

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

30 March 2021

held remotely (via Zoom) at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

Cllr D Lloyd (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr R De'witt

Cllr K Johnson

Cllr J Towner

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones

Public and Councillor Question Time: No questions were raised

MINUTES

20.112 Appointment of Chairman and Apologies for Absence

Members NOTED apologies from Councillor Rawsthorne. Members AGREED that Councillor Lloyd would preside.

20.113 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

20.114 Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

20.115 Minutes of the previous meeting

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2021. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record of the meeting and will be retrospectively signed by the Chairman.

20.116 Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update

Information to be provided under relevant minute references.

20.117 Clerks Report – Members NOTED:

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. To meet up in the Spring before the events start. **20.104** - Clerk to ask for a copy of the risk assessments, and that in the future the Council could be copied into correspondence with local Police. Information received – Closed - See min ref: 20.125

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 for the next meeting. - Ongoing

20.83- Flagpole

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 - one quote received, sourcing a second.

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. Company currently closed due to reopen in April. Clerk to source, ongoing.

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. 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, contact made.

20.99- Community Infrastructure Levy

- a. Although not related to the spending of CIL Members liked concept of holding a Latton In Bloom event. – Closed - See min ref: 20.123
- b. The resident speaking at the meeting was asked to contact the Clerk with any other information – No further information has been received. Members AGREED to Close. The suggestion made via social media for an outside fitness park, was NOTED and the Clerk was asked to obtain information. Ongoing

20.100 - Water Eaton Donation

The WC Road Engineer has submitted a plan with the suggestion of installing new gates and signs on both sides of the roads at locations at either end, also to allow for some localised edge markings at the gate locations to slow traffic, with a cost of £8000. Letter to be drafted /approved by the Chairman. Closed - See min ref: 20.121.

20.103 - Planning - Biodigester at Castle Eaton – S/20/1685

Members RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds of Public Safety, Traffic, Transport and the Junction with the A419. objection lodged with SBC and acknowledged on 22 Feb. 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 and approved by the Chairman. Closed - See min ref: 20.120

20.106 - Wiltshire Wildlife Survey

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 – ongoing.

- 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

Sent on behalf of Minerals & Waste Policy Team

We are delighted to announce the publication of an updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) 2021/22 – 2023/24. This document sets out the three-year work programme for preparing new or updated local minerals and waste planning policy documents throughout Gloucestershire. The MWDS will be active from 1st April 2021

Off Road Motorbikes

A resident reported motorcyclists illegally riding on the bridleway to the north of the village, this at a time many walkers and horse riders were present. The point of entry from the bridleway was made through what is now an ungated pedestrian and everything else entrance. ACTION TAKEN: The routes used are public footpaths and bridleways (either or both LATT5 or LATT15 with connection to BDA5). Farmcare (as the landowner over which the footpaths and bridleways are located) has been contacted and email has been sent to Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer for information and possible courses of action. Farmcare and Wiltshire Council are meeting in the next week or two

20.118 **Co-option of Councillor**

Since the February meeting, Matthew Pritchard has resigned as a Parish Councillor. Wiltshire Council has been advised of his resignation. As the Parish Council elections are on 6th May Members AGREED not to action the co-option process.

20.119 **Planning Applications**

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decisions:

20/09377/FUL/LBC	Site: Court Farm House, Ermin Way, Latton SN6 6DH
WC Approved with Conditions: Renovation and internal alterations, add 4 new external openings and demolition of back porch and Approved LBC	
20/09639/FUL	Site: Nottal Cottage, 25 Gosditch, Latton SN6 6DP
WC Approved with Conditions: Creation of garden store and link between existing ancillary accommodation and house	

Members RECEIVED a verbal update from Wiltshire Councillor Jones regarding the outline application (with all matters reserved) for a village recreation hall, all weather tennis court, parking, access and erection of six houses (20/11236/OUT). The deadline for comments was extended as WC Planners wanted more information from the Charity Commission, which has since been provided. Wiltshire Councillor Jones was disappointed that more residents had not commented. Most of the objections received were not planning related

20.120 **Planning - Biodigester at Castle Eaton – S/20/1685**

Members NOTED the report, the letter of objection from the Council to Swindon Borough Council (SBC) and the report from the Castle Eaton Digester Working Group. Wiltshire Councillor Jones updated Members - the main points were:

- Latton, Castle Eaton and Marston Meysey Parish Councils and Cllr Jones, have all sent letters of objection
- It was an oversight by SBC in not liaising with Wiltshire Council in the first instance
- Water Eaton residents were given a letter and received over 20 responses were received.
- The closing date was extended due to the pressure of complaints received. SBC has been asked to review, but it will probably be delayed until after the May elections.

20.121 **Water Eaton Donation**

Members NOTED the report, the letter that was sent to Water Eaton residents and the responses received. The majority of the comments were relating to the speed of traffic and that the suggested measures would not address this.

Following discussions, Members AGREED to:

- Reject the suggested enhancements from the Wiltshire Council Engineer – WC Councillor Jones to advise Wiltshire Council
- Request a traffic survey – delegated to the Clerk
- Pursue the suggestion of build outs to slow the traffic. WC Councillor Jones to obtain sample photographs of buildouts for Members.
- Councillor Johnson to pursue the attendance of Speedwatch team along the road.

20.122 **Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation**

Members NOTED and APPROVED the financial accounts for February and March and the bank reconciliation.

20.123 **Latton In Bloom**

Following discussions, 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. The Judges and judging dates to be decided at May meeting.

20.124 **A419 Road Noise**

Members NOTED the report, and the correspondence received from the A419 Noise Action Group, main points were:

- Overall, the letters did not say anything new.
- They were very disappointed that Highways England has changed their position on the life of the concrete surface. In all previous communications it was agreed that this would be 30 years and now, as evidenced in the letters, this has arbitrarily been changed to 40 years, and it seems that there is no explanation for this.
- The A419 NAG strategy has recently focused on the improvements to the Missing Link at Birdlip, and within this scheme pushed for change to the concrete stretch to mitigate unacceptable noise levels. It is understood that traffic volumes will increase once the improvements are complete.
- The Missing Link scheme has now been put on hold. Highways England's website shows the start and end date are to be confirmed. This has hindered progress on this strategy.
- There is an opportunity to gather data from residents on how they are experiencing the road noise, the data provided can be analysed and reported, and would be invaluable in pressing the case.

Members AGREED to ask residents if they are still concerned about the issue. To be included in the next newsletter (following May elections) and on the Community Facebook page.

- 20.125 **Cycling Events**
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. Following discussions, Members thought the risk assessment was very vague, only covering the risks associated with cyclists, nothing relating to other road users, bystanders, children, animals, travel through villages or cyclist behaviour. Members thought more considerations to other road users and residents should be included. Request to the Clerk to write to the local contact and advise that the Council feels that the risk assessment is incomplete and does not reflect all the required associated risks.
- 20.126 **Cerney Wick/Latton Road Parking Issues**
Members NOTED the request from South Cerney Parish Council, asking the Council to consider submitting a form to the Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) for some No Parking signs on the parking places on the road over the A419 between Latton and Cerney Wick. An increase in parking in the location is being caused by the opening of a second fishing lake to the west of the road which has no parking facilities. Vehicles are often parked, carving up the ground, and also parking in the passing places which is causing difficulties with traffic using the road particularly large traffic such as the school coaches. This issue has also been forwarded to Wiltshire Council Enforcement (WCE) as it appears there is no planning permissions in place. Following discussions, Members AGREED to wait until the outcome of the WCE investigations, before submitting a request to CATG.
- 20.127 **Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Meeting**
Members NOTED the report, and following discussions, RESOLVED to hold an Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 27 April at 7.15pm and A Parish Meeting takes place at 7.30pm on the same evening, both meetings to take place via Zoom prior to the elections in May.
- 20.128 **Dog Fouling**
Latton Parish Council has been offered the loan of Cricklade Town Council's A2 Dog Fouling Stencil. Members accepted the offer and Councillor Lloyd volunteered to make a copy of the stencil for use in the Parish. Members RESOLVED to purchase 2 x 750ml water-based aerosol paint at a cost not exceeding £25.00 met from General Reserves.
- 20.129 **Community Facebook**
Following Matthew Pritchard's resignation as a Parish Councillor, Members considered his offer to carry on administering the Parish Facebook page. Members unanimously accepted his offer. The suggestion to also have a second Councillor Administrator will be discussed meeting of the new Council in May.
- 20.130 **Cotswold Lakes Trust**
Members NOTED that The Cotswold Water Park Trust has announced a change of name, a redefined Statement of Purpose, and the appointment of four new Trustees to the Board. The new name of the Trust is Cotswold Lake Trust.
- 20.131 **VE Day 2021**
Members RESOLVED to purchase one right facing commemorative Tommy figure with the wording 'We Remember' at a cost of £200 (two hundred pounds) with costs to be met from General Reserves. The figure will be located by the information board over the VE Day celebrations, Remembrance time in November and any other suitable occasions.
- 20.132 **Councillor Updates**
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum: Councillor Johnson reported that many villages are experiencing speeding traffic.
Speed Indication Device: The new solar panel is working well.
Speedwatch and Lorry Watch: Speedwatch is no longer suspended, and are due to go out soon, borrowing camera from Cricklade. Believe the Police person in charge is moving on.
Community Facebook: It is positively being used by the community.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm