advert. *C Lennon to liaise with SLCC to have posted on the notice boards and advert shared with Wilts Council.*
Cllr Bob Jones confirmed that the Parish Council cannot function without an active Clerk and so attention must be given to fill this role as a priority. If this is not addressed Wilts Council may intervene and take over Parish Council Duties. In doing so Parish Council Funds will be

absorbed by Wilts Council or Cricklade Town Council if merged with Cricklade and the precept will be set by these bodies.

19.26 Speedwatch & Lorry Watch Update: C Lennon confirmed that despite initial interest no further volunteers have come forward. Clr Barbara Hurst volunteered to attend training and advised one other resident has confirmed willingness to participate. *C Lennon agreed to provide information re training and applications to Barbara Hurst – when trained Latton will have an active Speedwatch again.*

C Lennon updated all on the ability to join Lorry Watch, a Police Community Volunteer Initiative to report vehicles exceeding the 7.5t Weight Limit on the Street. The trained and vetted Speedwatch team can undertake this and C Lennon agreed to remain Speedwatch coordinator and fulfill the Lorry Watch Coordinator role. *C Lennon to liaise with Wilts Police to register interest.*

19.27 SID Update: Clr P Rawsthorne confirmed that new batteries are to be obtained for the SID and when obtained the SID will be back in use.

19.28 Chairman's Announcements & Financial Update: The bank have been informed of the Clerk resignation and the temporary FCO role is being undertaken by Clr P Rawsthorne. The bank details have been changed and address amended so correspondence is directed to P Rawsthorne. *Financial details will be confirmed at the next meeting.*

Outstanding items to be settled included:

1. Payment of expenses incurred by Clr B Hurst in purchasing flowers and soil for planters in the village. B Hurst and J Myszkowski have attended to these planters as volunteers.
2. Payment for replacement of gate and fence at rear of Community Garden / border with Paddock
3. Repair to Play-park Zip Wire. Contractors reports highlighted that the vandalism couldn't be repaired/welded. A solution has been suggested by P Rawsthorne and contractors are being engaged to investigate – failing this a proposal to replace the tower will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting

19.29 Progress re replace the fence at Gosditch: The damaged fence and gate are to be replaced with a Style and Fence, the contractors have been appointed and quote accepted at last parish council meeting. This will be completed in October (first available slot)

19.30 Request for funding from Church PCC: Mr P Winfield wrote to the Parish Council highlighting that the PCC will continue to administer the Village Hall until such time as the reordering project can progress. The PCC funded the repairs to the water leak and outstanding water bill and is utilizing funds from the Village Café. The Funding shortfall is c£750 and therefore the PCC have requested a grant of £750 from the Parish Council. This was voted on and unanimously passed with a grant to be made to the PCC. P Winfield also agreed that the Parish Council could use the village hall FOC for future parish council meetings. P Winfield also asked that the reference to Village Hall Booking be changed to Mt P Winfield and the PCC.

19.31 Confidential Matters: None to discuss

19.32 Date of next meeting: 10th September 2019