

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

26th July 2022

Latton Parish Hall

at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

Cllr P Rawsthorne (Chairman)

Cllr D Lloyd (Vice Chairman)

Cllr P Clarke

Cllr De'witt

Cllr Johnson

Cllr A Slater

Cllr J Towner

Clerk: Tina Jones PSLCC

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones (until Min. Ref 22.48)

Public and Councillor Question Time: There were no Questions.

MINUTES

22.49 **Apologies for Absence**
All Members were present

22.50 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
There was one Declaration of Interest made, no requests for dispensations were received. as declared during the meeting.

Cllr Clarke	Min. Ref. 22.52	The Eysey Manor planning application as related to landowners	Did not vote
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22.51 **Minutes of the previous meetings**
Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2022, and the Extraordinary Meeting of 28 June 2022. Members ADOPTED the minutes as a true record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

22.52 **Wiltshire Councillor Update**
Councillor Jones reported:

- Public Rights of Way (RoW) complaints have increased as many are not up to standard. Wiltshire Council maintain 6,000 kms of footpath, with circa fifty grounds staff. The complaints are mainly relating to bridleways and made by equestrians. There are six officers looking after 1000 kms each and the Council has 31 country parks. Landowners can claim back 25% of the cost or be provided with 25% in parts and equipment for maintaining RoWs. WC has a legal obligation to keep footpaths open, so do encourage local groups to check and maintain the footpaths.
- Many areas across the Country are forming Footpaths Groups (separate to the Council, for grant purposes) Clerk was requested to contact a local group for more information.
- Half of the Wiltshire Council budget is allocated to Adult Care.
- Wiltshire Council is now in summer recess.
- Bio-digester (see Minute Reference 22.55). WC Councillor Jones has passed the traffic management plan to Wiltshire Council Highways. Wiltshire Council was not aware of the plan for twenty passing places along the C124 and are investigating.
See Minute Reference 22.55 - Councillor Jones gave apologies and left the meeting

22.53 **Clerks Report – Members NOTED**

21.116 Water Eaton Traffic Survey

Members NOTED the results of the Water Eaton Traffic Survey, waiting on the result of the second survey are received. Wiltshire Council has stated that the results of the first survey demonstrate that no further action is required at present. Members agreed that all households in Water Eaton would be sent a letter (posted) with the results of both surveys once the second one has taken place.

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. Meeting Update: Councillor Rawsthorne suggested an alternative position, to send photographs to the Clerk Councillor Rawsthorne to speak with residents. Meeting update, Land does not belong to the residents. Wiltshire Council is happy for the waste bin to be moved at Parish Council Costs. Cllr Rawsthorne to arrange with Councillors to relocate.

Clerks Report**21.64 Cycling Events**

Update from Councillor Johnson future events: additional Stewards will be in the village. A mobile number will be given for immediate action if problems occur at Gosditch. Information will be given pre-event for posting on Facebook and additional signs erected. As a goodwill gesture the organisers will be making a £270 donation to the Trustees of the Recreation Hall. The 5th June event went well, no complaints were received, the Marshals were very helpful. Members AGREED to close – see Min Ref. 22.51

22.23 Upcott Drains

Members were advised at the May meeting that the Wiltshire Council Sewer Crew has confirmed they will be back in the area from week commencing 13 June. Drains were cleared Members AGREED to close

22.35 Croft Lane Sign

Councillor Rawsthorne has cleaned the sign. No replacement required, Clerk to contact resident for feedback, very pleased and thanked the Council. Members AGREED to close

22.46 Parish Logo

Members AGREED that design A was the most appropriate, with the addition of the canal bridge on top line, the straight line changed to blue, so both the river and canal form part of the design. Wording to be amended to Latton Parish Council, with Eysey and Water Eaton. Councillor Lloyd to arrange for design to be amended, for reconsideration at a future meeting.

22.48 Jubilee Garden Lease

Following discussions, Members AGREED:

- The request for £10 a year was sustainable to keep the asset available to the village.
- Liability cover of £10 million pounds is required. Clerk to check current policy. (post meeting update: Insurance cover is already in place for this amount)
- Under the terms of the old lease the Council is not responsible for the boundary wall between the road and the land, as this is not specifically mentioned in the new lease, amendment to be requested
- The lease mentions rateable water, as there is no mains water on site request for this to be removed.
- New lease states not to place or erect any buildings – in the original lease the landlord gave consent for the erecting of a small wooden garden building for the storage of garden materials close to the sub-station -amendment to be requested.
- Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign lease with Clerk as witness as per SO 23

UPDATE: message received 21 July – the lease is still being reviewed.

Actions since last meeting

Councillor Rawsthorne to remove metal item from Play Area – delayed due to weather conditions.

Entrance to the Down Ampney track has been vandalised- email to Bidwells who are dealing with issue.

Report of broken stile at Lake Louise – reported to Wiltshire Council

Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation

Members NOTED the Bank Account figures, bank balance as at 28 June = £54,749.27, with ring fenced funding of £30,776.17. Members APPROVED the expenditure schedule.

Cycling Event

Members RECEIVED an update from the Clerk on behalf of a resident: that some cyclists, were not checking traffic before pulling out to overtake other cyclists, and the resident believes the event is too dangerous to run on a well-used road

Members RECEIVED verbal updates from Councillors Johnson and Rawsthorne. No accidents were reported, an HGV went through weaving in and out of cyclists. Councillor Rawsthorne spent three hours with a Marshall and he was impressed with his management of the race. Wiltshire Police signed off the event risk assessments and plan. There is nothing more the organisers can do regarding health and safety, a road closure is still the best option. Both Councillors will be meeting with the Organiser to discuss the issues raised by residents and the observations made.

Planning Applications

Application: PL/2022/01019 Minerals and Waste Application	Address: Eysey Manor, Eysey SN6 6LP Applicant: Tarmac Trading Ltd Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of N/99/02132/FCM to allow for a revised restoration scheme at Eysey Manor Quarry.
The Landowner wants some of the restoration scheme to remain as agriculture, with one as a fishing lake. There is no mention of the condition relating to canal restoration in the new submission. It would be better it all returned to agricultural and a new planning application for a fishing lake was made, as this request is a change of use to recreational activities. Proposed location of lake is between the River Thames, A419 and River Churn. Members RESOLVED to OBJECT, with one abstention for the following reasons: Change of use from agricultural to recreational, with concerns that the canal restoration has not been mentioned in the variation.	
Application: 21/003/CWMAJM Minerals and Waste Application	Address: Former RAF Down Ampney Airfield and Surrounding Areas, The New Road, Down Ampney, GL7 5PL. Applicant: Hills Proposal: 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 bio-diversity. This application straddles the administrative boundaries of Glos and Wiltshire Council Councils – All of the proposed mineral extraction is within Gloucestershire
Members RESOLVED to OBJECT for the following reasons: Working hours are stated as outside 9 to 5. Access is between the two set of traffic lights on C124. Traffic movements are massive during all three stages, on an unsafe road. The concrete plant is close to Ampney Brook, with the water planned to deposit into the River Thames. The proposed location of plant and conveyers is very close to the village, which will also affect Down Ampney, serious concerns regarding the noise levels.	

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decisions:

PL/2022/01587 – Full Planning Permission – Approved with Conditions	
Address: Westfield Lake, Off Cirencester Road, Latton, GL7 5QQ	
Applicant: Embryo Angling Habitats Ltd	
Proposal: Change of use from fish farm to recreational coarse fishing on the lake (retrospective application); installation of movable composting toilet.	
PL/2022/02710 – Householder Application – Approved with Conditions	
Address: 8 Collett Place, Latton, SN6	Applicant: Mr Pierce (Agent)
Proposal: Garage conversion and extension	
PL/2022/01533 – Householder Application – Approved with Conditions	
Address: 5 Seven Bridges Cottages, Water Eaton, SN6 6JS	
Applicant: Mr Dinis	Proposal: Two proposed dormers to front
Enforcement Notice ENF/2022/00454	
Address: Fishing at land adjacent to Westfield Farm, Down Ampney	
The enforcement case relating to the second fishing lake, has been closed however, should further concerns be brought to the Council's attention, to contact the Enforcement Team and a new case will be opened for further investigation. The users were unaware that planning permission was required to use the lake for recreational fishing, and they have now ceased that use with immediate effect.	

Members NOTED the conditions relating to Planning Application PL/2022/01587 - Westfield Lake, Latton

Gloucestershire CC Minerals & Waste Planning Policy Update: Summer 2022

Members NOTED the publication of an updated Gloucestershire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) 2022/23 – 2024/25 and the 10th Gloucestershire Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA).

Heatwave Plan – Public Health

Members NOTED the Heatwave, and following discussion AGREED to add a link to it on the Wiltshire Council page of the website. Clerk to speak to WC Councillor Jones re content.

- 22.60 **Biodigester at Castle Eaton – S/20/1685**
 Members NOTED the updated Transport Management Plan (TMP), has been submitted to Swindon Borough Council (SBC). The plan includes a road survey of C114 and Drove Way Castle Eaton. The plan suggests widening of C114 in multiple places. Unfortunately, it is not clear on the locations of the proposed widening within their diagrams. It is also not clear on who would be responsible for doing this work, or the standards of build. It does not address the concerns regarding the increase in HGV traffic on the C114 or at the A419/C114 junction for safety reasons. There is no accommodation for vulnerable users included for C114 in this assessment. See Minute Reference 22.47 – for WC update.
 Following discussions, Members AGREED to make comment to SBC on behalf of residents expressing continued disagreement with the planning application, as above.
- 22.61 **Wiltshire Council Streetscene Contract**
 Members NOTED the Wiltshire Council Streetscene contract was awarded for five years to Idverde and commences on 1st September 2022, with the possible extension of a further five years, subject to performance.
- 22.62 **Parish Maintenance**
 Members NOTED the requests from residents regarding the increase in weeds around the village. Areas identified: area around the Preachers Cross, entrances to the village and the build outs and gutter weeds in Gosditch.
 A resident reported that Wiltshire Council Contractors, had sprayed The Street and around the memorial. Wiltshire Council will only spray main roads and where it is essential for road safety. Once sprayed they will not be back to clear away the dead weeds etc. Weeds are prevalent both along the Street and other roads, between the roads and footways. The Parish Steward can clear some of this, but his time is limited in the area. Following discussions, Councillor Clarke AGREED to speak to a local farmer regarding the hedge behind the bus stop. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes to spray and clear weeds from Gosditch to Croft Lane
- 22.63 **Upper Thames Protection Society**
 Members NOTED the letter from the Upper Thames Protection Society announcing that the Group was disbanding.
- 22.64 **Councillor Updates**
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| Area Board – Councillor Rawsthorne: No meetings have taken place |
| Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne: Few new members in last few weeks. |
| Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) – Councillor Lloyd:
No meetings have taken place |
| Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne: Working but still unable to download |
| Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson: Councillor Johnson is trying to secure a speed camera solely for use in Latton. He is engaging at County level as an Area Co-ordinator to sort out problems in the current system. |
| Recreation Hall Development – Councillor Rawsthorne
Making progress, the application for charity status has been submitted, therefore no bank account yet. Formalising questions to ask other Village Hall organisations for feedback. Once charity status awarded, Group can apply for grant applications |
| RWB&C Community Safety Forum (RSF) – Councillor Johnson:
No meetings have taken place |

Meeting Closed at 20.38