

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18 May 2021

Latton Parish Hall

at 7:40pm

Councillors present:

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

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones

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

MINUTES

21.15 Apologies for Absence

Members ACCEPTED apologies from Councillor Towner who is away.

21.16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

21.17 Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

21.18 Minutes of the previous meeting

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2021. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

21.19 Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update

This is the first day of the new Wiltshire Council, issues that have been on hold during the election period will recommence shortly.

21.20 Clerks Report – Members NOTED

Coat of Arms – Parish Crest

If Coat of Arms nor viable to look at Parish Crest. Closed see Min. Ref. 21.30

20.58 – Cycling Events

Contact made with Organiser of 113 events. To meet up in the Spring before the events start. Councillor Johnson volunteered to meet with Organiser. Closed see Min. Ref. 21.23.

20.125 - Members NOTED the copy risk assessment provided by the organisers for Team Swindon Cycles, Swindon Wheelers and Swindon Road Club, and the Police Notice containing the event dates for 2021. Request to the Clerk to write to local contact and advise that the Council feels that the risk assessment is incomplete and does not reflect the all the required associated risks. Information passed to Organiser. Closed - See Min. Ref. 21.23

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. More information in the post for July meeting.

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. The sign is to be of pressed aluminium, mounted on 2 bars - to pot rivet onto. Sign ordered and on way.

20.97 - Jubilee Community Garden

Members noted the report, timeline and draft 2011 lease (with the Co-op Group). Closed see Min. Ref 21.26

20.99 - Community Infrastructure Levy

The suggestion made via social media for an outside fitness park, was NOTED and the Clerk was asked to obtain information. Deferred until feedback from residents received following Parish newsletter.

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, it is delayed until after the May elections.

20.121 - Water Eaton Donation

Members rejected the suggested enhancements from the Wiltshire Council Engineer – WC has been advised and Engineer is considering alternative of buildouts to slow traffic. Request for a traffic survey has been made to WC. Councillor Johnson to pursue the attendance of Speedwatch team along the road.

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 - meeting has taken place, feedback requested.
20.123 - Latton in Bloom
Members RESOLVED to hold a Latton in Bloom Competition. The agreed categories were Best: Hanging Basket, Container, Front Garden, Front Door Display and Planted Area Sign (by community area). Facebook announcement and posters to follow. See Min. Ref 21.29
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 ordered
20.144 - Village Maintenance Report
Additional Wetpour has been ordered. The benches in the Play Area and Jubilee Garden to be replaced with benches made recycled materials which will require minimum maintenance in the future. The Clerk to obtain designs and costs for recycled benches. The Jubilee bench to be renovated at a cost of £490 (ex. VAT). All Costs to be met from Cil Funds. <u>Snagging holes on the goal posts</u> , Handyman believes that the company can supply bungs - Clerk to contact Company <u>The gate to the Play Area</u> (gate located by the flagpole - it is 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. Members requested the Clerk obtain quotes for a replacement gate. Barbed wire (running along the middle) of the fence between the Jubilee Garden and the Play Area to be removed
20.145 – Litter Pick
In the diary for 12 June, posters made, on website and to be included in Parish Newsletter

21.21

Planning Application

Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application (PL/2021/03353) and commented that the redevelopment of this long unoccupied brownfield site would be good for the village and offer employment opportunities.

Site: Former Creamery, Cirencester Road, Latton GL7 5QF. Closing Date: 3 June 2021

Application for: Change of use of land and erection of new buildings to house a workshop, showroom, office and store for an agricultural and ground care machinery business

21.22

Cotswold Canals Trust – Cotswold Water Park Consultation

Members NOTED the information and following discussions, RESOLVED to write to Natural England stating that the Council had concerns in relation to the canal route being included in the SSSI proposed area. The Parish Council feels that this proposal will seriously impact on the restoration work of the Cotswold Canals Trust, and therefore supports a flexible SSSI exclusion corridor (to a maximum of 50m) on either side of the canal boundary to enable them to carry on with their restoration work and maintenance - unless for any reason specific identifiable reason it needs to be reduced.

21.23

Cycling Events

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. Following discussion, where Members remained concerned about both rider safety and the safety of the villagers, requested that the same measures are used as 113 Events are put in place for the safety of all.

- 21.24 **Relocation of Waste Bin**
Members considered a request to relocate a waste bin to the start of the walk to Down Ampney due to the increase in dog waste and waste bags. Following discussions, 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.
- 21.25 **Bird Scarers**
Members considered a request from a resident for bird scarers on the gravel pits to help stop the power outages they cause. Following discussions, it was determined that the Ministry of Defence would be unlikely to give consent to this due to the proximity of the flight path. Clerk to advise resident to contact the SSE for advice and assistance.
- 21.26 **Jubilee Garden Lease**
Members NOTED the original lease and the lease expiry date of 28 June 2022. Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to ask for a new lease with the same conditions.
- 21.27 **Grant Application**
Members considered the Grant application from Wiltshire Search and Rescue, as the application did not meet the Parish Council's Guidelines, it was refused. Clerk to advise them to contact the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board for a grant.
- 21.28 **Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation**
Members NOTED and APPROVED the list of payments and income to 29 April 2021.
- 21.29 **Latton in Bloom**
Following discussions, Members AGREED that the judging would be undertaken by all Councillors, over the weekend of 14 and 15 August. Members AGREED to hold a tallest sunflower competition for children, and Councillor Johnson agreed to grow the plants.
- 21.30 **Parish Crest**
Members NOTED that the Clerk is in discussions with The College of Arms.
- 21.31 **Recreation Hall Development**
Councillor Rawsthorne and Wiltshire Councillor Jones have met with Mr B Oram. Mr Oram wants a site meeting with WC Planners. Councillor Rawsthorne is waiting on information from a Trustee, he will organise a meeting between Trustees, Parish Councillors and Wiltshire Councillor Jones, to ensure the Trust is ready to move forward at the appropriate time.
- 21.32 **Councillor Updates**
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| Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne
196 members, 35 recent posts, 31% down on previous. 6 new members requests, 3 accepted and 3 declined. |
| Community Safety Forum – Councillor Johnson
Last meeting postponed due to elections. |
| Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson
All up and running again soon |
| Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne
A vehicle travelling at 75 mph recorded at 6.26am. CATG request to consider if a 40mph buffer zone can be put in place –as 24% travel over the speed limit. Councillor Rawsthorne to look at the re-siting of the SID to the middle of the 30 mph area. |

Meeting Closed at 8.32pm