

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

14 December 2021

Latton Parish Hall

at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

Cllr P Rawsthorne (Chairman)

Cllr D Lloyd (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr K Johnson

Clerk: Tina Jones PSLCC

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones and one Member of the Public

Public and Councillor Question Time: There were no questions asked

MINUTES

21.91 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors De'witt and Towner.

21.92 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made.

21.93 **Dispensations**

No requests for dispensation were received.

21.94 **Minutes of the previous meetings**

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 26 October and ADOPTED them as a true record, they were signed by the Vice-Chairman.

21.95 **Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update**

Wiltshire Councillor Jones gave a verbal update regarding the Recreation Hall planning application. The WC Senior Planning Officer has emailed him today, advising that the application will be on the February 2 Northern Area Planning Committee agenda. There is a lot of work for the Council, Trust members and applicant to do before the Northern Area Planning meeting. A meeting needs to be arranged early in the New Year. He advised that he and three people could speak at the Committee meeting. He suggested the agent and two Councillors - Cllr Lloyd/Cllr Johnson are to represent the Council (min ref 21.56 refers). The submissions should be based on three different elements with a common theme.

One member of the public left the meeting.

21.96 **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. The Planning Officer reported on the 18 October "The applicant's agent is currently preparing additional documentation to support the application. I anticipate that this will be submitted soon, after which we will take a view as to whether this will necessitate the need for another phase of consultation". AGREED to close – see Minute ref. 21.97

20.121/21.71- Water Eaton Donation

Request for a traffic survey has been agreed by WC and via CATG, WC to action a speed reduction review on the road. The first survey has taken place and the results are due back soon. This traffic survey will help determine if there is a speeding issue and whether the road is eligible for a Community Speed Watch Scheme. The results will also help when WC Traffic Engineers are looking at other issues such as a change in speed limit (reduction or increase) or any other traffic schemes. It is not known when the survey instigated by CATG via Atkins will take place. To be discussed at CATG on 15th Dec, also the % payable by the Council - see Minute ref. 21.105

20.126 Cerney Wick/Latton Road Parking Issues

Members noted the request from South Cerney PC, requesting a submission to Community Area Traffic Group requesting No Parking signs on the passing places on the road over the A419 between Latton and Cerney Wick. Following discussions, Members agreed to wait until the outcome of the WC Enforcement investigations. WCE advised that the operator has been advised to make a change of application, if they wish to continue using the lake as a commercial operation Meeting Update received from WC on 13 December – Latest response from the operator is that an application will be submitted before Christmas.

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 -on hold re Platinum Jubilee. Councillors Rawsthorne and Johnson agreed to remove and dispose of the barbed wire, running along the middle of the fence between the Jubilee Garden and the Play Area.

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. Councillor Rawsthorne to speak with resident regarding relocation. Meeting Update: Councillor Rawsthorne suggested an alternative position, to send photographs to the Clerk.

21.26 Jubilee Garden Lease - Bidwells

Collapsed Wall – Bidwells emailed 21 July – They are going to look at wall and will then seek some quotations to get the remedial work done. Wall collapsed on 4 October following bad weather – Bidwells advised they have requested a quote to get it rebuilt, and I will let us know as soon as they can instruct the works. Chase email sent 18 October - Ongoing

Bidwells – Open Gap. The open gap on the bridleway has been filled in. 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

21.56 Recreation Hall Development

Councillors Lloyd and Johnson to attend the planning call in meeting when it is arranged. See Minute ref. 21.95

21.64 Cycling Events

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 & Resources Co-ordinator will be attending, after this meeting Councillor Rawsthorne and Johnson will arrange a meeting with the cycling event organisers. Ongoing

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. Mr Winfield contacted agreed in principle, details to be discussed and finalised. Meeting Update: To be discussed at February meeting.

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. Winning category address categories were: Best: Hanging Basket, Container, Front Garden, Front Door Display and Planted Area Sign (by community area)
- 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.
- Recreation Hall Development – Parish Council Statement
- Water Eaton update on traffic surveys

Meeting update: To go out in January following meeting regarding Recreation Hall.

21.83 Play Area Inspection

Councillor Lloyd to discuss with Councillor Rawsthorne the fitting of the sign, for placement, as soon as possible. ongoing

21.87 - Play Area Gate

Members considered the quotes received for the replacement gate. Clerk to ask Contractors if the existing hinges can be reused. AGREED to close – see Minute Ref 21.99

Planning Applications

Members considered the following Wiltshire Council application:

House Planning Application PL/2021/10106	Address: The Stable, The Street, Latton, SN6 6DN Applicant: Mr and Mrs May Closing Date: 15 December 2021 Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of an inner courtyard extension
	Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT with No Comment
Application PL/2021/10694 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders	Address: 2 Sycamore House, Croft Close, Latton SN6 6DL Applicant: Mr Crockford Closing Date: 15 December 2021 Proposal: T1 – Sycamore – reduce crown back to previous pruning points.
	Members RESOLVED to make No OBJECTION

Members NOTED decisions made pre-meeting due to deadlines.

Application PL/2021/10719 - Circular 14/90 Electricity Overhead Lines notification
Address: Eysey Manor Quarry, Castle Eaton, Swindon, SN6 6JT. Applicant: Southern Electric Proposal: Upgrade the existing 11kV Overhead line from pole 4 (Manor Farm Dairy) to pole 11 (Lower Part Farm) from a 2-wire line to a 3-wire line and upgrade the existing 11kV Overhead line from pole 14 (Alex Farm) to termination pole (Eysey Manor Quarry) from a 2-wire line to a 3-wire line. Closing Date: 3 December with no Extension – Council Decision: No Comment.
Application S/20/1685/TB - Anaerobic Digester Plant
Address: Droveaway, Castle Eaton, Swindon SN6 6JX Proposal: Erection of 1no. 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. Council Comment – Members looked at the new application and could see very little difference from the original submission. It was decided to resubmit the original February 2021 objection letter with the addition of 'Latton Parish still does not agree or approve this planning request, unless the main entry roads come under major reworks, to enable safe transportation, as first priority before any application for additional Digesters can be approved - This cost should be borne by the applicant in full'. Castle Eaton Parish Council has called this application in.

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decision to Approve with Conditions

Application PL/2021/06950	Address: 39 Upcott, Latton Proposal: Proposed attic conversion for a bedroom, en-suite and associated works	Applicant: Mr and Mrs Stevens
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Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation

Members NOTED the funds held and APPROVED the list of payments to 26 November 2021. Members NOTED that the 2020 – 2021 VAT refund of £1510.61 has been received.

Play Area Gate

Members considered the updated quotes received, and following discussions RESOLVED to accept Quote B to replace both gates at a maximum cost of £700 (seven hundred pounds) the final cost depends on whether the old hinges can be reused.

Grass Cutting Contract

Members NOTED the report and the letter from the Parochial Church Council. Members AGREED they did not want to see the Churchyard rewilded, as it is a focal point for the village. Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to pay the PCC's contribution for 2022-2023, due to loss of income in 2021-2022.

Road Markers and Road Studs

Members NOTED the report, main points from the Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer were:

- There is an instruction in the system to re-fresh as many road markings in the area as possible.
- Road Studs are only legally required where this is a solid white centre line, and consequently many minor roads will not have road studs replaced.
- Road Studs will not be replaced on 2-way country roads.

- WC try to replace them the Group 1 network (A & B Class roads) where the roads require some form of advanced delineation in a difficult topography. They must be installed where there is a solid white centre line.
- On occasions road studs are provided when some other issue is raised as a contributory factor in statistics, such as roads particularly susceptible to inclement weather.

Following discussions, Members AGREED to write to the Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer and request that consideration be given to replacing them along the Ermin Street, due to:

- The current line markings are very old (pre by-pass) and are not in the centre of the road.
- Ermin Street is too busy to be classed as a country road.
- Can the white lines be closer together, to encourage drivers to slow down.
- It is a busy stretch of road, where cars exceed the speed limit most of the time.
- When the A419 is closed for road works, or accidents, all traffic is diverted along it.
- The Village is used as a pickup/drop off point for local villages attending various schools in the area.
- To add a CATG discussion to next agenda to discuss traffic calming through the village, and to ask at CATG Meeting being held tomorrow (15th December). Clerk to advise resident.

21.102 **Flooding in Gosditch**

Members NOTED the concerns for a resident regarding flooding in Goditch during heavy rainfall. Wiltshire Council reported that over the weekend of 30th and 31st October 2021, the rainfall was unprecedented and there were many locations where the designed drainage system was overwhelmed across the region. WC has instigated further investigations on Gosditch, including the repair of a broken pipe. The High-Pressure Jetting equipment will re-attend and try to establish the outfall of the drainage close by the church. They will try to clear the system back into the main part of the village. Councillor Lloyd observed a resident rodding a drain in this area to clear the flood water, the drain maybe blocked further down causing a build-up. Councillor Lloyd agreed to take photographs, Councillor Jones will then look at the drainage maps, to move issue forward. Clerk to advise resident.

21.103 **Charitable Trust**

Mr M Pritchard has stepped down as Chairman, as all Councillors were not present the discussion regarding a replacement was deferred. A report update from Mr Pritchard is outstanding, Councillor Rawsthorne to contact him. It was agreed to hold a meeting with all parties on either 5 or 6 January to discuss the appointment of a Chairman to the Trust and the way forward regarding the 2 February Planning Committee meeting. Clerk to book Parish Hall, WC Councillor Jones to send out invitations and co-ordinate attendees. Councillor Rawsthorne to contact Councillor De'witt and Mr Pritchard.

21.104 **Precept 2022-2023**

Members NOTED the report and precept analyses. Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to reduce the funds for the Platinum celebrations to £500. Members RESOLVED to set a precept for 2022-2023 of £13,210 equating to a Band D of £51.61 an increase of £1.10 = 2.18%

21.105 **Councillor Updates**

Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – Councillor Lloyd Attending meeting tomorrow (15 th Dec). Members agreed that the request for a 25% contribution towards the traffic survey was acceptable. Minutes Reference 21.71 refers
Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne There are 221 members, 199 are active. Lower number of comments and posts but more like reactions.
Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne No results available for meeting. Councillor Johnson asked for results to form part of a report of the Police.
Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson Two Hills lorries (earth movers) were seen going through the village, Hills reported new driver not knowing the route (but two lorries seen together). WC Councillor Jones requested the details. Cement mixers have also been seen at 6.20am, too dark to obtain any details.
Recreation Hall Development – Councillor Rawsthorne See Minute References 21. 95 and 21.103
RWB&C Community Safety Forum (RSF) – Councillor Johnson Attended a CSF meeting last week. Councillor Johnson again brought up the issues of speeding traffic and concerns with school drop off/pick up on the road, and an accident was highly likely. Police responded to say that Latton was a small village in. big area. Since the CSF meeting, contact

has been made with Councillor Johnson by the Chairman of the Forum and the Police, to discuss further.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm