

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7 September 2021

Latton Parish Hall

at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

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

Clerk: Tina Jones PSLCC

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones, Mr A and Mr C Oram

Public and Councillor Question Time: There were no questions asked

MINUTES

21.57 **Apologies for Absence**

All Members were present.

21.58 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made.

21.59 **Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

21.60 **Minutes of the previous meetings**

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 20 July 2021. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

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

20.120 - Planning - Biodigester at Castle Eaton – S/20/1685

Letters of objections sent by Latton, Castle Eaton and Marston Meysey Parish Councils and WC Cllr Jones. SBC extended the closing date due to the pressure of complaints received. SBC has been asked to review. As at 14 July - There is no further information on the SBC Website.

20.121 - Water Eaton Donation

Request for a traffic survey has been made to WC – delayed additional information required.

21.55 Water Eaton Donation

Members NOTED the response from the Wiltshire Council Engineer following the request from the Council to consider build outs to slow the traffic which was - 'I understand that within Wiltshire, build outs are not implemented outside of 30mph speed limits and the criteria will not be reached to reduce the speed limit through Water Eaton. Members were not happy with the response received and asked WC Councillor Jones to question it with the Principal Officer - See Min. Ref. 21.71

20.126 Cerney Wick/Latton Road Parking Issues

Members noted the request from South Cerney PC, requesting a form is submitted to Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) asking for some No Parking signs on the parking places on the road over the A419 between Latton and Cerney Wick. Following discussions, Members agreed to wait until the outcome of the WCE investigations. WCE has provided the following update: The operator has been contacted and advised that a change of use application is required if they wish to continue using the lake as a commercial operation The Operator has confirmed that they will be submitting an application over the next few weeks. Ongoing

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.

- The Jubilee bench to be renovated at a cost of £490 (ex. VAT). All Costs to be met from Cll Funds. Refurbished back in place – Members AGREED to close
- The gate to the Play Area (broken on left side looking in from road) and requires replacement. The 5-bar gate is 2.4 metres (7ft 9 ins), the pedestrian gate (1.25m (4ft) is in good condition but may not be able to replace just the main gate. The gate posts are in good condition. Contractors contacted 3 x quotes requested.
- Barbed wire (running along the middle) of the fence between the Jubilee Garden and the Play Area to be removed
- Wet pour work completed – Members AGREED to close
- The Annual Play Area Inspection will take place late September

21.23 – Cycle Races

July Meeting update: Following on from the feedback received from Residents relating to the recent cycle races, and the dangerous riding witnessed by Councillor De'witt. – Councillors Rawsthorne, De'witt and Johnson will be meeting with the Organiser of 113 events. Councillor Johnson to arrange the meeting. Members AGREED to close – see Min. Ref. 21.64

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. Ongoing with Wiltshire Council. Councillor Rawsthorne to speak with resident regarding relocation.

21.26 Jubilee Garden Lease - Bidwells

The lease expires on 28 June 2022. Farmcare has been contacted with request for a new lease with same conditions. Email from Bidwells (9 Aug) Thank you for your email. The lease expires in June next year, at the time we can discuss to allow the lease to be extended and whatever terms we agreed to be changed. Members AGREED to close.

Collapsing wall – Bidwells emailed 21 July – They are going to look at wall and will then seek some quotations to get the remedial work done. Ongoing

Bidwells – Open Gap – Bidwells emailed 9 August - they have been in touch with a contractor regarding the open gap on the bridleway and are considering options (whether to gate / fence etc.). they will let us know once a decision is made. Ongoing

21.47 Defibrillator Kiosk

Electrical work has been completed. Members AGREED to Close. Defibrillator signage agreed to purchase three signs to replace the telephone ones – signs have been received and have been fitted. Kiosk and windows have been cleaned and weeds removed. Members AGREED to close.

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. Ongoing

21.53 Residents Comments**RESIDENT A**

Members suggested that the questions raised by Resident A are made directly to the A419 Noise Action Group. It would be a waste of time to create a new Group. Resident A does not appear to have joined the A419NAG perhaps this is a way forward for him. The Council will be putting an item regarding resident's experiences and concerns (see Clerk's report) in the next newsletter with collaboration with the local A419NAG representative - Clerk has Resident advised. Members AGREED to Close

RESIDENT E

We have had quite a downpour this lunchtime and Gosditch road is flooded into the middle from Foxcott all the way up to house called Downfield. The gutters are totally blocked and the flood is actually creeping into some people's driveways as well as out into the middle of the road. Councillors reported the work had been done. Members AGREED to Close

21.56 Recreation Hall Development

During a suspension of Standing Order, Mr Oram updated Councillors. He was disappointed that only 6 people make comments on the 2nd planning application. The building costs have increased by 40% so this will have to be looked at carefully. He has tried to contact but not heard from Mr Prichard regarding the Trust – a statement is needed to include in the notes. The Parish would benefit greatly from a new hall, in the past there was a community building just up the road from the proposed location. Standing Orders were Re-instated WC Councillor Jones said that the application will be called in and all opportunities should be taken. Councillors Lloyd and Johnson will attend the planning call in meeting. See Min. Ref. 21.73

Next Parish Newsletter – Summer 2021

- Council update of Members, Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- 2 vacancies to be filled via Co-option
- Outside fitness park, feedback on equipment they would like an outdoor fitness park
- SSE Priority Service
- Message from Down Ampney PC re Latton Walkers going on to old airfield off the paths
- Latton In Bloom – August 14 & 15th. categories Best: Hanging Basket, Container, Front Garden, Front Door Display and Planted Area Sign (by community area) and Sunflower Competition
- Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – to promote the scheme via the Parish newsletter and ask for a resident to volunteer to administer the scheme for the village.

A419 Road Noise – NAG recommends the Council asks residents if they are still concerned about the issue and to gather data from residents on how they are experiencing the road noise,

the data provided can be analysed and reported back, this would be invaluable in pressing the case
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21.62

Planning Applications

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decision to Approve with Conditions

Application PL/2021/05918	Applicant: Mr Lindley Address: 20 Croft Close, Latton, SN6 6DL Proposal: Rear Single Storey Extension
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Members considered the following Wiltshire Council applications:

Application A PL/2021/06950	Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Stevens Location: 39 Upcott, Latton, SN6 6DS Proposal: Attic conversion to form a bedroom and en-suite and associated works Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT
Application B PL/2021/07903	Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application Applicant: Ms Shepherd and Mr Price Location: Lower Park Farm, Water Eaton, SN6 6JT Proposal: Extension of Existing Ancillary/Tourist Accommodation Within Existing Barn to Convert Remainder of the Building into Extended Ancillary and Tourist Accommodation Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT
Application C PL/2021/03353	Applicant: Lister Wilder Ltd Location: Former Creamery, Cirencester Road, Latton, GL7 5QF Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings, change of use of land and erection of new building to house a workshop, showroom, office and store for agricultural and groundcare machinery business. Associated works including landscaping, laying of hardstanding, erection of lighting and fencing. Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application and commented that the redevelopment of this long unoccupied brownfield site would be good for the village and offer employment opportunities.

21.63

Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation

Members NOTED the funds held and APPROVED the list of payments to 13 August 2021.

21.64

Cycling Events

Members NOTED the concerns raised. 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 and Resources Co-ordinator will be attending. Councillors Rawsthorne and Johnson will arrange a meeting with the cycling event organisers after Councillor Johnson has attended the meeting.

21.65

Down Ampney Parish Council (DAPC) – Thames Water

Members NOTED the correspondence sent to Thames Water from the Chairman of the Planning Committee for DAPC regarding Down Ampney sewage. The sewage is treated at the Ampney St Peter Plant, and the Council is aware that untreated sewage is regularly being discharged into Ampney Brook, this has caused the clarity of the water and fish life to deteriorate over recent years. Following discussions, Members AGREED they supported the statements made and asked the Clerk to respond to DAPC suggesting they make the Environment Agency aware of the issues and concerns and pursue a response to the Thames Water letter and ensure that it is escalated to the CEO.

21.66

Shorncote Quarry Invitation

Members considered the invitation to visit the existing Shorncote Quarry in the Waterpark on 28 September from 10.00 – 13.00. Hills Quarry Products are offering an opportunity to receive an insight into a working quarry and show how phased restoration is undertaken. Councillors Rawsthorne and Johnson to represent the Council and give feedback at the next meeting.

21.67

Climate Strategy and Our Natural Environment Plan Consultation

Members NOTED the information received and the opportunity to comment.

Wiltshire Councillor Jones joined the meeting

- 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.
- 21.69 **Operation London Bridge**
Members NOTED the report. Councillor Johnson volunteered to be the Village Flag Master, Members AGREED and thanked him for his offer. The flag protocols were included in the report received - the Clerk to pass over the Council's flags. The Chairman to prepare suitable wording for the website.
- 21.70 **Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update**
Wiltshire Councillor Jones gave a verbal update. Grass cutting is behind in all areas. The gangs that usually mow, were seconded to delivering and collecting the voting booths for the PCC elections. They should be back on schedule next week.
- 21.71 **Water Eaton Donation**
Members RECEIVED an update from Councillor Jones, to consider a speed reduction review on the road. If the speed limit can be reduced, no barriers or speed humps will be required. Members RESOLVED the cost of £2,500, with a minimum contribution from the Parish Council of 25% be met from ear marked reserves.
- 21.72 **Wiltshire Council Mowing Policy**
Members NOTED the policy for urban and rural cuts. Urban areas (generally within 30mph zones) will receive a general cut monthly during growing season, wildflower/conservation areas twice a year (grass collected) and environmental cuts three times. Rural areas (generally outside 30mph zones) will have a scheduled annual cut by tractor flail.
- 21.73 **Recreation Hall Development**
Standing Orders were Suspending to allow Mr A and Mr C Oram to speak. Standing Orders were Re-instated.
Members discussed the way forward and it was AGREED:
- There is no planned date for the planning appeal
 - The Village needs a functioning community centre
 - Residents need more information
 - Councillor Rawsthorne to write a statement
 - The statement to be put on the website with a link from a Facebook, with posters in the noticeboards and repeated in the newsletter.

2 Members of the Public left the meeting

21.74 **Councillor Updates**

Community Area Transport Group – Councillor Lloyd The Water Eaton Traffic is a Priority A Issue – See Min Ref. 21.71
Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne No information available
Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne No information available
Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson Wiltshire Police has introduced a new way of reporting, by number of cars rather than registration details – considering sending in a separate report on registrations. Have a new volunteer. Going to enquire if there is another speed gun available.
Recreation Hall Development – Councillor Rawsthorne See Min. Ref. 21.73
RWB&C Community Safety Forum – Councillor Johnson Next meeting on Friday 10 September: see Min Ref 21.64. g. Update from the parishes: dog poo is an issue and anti-social behaviour has increased.

Meeting Closed at 8.26pm