

# LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9 February 2021

held remotely (via Zoom) at 7:30pm

## Councillors present:

Cllr P Rawsthorne (Chairman)  
Cllr K Johnson

Cllr D Lloyd (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr J Towner

Cllr R De'witt

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

**Public and Councillor Question Time:** No questions were raised

## MINUTES

### 20.89 Apologies for Absence

Members NOTED apologies from Councillor Pritchard.

### 20.90 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rawsthorne declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute Reference 20.69 for a planning application, he did not vote.

### 20.91 Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

### 20.92 Minutes of the previous meeting

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record of the meeting and will be retrospectively signed by the Chairman.

### 20.93 Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update

Information to be provided under relevant minute references.

### 20.94 Clerks Report – Members NOTED:

**Gosditch Wall and Jubilee Garden Gate** - Savills apologised for the delay in responding. They advised that Farmcare is now responsible. Farmcare contacted to investigate. See Min. Ref. 20.97 - Members AGREED to close

#### **30mph Roundels**

All roundels have been replaced – Members AGREED to close

**20.35 - Gosditch Speeding** - A traffic survey took place in December. See Min. Ref. 20.105 - Members AGREED to close

#### **20.53 - Play Area and Village Maintenance**

Members resolved to release up to £500 for the outstanding maintenance work to be completed. Members delegated the arrangements to the Clerk and the Chairman.

Works outstanding: Wet pour treatment to see-saw area. Treatment to Barton seat and other benches. Address issue of venting holes on frame of football goal (on grass) to prevent snagging. Placement of Defibrillator signage. On hold at present due to current restrictions.

**Coat of Arms:** Still looking into this request

#### **20.58 – Cycling Events**

Contact made with Organiser of 113 events. We are to meet up in the Spring before the events start up again. See Min. Ref. 20.102 - Members AGREED to close

#### **20.59 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)**

The Cotswold Vet 's sign has been approved and will be put in place shortly. Members AGREED to close. The request for road improvements at Water Eaton (using the donated funds) has been upgraded to Category 1. WC Cllr Jones met with Engineer on 17<sup>th</sup> December. See Min. Ref. 20.99 - Members AGREED to close

#### **20.62 - Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (WNWS)**

Members agreed that they would like to establish a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, ideally with a resident taking on the role of co-ordinator. The Clerk was requested to obtain more information. – Ongoing

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| <b>20.63 - Jubilee Community Garden</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Cllr Rawsthorne, Cllr Towner and Cllr Johnson have met with representatives to discuss the forming of a committee. Cllr Rawsthorne has asked for volunteers via the Facebook page. Background information gathering is taking place, but unable to locate the signed lease, this is required to understand what the agreement states. See Min. Ref. 20.97 - Members AGREED to close                                                                                                                               |
| <b>20.67 - Scottish and Southern Priority Service (S&amp;S)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Members agreed to add to the next newsletter, promote via Facebook and the website. Information received, ready for next newsletter. On hold for Next newsletter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>20.76 Parish Newsletter</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The newsletter has been distributed. Members AGREED to close                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>20.83 Flagpole</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Members agreed to look into the re-siting of the flagpole. The Clerk to look at the costs involved to move it to the corner of the Playing Field near to the beacon. Enquiries made - ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>20.84 – Playing Field Fence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Work has been completed – Members AGREED to close                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>20.85 - New Street Sign for Upcott</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Members resolved to replace the sign, at a cost of up to £100.00. costs to be met from General Reserves. The sign is to be of pressed aluminium, mounted on 2 bars - to pot rivet onto. Councillor Rawsthorne has provided the measurements. The resident was notified and thanked Councillors for taking forward. Clerk to source, company closed at present.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>20.86 Speed Indicator Device – Solar Panel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Members resolved to accept the new cost of equipment, funds to be met from the Community Infrastructure Levy funds. Payment made, an import registration number is required, application to HMRC for an EORI (Economic Operator Registration and Identification) number has been made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Update:</b> <u>Hills Sand and Gravel Quarry</u> - following consultation, Hills will be submitting the final planning application to develop a sand and gravel quarry at the old airfield near the villages of Marston Meysey and Down Ampney to Glos. C.C. within the next 4-6 weeks<br><u>The Wiltshire Local Plan and Gypsy and Travellers Plan Consultations</u> closed on 9 February. Councillors were advised of the Consultations during the Consultation period to allow them to respond as residents. |

- 20.95 **Wiltshire Council (WC) Housing and Land Supply Update**  
Members NOTED the briefing and RECEIVED a verbal update from WC Councillor Jones.  
Main Points:
- There is now a single five-year housing land supply position for the whole unitary authority area.
  - WC cannot currently demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. The current position indicates there is a 4.56 year supply.

- 20.96 **Planning Application**  
Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT regarding application 20/09639/FUL.

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| Application:<br>20/09639/FUL                                                                          | Site: Nottal Cottage, 25 Gosditch, Latton, SN6 6DP<br>Closing Date: 23 February 2021 |
| Application for: Creation of garden store and link between existing ancillary accommodation and house |                                                                                      |

Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT application 20/11236/OUT and RESOLVED to submit the draft letter of support to Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Councillor Jones has already called in this application.

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| Application:<br>20/11236/OUT                                                                                                                                                                         | Site: Land to the south west of The Street, Latton, SN6 6EH<br>Closing Date: 15 February 2021 |
| Application for: Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a village recreation hall, all weather tennis court, parking, access and erection of six houses (Re-submission of 19/08877/OUT) |                                                                                               |

Members previously resolved to make NO COMMENT regarding applications 20/09377/FUL and 20/10062/LBC.

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| Application:<br>20/09377/FUL/20/10062/LBC                                                                                                                 | Site: Land adjoining 39 Upcott, Latton, Swindon, SN6 6DS<br>Closing Date: 14 January 2021 - |
| Application for: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on 18/04383/FUL to allow for minor changes to the design of the proposed dwelling and garages. |                                                                                             |
| Members NOTED that Wiltshire Council has determined application 20/07627/VA                                                                               |                                                                                             |
| Application:<br>20/07627/VA                                                                                                                               | Site: Fur Lakes Water Ski Park, Manorbrook Lake<br>Closing Date: 15 February 2021-          |
| Application for: Variations to extend permitted water-skiing from 16 March to 31 October and from 08.00 – 20.00 Mon – Sat inclusive.                      |                                                                                             |

#### 20.97 **Jubilee Community Garden**

Members NOTED the report, timeline and draft 2011 lease (with the Co-op Group). The final signed lease has not been found by either party (Parish Council/Farmcare). The 'lease' is due to expire in 2021, rent was set as one peppercorn. A resident has offered to set up a committee for the Community Garden – this will be placed on hold until the lease situation is resolved. The issue of the boundary wall and gatepost are to be discussed further once the position established. A resident has offered to set up a committee for the Community Garden – this will be placed on hold until the lease situation is resolved. Members were asked to CONSIDER the lease as it stands and advise the Clerk of any suggested amendments. The Clerk was asked to contact Farmcare to discuss the way forward.

#### 20.98 **Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation**

Members NOTED and APPROVED the list of payments to 29 January 2021.

#### 20.99 **Community Infrastructure Levy**

Members NOTED the report. During a Suspension of Standing Orders, a resident explained his suggestions:

- A community greenhouse, to produce vegetables, and flowers to brighten up the village. Members explained that as the Community Garden was so little used, they could not see that the community would embrace the suggestion, the Council does not own any land to site the greenhouse on. Ongoing costs for a greenhouse could not be taken from the fund. However, Members did like the concept of holding a Latton In Bloom event, which is to be discussed at a future meeting.
- A 'Men's Shed' type space where residents can go to build and repair items, often for the local community was discussed. However, for the same reasons as above this is not viable. Councillor Rawsthorne suggested the resident contact Farmcare as they have units behind the main Water Board building, that they might allocate to the scheme and may also support it.

Councillor Rawsthorne thanked the resident for attending and asked him to contact the Clerk with any other information - Standing Orders were Re-instated

Another suggestion made via social media was for an outside fitness park, Clerk to obtain more information.

#### 20.100 **Water Eaton Donation**

Members NOTED the report and received a verbal report from WC Councillor Jones

The WC Road Engineer has submitted a plan (following his visit to look at possible road improvements). The suggestion is to install new gates and signs on both sides of the carriageway at locations at either end, also to allow for some localised edge markings at the gate locations, with a cost in the region of £8000 – with the aim to slow traffic.

During a Suspension of Standing Orders, Water Eaton residents made comments:

- Signs – Slow Down Pedestrians in Road or Slow Down Village Ahead
- The need for more than just white lines to slow the traffic

Following discussion, WC Councillor Jones offered to pursue further with the Highways Dept. Contact needs to be made with residents, explaining scheme with the map and ask for feedback and suggestions. Information to include an explanation that it cannot be used for road repairs, that its a de-restricted road which limits what can be down. Letter to be drafted and approved by the Chairman.

