

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

20 July 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

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

Public and Councillor Question Time: There were no questions asked.

MINUTES

21.39 **Apologies for Absence**

All Members were present.

21.40 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made.

21.41 **Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

21.42 **Minutes of the previous meetings**

Members considered the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council meetings held on 18th May, and the Parish Meeting held on 29 June 2021. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

21.43 **Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update**

- The Upper Thames Gravel Extraction Group has been formed (Cllr Rawsthorne is a member) by the villages in the area of the Gloucestershire/Wiltshire border to counter the cumulative effect of the extractions and the impact on the area.
- The planning application for the Old Creamery is still going ahead, it is a brownfield site but Natural England has requested surveys and an archaeological dig, this is causing delay.

21.44 **Clerks Report – Members NOTED**

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. CLOSED see min. ref. 21.49

20.85 - New Street Sign for Upcott

Members resolved to replace the sign, at a cost of up to £100.00. costs to be met from General Reserves. Sign has been put in place. CLOSED

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

Members rejected the suggested enhancements made by WC Engineer – WC has been advised and Engineer is considering alternative of buildouts to slow traffic. CLOSED min. ref. 21.55
Request for a traffic survey has been made to WC – delayed additional information required.

20.122 Off Road Motorbikes

A resident reported motorcyclists illegally riding on the bridleway to the north of the village. The routes used are public footpaths and bridleways (LATT5 or LATT15 with connection to BDA5). Farmcare is the landowner over which the footpaths and bridleways are located. CLOSED see min. ref 21.52

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 confirmed they have been to the site and seen the recent works. They have contacted the Operator and are awaiting a response.

20.143 – Flagpole

Members resolved to purchase fibreglass flagpole and 2 flags at a cost, set aside costs for installation. All costs to be met from Cil Funding. Flagpole in place and old one removed. CLOSED

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 picnic benches have been re-stained. CLOSED
- The Jubilee bench to be renovated at a cost of £490 (ex. VAT). All Costs to be met from Cil Funds. The Company has contacted apologising for the delay in collecting (machinery breakdown) will be up and running soon.
- Snagging holes on the goal posts – Manufacturers state that: **as the hole is larger than the requirements of the safety standard EN15312, it is deemed that there is no risk of finger entrapment, therefore there is no requirement to plug this gap** – CLOSED
- 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 - ongoing
- Barbed wire (running along the middle) of the fence between the Jubilee Garden and the Play Area to be removed
- Wet pour work is almost complete

20.145 – Litter Pick

In the diary for 12 June, posters made, on website and Parish Newsletter. Cancelled CLOSED

21.23 – Cycle Races

Councillor Rawsthorne and Councillor Johnson met with Graeme Hardie of 113 Events. He was very open to the issues and has also met with Somerford Keynes Parish Council. It was agreed that going forward the 113 Organisers would: 10 days before an event put up warning signs, during an event a 113 officer will be present in the village in addition to the marshal, "Respect the Area" signs would be placed around the village, and contact details for the race will be on the community Facebook page.

Members were disappointed with the response from the Latton Time Trial, who acknowledged that their Risk Assessment is only for the cyclists taking part and that no consideration is given to the public in the time trial area.

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.

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

21.26 Jubilee Garden Lease

The lease expires on 28 June 2022. Farmcare has been contacted with request for a new lease with same conditions. Ongoing.

20.123, 21.29 Latton in Bloom

Members RESOLVED to hold a Latton in Bloom Competition – categories of Best: Hanging Basket, Container, Front Garden, Front Door Display and Planted Area Sign (by community area). Members AGREED that the judging would be undertaken by all Councillors, over the weekend of 14 and 15 August with a tallest sunflower competition for children. CLOSED

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
- 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

Cotswold Canals Trust

Are absolutely delighted to announce that the Cotswold Canals Trust (CCT) has been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. CCT is one of the 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year (there are about 168 thousand registered charities in England and Wales). The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their local communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee

21.45

Planning Applications

Application A	Members RESOLVED to OBJECT on the grounds of increase traffic on the C124 - a road already in poor state, the request for cement manufacture on site, as the noise will travel across the field. The application states it will restore, however it does not specify the quality of the drainage or inert materials being used. Request to copy to the Chairman of Marston Meysey Parish
21/0032/CWMAM	Location: Former RAF Down Ampney Airfield and Surrounding Areas, The New Road, Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, GL7 5PL. Closing Date: 12 August 2021
Application for: The extraction of minerals, provision of associated infrastructure including access and processing facilities, associated ancillary buildings, structures and operations, with site restoration using imported materials to agriculture and enhanced ecological interest and biodiversity. (this application straddles the administrative boundaries of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Council. All of the proposed mineral extraction is within Gloucestershire.	

Application B	Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application
PL/2021/05826	Address: 5 Seven Bridges Cottage, A419 North-east to County Boundary at Castle Eaton, Water Eaton, SN6 6JS Applicant: Householder Closing Date: 4 August 2021 Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Application C	Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application
PL/2021/05918	Address: 20 Croft Close, Latton, SN6 6DL Closing Date: 9 August 2021 Applicant: Householder Proposal: Proposed Rear Single Storey Extension

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decision to Approve with Conditions

Application D 18/06840/WCM	Minerals and Waste Application Address: Whetstone Bridge Quarry, Down Ampney, SN6 6LH Applicant: M C Cullimore (Gravels) Ltd
Proposal: Southern extension of sand and gravel extension with restoration using site derived and imported inert material to a combination of wildflower meadow, seeded grassland and new hedgerow planting, with attenuation pond.	

21.46

Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation

Members NOTED the funds held and APPROVED the list of payments to 14 June 2021.

21.47

Defibrillator Kiosk

Members NOTED the report for the repair of the light, one bulb has stopped working, and the other has a faulty connection, all require replacement with LED maintained lights and fittings.

Four local companies were approached. Members APPROVED a quote of £72.00 (seventy-two pounds) to supply and fit and providing there are no underlying faults/ anything unsafe there will be no additional costs. After discussion, Members set a maximum amount of £125 to allow for any unknowns – with approval above £72.00 from the Chairman

Members NOTED the report regarding defibrillator signage and agreed to purchase three signs to replace the telephone ones at a cost of £35 ex vat and the cost of £80.00 for the Handyman to remove the old signs and replace with new signs and provide materials. Members RESOLVED to set a maximum amount of £140 (one hundred and forty pounds) due to unknown element of P&P.

- 21.48 **Introductions to the Area Board and Community Area Transport Group**
Members NOTED the information received.
- 21.49 **Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**
Members NOTED the information received. Members AGREED that they would promote the scheme via the Parish newsletter and ask for a resident to volunteer to administer the scheme for the village.
- 21.50 **College of Arms – Parish Crest**
Members NOTED that the Council could apply to the Crown for a coat of arms through the College of Arms. Members AGREED not to pursue due to the costs involved. After discussion, Councillor Lloyd agreed to take forward the concept of a Parish Logo, with designs to be available later this year for consideration.
- 21.51 **Latton North Quarry**
Members NOTED the July newsletter. Main Points: Phases 1-4 have been fully excavated. Phases 5 and 6 have been stripped of soils and the archaeological investigation has been completed and areas signed off by County Archaeologist. The design of the road has finally been agreed and construction starts in 4-6 weeks
- 21.52 **Off Road Motor Bikes**
Members NOTED the response from the Countryside Access Office for Wiltshire Council. This issue should be resolved. The Landowner will be installing rails to the left of the field gate, this will stop the motorbikes but allow all other users to access the right of way.
- 21.53 **Residents Comments**
RESIDENT A received 6 July
Thank you for your response last month. Would you be so kind to let me know the timing for the procedure which will analyse the feelings of residents with regard to the horrific road noise caused by the A419 road surface. Please also let me have an update on the outstanding issue regarding the missing gate and the outcome of discussions to resolve this, all relative to anti-social behaviour. And one further question please, what are the population percentages regarding A419NAG's interest in the road noise issue. Surely Latton is by far the worst effected person for person than any other stretch of the effected road! We seem to be leaving this problem to an organisation who has less of an issue with the problem than us! I would like Councillor Bob Jones and Latton Parish Council to start being proactive on this issue please, looking at relocating bins and replacing road signs doesn't appear to have the same sort of urgency in my book. Members Response: 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 to advise Resident
RESIDENTS B, C and D
All raising concerns of the length of grass of the footpaths from Lake Louise to Upcott and the Mere Path, the Elder (which adds to blind spot problem on bend Gosditch / Croft Lane and tidy around the Church wall.
The Clerk had replied to residents saying that the Wiltshire Council Parish Steward is only in Latton one day a month and his travel time from Chippenham is included in the time allocated. He can also be called away for other duties on allocated days which are then lost not rescheduled. Members NOTED that since the agenda went out the Parish Steward has now cleared the Lake Louise Path (Mere path was cleared in June) and removed the Elder.
RESIDENT D
Following on from my last email, I think I have my answer.....this event is still dangerous. I avoided going out last year but had to do so this morning. When I tried to overtake safely, the cyclist didn't look behind as she overtook another cyclist and to add to the problem the opposite direction approached me three abreast. The third cyclist who made this so would have seen a car coming! This really needs addressing. Members NOTED - see Clerk's Report for action being taken.
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. Can the Council come and do the job they failed last year do you think? They were supposed to de weed I believe but didn't do it properly cos it flooded last year after they came. Members NOTED that WC Councillor Jones responded to this request and sent to WC for action

RESIDENT F received via Chairman 4 May

I have been approached by residents worried about the safety of some dead trees. They appear to be on land owned by the Lake Louise residential park. Could we ask the owner to have a look?

Members NOTED that no response has been received.

RESIDENT G received 14 July

Who is responsible for cutting the grass verges on The Street, Latton, please. We walk our dogs along it and its very untidy. Members NOTED that WC Councillor Jones supplied the following information which was forwarded to RESIDENT D - Wiltshire Council is responsible for the grass verges along The Street. Verge cutting this is carried out by the Highways department and is not under the control of the parish. The verge cutting is carried out twice a year and is currently under review.

Although unlikely to change as twice a year is considered to be an appropriate schedule. Left any longer and residents complain about the amount of grass left on the roadside which also blocks drainage gullies.

21.54 **Cotswold Water Park – Draft Nature Recovery Plan**

Members NOTED the draft recovery plan sent by the Assistant Biodiversity Officer for Cotswold District Council, who has been preparing the new Cotswold Water Park Nature Recovery Plan, on behalf of the Cotswold Water Park Nature Conservation Forum Following discussions, Members AGREED to respond as individuals – closing date is 20th August.

21.55 **Water Eaton Donation**

Members NOTED the report, following discussion agreed not to progress with using Speedwatch on the road, as the team is not allowed to do it here. 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.

21.56 **Councillor Updates**

Community Area Transport Group – Councillor Lloyd
The Water Eaton Traffic is a Priority A Issue, nothing else relating to Latton was discussed
Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne
206 members of which 190 are active members. Membership up 1% from last report, 9 new requests, 4 approved and 5 declined.
Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne
SID data was downloaded in June and will update in July. No news on the re-siting of device.
Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson
Will be out this weekend has a new volunteer willing to do mid-week shift.
Recreation Hall Development – Councillor Rawsthorne
During a suspension of Standing Order, Mr Oram updated Councillors. He was disappointed that only 6 people make comments on the 2 nd 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.
RWB&C Community Safety Forum – Councillor Johnson
Councillor Johnson was unable to attend the last meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm