

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

27 October 2020

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: Andrew Miles representing the Oram Trust and Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones.

Public Question Time: Andrew Miles asked if the Newsletter was due to be delivered in the next few weeks. Councillor Lloyd assured him that it would be, along with the Oram Trust briefing note.

Councillor Question Time: No questions were raised

MINUTES

20.45 **Apologies for Absence**

Members received apologies from Councillor Pritchard.

20.46 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Lloyd declared an interest in Minute Reference 20.69 for a planning application and left the meeting before the matter was discussed.

Councillors De'witt and Johnson declared an interest regarding the planning application, as neighbours of Councillor Lloyd, they stayed for the item and took part in discussions.

20.47 **Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

20.48 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2020. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record of the meeting and will be retrospectively signed by the Chairman.

20.49 **Co-option to Vacancy**

Members considered the applications from two residents. The matter was put to the vote and Members unanimously RESOLVED that James Towner be co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed, witnessed by all present, and Councillor Towner joined the meeting.

20.50 **Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update – Main Points:**

- Normally, Central Government gives a 3-year financial settlement this year it is for 1 year. This is causing financial disruption for Wiltshire Council and the Fire Service in preparing their long-term budgets.
- The Government have announced funds to provide children with free school meals during the school holidays. Wiltshire Council will have to pay for this, but do not have the funds.
- Regarding the recent Planning Consultation, all Parishes are saying they do not support the changes – the Government may make a U-turn.
- Community Police Event – attended and received positive feedback from residents and Police on the event. They will be coming back with the van again.
- Precept – Band D notifications due beginning of November, likely to be reduced due to those receiving free rates, which is offset at Parish level.

20.51 **Clerks Report** – Members NOTED:

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December PQT request for replacement 30 MPH signs. WC has confirmed an instruction has been made to replace the signs. One set has been replaced, chasing the other set.

Community Area Transport Group (CATG) - Cotswold Vets sign and Solar Farm donation. Members AGREED to close – see Min. Ref. 20.59

19.113 Gosditch Sign - Sign ordered, and payment made, delivery due week ending 25 August. Sign has arrived – Members AGREED to close.

Gosditch Wall and Jubilee Garden Gate - Savills apologised for the delay in responding. They advised that Farmcare is now responsible. Farmcare contacted, to investigate. Ongoing
20.31 Village Hall Development - The revised planning application has now been prepared, reduced from nine dwellings to six, with only one access point. The Oram Trust has prepared a briefing note for residents to be distributed with Council Newsletter. Ongoing
20.35 Gosditch Speeding - A request for a traffic survey has been submitted to the Wiltshire Council Road Safety Team. This has been acknowledged and it is on the list for action. Ongoing
20.39 Community Infrastructure Project Funding <u>Speed Indicator Device</u> – purchase of Solar Powered Battery – ongoing. <u>Playing Field Fence</u> – one quote received – to be on December agenda Repairs to Jubilee Shed – Members AGREED to close – see Min. Ref. 20.63
20.41 Gosditch Parking - Letters sent to residents. Members AGREED to close.
20.44 Grass Cutting Contract - Letter sent to PCC offering a reduced contribution as from April 2021. Members AGREED to close – see Min. Ref. 20.68

- 20.52 **Parish Newsletter**
Councillor Lloyd reported that as discussed during Public Question Time, the newsletter is almost complete. Councillor Rawsthorne to provide latest speed indicator device readings
- 20.53 **Play Area and Village Maintenance**
Members NOTED the report.
Members CONSIDERED and RESOLVED for the bus shelters to be cleaned 4 times per year at a cost of £50 per visit.
Members CONSIDERED and RESOLVED to release up to £500 for the outstanding maintenance work to be completed. Members DELEGATED the arrangements to the Clerk and the Chairman. Members requested that the Flagpole is put on the next agenda for discussion.
Works outstanding:
a. Wet pour treatment to see-saw area
b. Treatment to Barton seat and other benches
c. Address issue of venting holes on frame of football goal (on grass) to prevent snagging
d. Placement of Defibrillator signage
Councillor James Towner AGREED to take over the monthly inspections of the Play Area.
- 20.54 **South Cerney Neighbourhood Plan (draft) Consultation**
Members CONSIDERED the draft consultation. Members AGREED that it was a very detailed report and supported it. The Clerk was asked to congratulate the Parish Council on their efforts.
- 20.55 **A419 Missing Link – Have Your Say Campaign**
Members NOTED the paperwork received. Following discussions, Members AGREED that:
 - The section of road by Latton was not mentioned in the consultation
 - There is no mention of the road surface and road surface noise is the Council's main issue.
 - Reducing road noise by resurfacing or via a noise barrier is the Council's priority
 - The statement made by the Council in October 2019 still stands.
 - The Clerk was delegated to review and send the statement made in October 2019 with the Chairman's approval.
- 20.56 **Reform of the Planning System Consultation**
Members CONSIDERED the paperwork received, and following discussions, AGREED that they did not have any issues with the current planning system and requested the Clerk respond with this statement.
- 20.57 **Area Board Boundary Review**
Members NOTED that the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board boundary had changed. The changes do not affect those parishes in the North of the County.

20.58 **Cycling Events**

Members NOTED the report based on information received following a cycle race that took place on Sunday 30th September. Members also RECEIVED a verbal update from Councillor Lloyd.

Main Issues received from Residents

- Riding at speed, over the 30mph speed limit
- Cars adhering to the speed limit were being undertaken/overtaken
- Stopped traffic on Spine Road so the cyclists could turn right
- Riding side by side, then overtaking without looking behind, just missed by a car which was overtaking them
- Swarming round cars from all directions
- Leaving litter all along the roadside
- Residents unable to access Gosditch safely as there was no giving way
- No Marshalls in the village area
- Cycling events have been continuous over the last 2 -3 months

Other points NOTED were:

- A resident who spoke with the Organisers just after the event, said they were very apologetic, and said they would make sure it did not happen like this again
- The Community Police were contacted regarding the above issues – they will try to come out to the next event However, they need to be advised in advance of the event.

Councillor Lloyd's Recommendations were to request that the Organisers of the cycle events be more proactive in liaising with Latton Parish Council and Residents, in notifying the Parish Council with advanced warning of events, so that the Villagers can be advised when and what times they will take place. This together with adequate communication and possibly a plan to manage the regular Thursday evening time trials in the spring and summer months.

Councillor Johnson had also been in contact with the Organisers of the recent event, they only run two events a year through Latton, they were very apologetic and would like to work with the Council to ensure these issues do not happen again. Councillor Johnson to send the Clerk a copy of correspondence for the Clerk to make contact with the Organisers to discuss a way forward. Contact also needs to be established with Organisers of the other cycling events held through the village.

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

Councillor Lloyd gave a verbal update following the CATG meeting held on 7th October.

The Cotswold Vet 's sign has been approved and will be sent to the Engineer to calculate the placement costs. Wiltshire Council raised over the placement of the Mole sign on the roundabout. As neither Wiltshire Council or the Parish Council were approached regarding the sign, it may have to be removed. Clerk to follow through.

The request for road improvements at Water Eaton (using the donated funds) has be upgraded to Category 1 and will be considered at the next meeting.

20.60 **Hills Proposed Sand and Gravel Quarry at the Down Ampney Airfield**

Councillor Rawsthorne attended a presentation with Farmcare for local parishes, and Councillor Johnson attended a presentation at the DeVere Hotel. Areas of concern: it would bring 115 lorry movements per day to and from the site. The extraction is in one County, and the roads are in another, this will cause road maintenance issues. Once all gravel has been extracted the land would return to agricultural use (not water) due to birds being too near to the airfield. Councillor Rawsthorne thought it would be appropriate to instigate Lorrywatch when the works commences

20.61 **Auto Speedwatch Device**

Members NOTED the report and discussed the purchase of an Auto Speedwatch device. Following discussions, Members decided that it would be better to wait a while, to see how the technology develops and for feedback from other Councils who have purchased the devices.

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

Members NOTED the letter from Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association regarding the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. WNWS is offering to support any Parish Council in establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. They are encouraging Parish Councils to consider the inclusion of Community Safety on their Council

agendas as well. Following discussions, 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 for the next meeting.

20.63 **Jubilee Community Garden**

Members NOTED the response received following the letter sent by the Council to a user. Following discussions, Members AGREED that they would not provide any financial assistance until a Committee was formed. A request for someone to organise a Committee and manage the site to be including in a newsletter and on Facebook. Councillor Rawsthorne and Councillor Towner agreed to meet with one of the users to discuss further.

20.64 **Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation**

Members NOTED and APPROVED the list of payments to 28 September 2020. Members NOTED that the second precept payment had been received. Members NOTED and APPROVED the National Pay Award of 2.75% backdated to 1 April 2020.

20.65 **Precept Planning**

Members NOTED the precept report. The Band D rate will be known in November, the setting of the 2021/2022 Precept will be decided at the 15th December meeting. Members AGREED to notify the Clerk of any changes or amendments they would like to the financial figures before the 1st December. Councillor Johnson mentioned the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Wildlife Projects, including a wildlife audit. He agreed to provide more information for a future meeting.

20.66 **Councillor Updates**

Speed Indication Device: Councillors Rawsthorne reported that the device was working and recording. He has put the September figures on Facebook.

Speedwatch and Lorry Watch: Councillor Johnson reported that Lorrywatch was dependant on Speedwatch. Councillor Jones said if a lorry is seen, as long as the company name, registration, where and when are noted, the company can be contacted. Councillor Jones added that there were guidelines on the website relating to this. Clerk to source information and to be included in the next newsletter.

20.67 **Scottish and Southern Priority Service (S&S)**

Members NOTED the information received. S&S is keen to contact that the most vulnerable members of the Parish to ensure they are covered by their Priority Services Register (which is free of charge) and to ensure that any existing members have updated any new or additional information they may now have. S & S have available a Priority Services Register sign up leaflet and an information leaflet, explain what S&S can do to help those on the register by keeping them informed on what is happening during a power cut. Following discussions, Members AGREED to add to the next newsletter, promote via Facebook and the website. Members requested the Clerk obtain sample leaflet, wording for newsletter etc.

20.68 **Grass Cutting Contract**

Members NOTED the letter from the. Latton Parochial Church Council (PCC). Due to Covid-19, the PCC has lost all of its income stream for this year and is unable to meet its contribution towards the grass cutting contract for 2021-22.

Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to cover the PCC's payment of £853.00 for 2021-2022, due to their income stream loss in 2020-2021. The Council will reconsider the PCC's contribution for 2022-2023 in October 2021.

Councillor Lloyd left the meeting

20.69 **Planning Application**

Members RESOLVED to make no objections to:

Application	Details
20/07716/LBC	Site: Street Farm, The Street, Latton. SN6 6DN Closing Date: 29 October 2020. Applicant: Mr & Mrs David Lloyd
Application for: Internal alterations to ground and first floors and associated external alterations	

Meeting Closed at 9.08pm