- 20.101 **Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Safety Forum (RWB&CSF)**  
Members NOTED the notes of the (RWB&CSF) meeting held on the 8th of January 2021 following discussions, Councillor Kevin Johnson agreed to attend the next meeting on Friday the 12th of February 2021
- 20.102 **Cotswold Water Park Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) – Consultation**  
Members NOTED the correspondence. Natural England has reviewed and enlarged the SSSI boundary to include more land of special interest and has proposed that some areas of land be removed from SSSI status. Natural England is asking for any objections and representations (including those supporting the changes) by 7 May 2021. Following discussions, Members AGREED to make no comment.
- 20.103 **Planning - Biodigester at Castle Eaton – S/20/1685**  
Members NOTED all of the correspondence received from Water Eaton Residents, the Chairman of Castle Eaton Parish Council and WC Councillor Jones.  
A Planning Application has been submitted to Swindon Borough Council (SBC): S/20/1685 that will have an effect on the road through Water Eaton (C114).  
Description: Erection of One additional digester; installation of replacement silage clamps, construction of an effluent lagoon and rainwater lagoon, new separation area and digester offtake, relocation of 2no. existing feed hoppers, erection of a welfare/office building and flare stack, installation of a weighbridge and erection of a replacement gas upgrader unit/ network entry facility/ Carbon Dioxide (CO2) sequestration area.  
Traffic Movements: 18 HGV movements per day (x2 to include return journey) 6 days per week giving a total of around 11,232 per year, the majority of which will come along C114. From previous planning the amount adds up to 1,640 journeys on C114 plus 1538 from the fields south of the biodigester so that is quite an increase.  
Consultation: Neither Wiltshire Council (responsible for the road) or Latton Parish Council has been advised of this application. WC Councillor Jones has contacted SBC Planning who were unaware that the roads (in entirety) were not in Swindon and that it fell under Latton Parish Council, he has also written to all Water Eaton residents.  
Comments closing date is 23 February 2021  
During a Suspension of Standing Orders – Water Eaton residents commented:
- road is totally unsuitable for that amount of extra traffic
  - road is not constructed sufficiently to cope with the amount of heavy vehicles
  - people speed along that road already making it dangerous
  - environmental implications to the surroundings, crops and land
  - Highways England has not been consulted re A419 junction
  - Castle Eaton is working on an objection to the application, sub-committee meeting planned.
- Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds of Public Safety, Traffic, Transport and the Junction with the A419. WC Councillor Jones agreed to liaise with Castle Eaton Parish Council, Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Council and residents. Letter of objection from Latton Parish Council to be drafted by WC Councillor Jones and approved by the Chairman. Standing Orders were Re-instated.
- Two Members of the Public left the Meeting
- 20.104 **Cycling Events**  
Members NOTED the correspondence from an organiser (and Latton resident) of time trial cycling events which use The Street. Members had not seen any information on the Community Facebook regarding events. Following discussions, Members asked the Clerk to ask the author for a copy of their risk assessments, and to ask that in the future could the Parish Council be copied into correspondence with local Police.
- 20.105 **Census 2021**  
Members NOTED the correspondence received from the WC Census Engagement Officer entitled 'You Questions Answered. Document to be added to the website and on Community Facebook page.

20.106 **Wiltshire Wildlife Survey**

Members NOTED the report - the cost of Wiltshire Wildlife 'wildlife friendly' action plan is £1050 (ex VAT). The majority of the work involved would have to be completed by the Council and residents. Following discussions, Members AGREED that the survey would not be taken forward, but that the Council would look to promote wildlife, fauna and flora in other ways. Suggestions made:

- to create focal point of large open space North of the Vicarage
- to contact Farmcare to see if they would like to be involved
- Cannot encourage birds due to location to the airfield
- possible re-instatement of old overgrown pond by the path to the copse (field to the left) used to be known as the Strawberry Field
- ask the residents via Community Facebook for ideas
- the Clerk was asked to explore other options

20.107 **Gosditch Traffic Survey Results**

Members NOTED the results of the traffic survey that took place for a week from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The survey was requested following requests from residents. The results were:

- 2.3% were speeding over 30mph but under 35mph
- 0.3% were over 35mph but under 45mph

The finding of the survey confirms that a 20mph is not unnecessary. Members AGREED that no further action was necessary, but to advise residents of the survey results via the Community Facebook Page and website

Two Members of the Public left the Meeting

20.108 **Elections 2021 and Proposed Recharging 2022-2023**

Members NOTED how to manage Council business and publicity during the period before the May Elections. Members NOTED that Wiltshire Council is to consider re-charging parishes a proportion of the combined costs of the elections from 2022 -2023. If a charge is agreed, the Parish Council would be required to increase the precept to cover the costs.

20.109 **Mere Path Access**

Following residents enquires, the Parish Council has established:

- The deeds show the right to use the lane with any vehicle for any purpose
- It is a public footpath
- Savills maintain the footpath to make safe and passable for pedestrians but not the full width
- The owner of the land is entitled to complete additional maintenance work if he wishes

20.110 **Council Quarry Files**

The Clerk advised that there are several large files retrieved from the Village Hall, which are damp etc. The Clerk asked if these could be disposed of as information is available on the web. Councillor Rawsthorne asked if the files contained information relating to the reinstatement of the Eysey Quarry. Members were happy for the files to be disposed of once, the Eysey Quarry file had been checked.

20.111 **Councillor Updates**

Speed Indication Device: Councillor Rawsthorne reported SID is working, January figures have been posted to Community Facebook page. Several people asked for base information. No further traffic calming work will be done on The Street. The Police could be asked to come out for the repeated times when the speeding vehicles are recorded.

Speedwatch and Lorry Watch: Councillor Johnson reported Speedwatch is suspended due to Covid restrictions. Community Speedwatch now has its own Facebook page, now has 7 trained volunteers, and has the forms to sign up more volunteers.

Community Facebook: Currently 166 members, it is actively and positively being used by the community.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm