

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

26 October 2021

Latton Parish Hall

at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

Cllr D Lloyd (Vice-Chairman) Cllr K Johnson Cllr J Towner

Clerk: Tina Jones PSLCC

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones

Public and Councillor Question Time: There were no questions asked

MINUTES

21.75 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors De'Witt and Rawsthorne.

21.76 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

21.77 Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

21.78 Minutes of the previous meetings

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 7 September. Members RESOLVED to accept an amendment to Minute Reference 21.71: in that Members RESOLVED the cost of £2,500, with a minimum contribution from the Parish Council of 25% be met from ear marked reserves. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and were signed by the Vice-Chairman.

21.79 Wiltshire Councillor Jones Update

Wiltshire Councillor Jones gave a verbal update. He asked if any residents of the Parish were affected by the new SP1 rule for septic tanks, in that if they filter into chalk or gravel, a filter is required. Councillor Jones to investigate further. Regarding the Recreation Hall, as Wiltshire Council has a shortage of Planning Officers, this has not moved forward.

21.80 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"

20.121 - Water Eaton Donation

Request for a traffic survey has been agreed by WC - ongoing

21.71 – WC to action a speed reduction review on the road survey - ongoing

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 provided the following update: The operator has been contacted and advised that a change of use application is required if they wish to continue using the lake as a commercial operation The Operator has confirmed that they will be submitting an application over the next few weeks. Ongoing

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. The gate to the Play Area (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. Contractors contacted 3 x quotes requested. Closed see Min. Ref. 21.87. Barbed wire (running along the middle) of the fence between the Jubilee Garden and the Play Area to be removed – ongoing/The Annual Play Area Inspection has taken place. Closed see Min. Ref. 21.83

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.

21.26 Jubilee Garden Lease - Bidwells

Collapsing 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 – Bidwells emailed 9 August - they have been in touch with a contractor regarding the open gap on the bridleway and are considering options (whether to gate / fence etc.). they will let us know once a decision is made. Chase email sent 18 October - Ongoing

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 will attend the planning call in meeting when it is arranged.

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 and Resources Co-ordinator will be attending. Councillors Rawsthorne and Johnson will arrange a meeting with the cycling event organisers after Councillor Johnson has attended the meeting. Verbal Update at Meeting.

21.65 Down Ampney Parish Council (DAPC) – Thames Water

Members NOTED the correspondence sent to Thames Water from the Chairman of the Planning Committee for DAPC regarding Down Ampney sewage. The sewage is treated at the Ampney St Peter Plant, and the Council is aware that untreated sewage is regularly being discharged into Ampney Brook, this has caused the clarity of the water and fish life to deteriorate over recent years. Following discussions, Members agreed they supported the statements made and asked the Clerk to respond to DAPC suggesting they make the Environment Agency aware of the issues and concerns and pursue a response to the Thames Water letter to escalate to CEO. DAPC response - a letter has been sent to the CEO of Thames Water with copied to CEO of Cotswold District Council. The next step in the paper trail is Environment Agency and then the Government. DAPC thanked the Council for comments and support. Members AGREED to close

21.66 Shorncliffe Quarry Invitation

Members considered the invitation to visit the existing Shorncliffe Quarry in the Waterpark on 28 September from 10.00 – 13.00. Hills Quarry Products are offering an opportunity to receive an insight into a working quarry and show how phased restoration is undertaken. Closed see min. ref. 21.85

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 - ongoing

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

Following discussions, it was AGREED that the following would provide Cllr Lloyd with:
WC Cllr Jones to provide planning information. The Clerk to supply information for first three points
and Water Eaton update. Cllr Rawsthorne – Latton in Bloom and Recreation Hall statement.

21.81

Planning Applications

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decision to Approve with Conditions

Application PL/2021/08455	Address: Former Creamery, Cirencester Road, Latton, GL7 5QF Applicant: Lister Wilder Ltd Proposal: Change of use of the existing buildings to house a workshop, showroom, office and store for agricultural and ground care machinery business Lister Wilder Ltd.
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Members considered the following Wiltshire Council application:

Application PL/2021/08625	Address: 4 Limes Place, Latton SN6 6DR Applicant: Mr S Emms Closing Date: 27 October 2021 Proposal: Single Storey Side Extension
	Members RESOLVED to SUPPORT

21.82

Financial Accounts & Bank Reconciliation

Members NOTED the funds held and APPROVED the list of payments to 30 September 2021. Councillor Towner agreed to review the accounts. Members RESOLVED to fund the additional floral display costs from General Reserves, and to increase the budget for 2022-2023 to reflect the increase in costs.

21.83

Play Area Inspection

Members NOTED the report, the only area of concern was that one sign had not been put in place. The Council has the sign, Councillor Lloyd to discuss with Councillor Rawsthorne the fitting of the sign, for placement, as soon as possible.

21.84

Cycling Events

No update available.

21.85

Shorncliffe Quarry Invitation

Councillor Johnson reported that he and Councillor Rawsthorne attended the event. It is an impressive business which is very organised. Although, there are no answers regarding transportation of materials and volume of traffic. Regarding lorry movements, their carbon footprint has been reduced by reducing travel distance, but this in turn has increased the number of lorries. Wiltshire Councillor Jones reported that he has also attended the event. Gloucestershire County Council will be the primary planning authority. Wiltshire Council has submitted a brief to Gloucestershire County Council on the proposed quarry at Down Ampney airfield.

21.86

Cotswold Water Park SSSI

Members NOTED the letter announcing that some parts of the park are now classed as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) and some of its areas have had the SSSI status removed.

21.87

Play Area Gate

Members NOTED the report and considered the quotes, following discussions, it was AGREED further information was required. Clerk to contact the contractors to see existing hinges can be reused.

21.88

Precept Timetable and Draft Precept 2022-2023

Members NOTED the report and AGREED for an additional £1000 to be added in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee. Clerk to contact the Parochial Parish Council regarding the grass cutting contract.

21.89

WhatsApp

Members considered and AGREED to the setup of a WhatsApp group for rapid communication and passing of information between Councillors. Councillor Towner to organise.

Councillor Updates

Community Area Transport Group – Councillor Lloyd No report
Community Facebook – Councillor Rawsthorne No report
Speed Indication Device – Councillor Rawsthorne No report
Speedwatch and Lorry Watch – Councillor Johnson Speeding after 11pm at night is getting worse, reported to the Police but no action taken. Speedwatch can no longer give registration numbers when reporting speeding to the Police. Concerns raised from Councillors regarding the increase in school coaches picking up students from various villages in Latton. This is bringing more cars into the village, making u-turn's and parking everywhere. Police acknowledge there is a problem but cannot do anything.
Recreation Hall Development – Councillor Rawsthorne No report – see Min. Ref. 21.79
RWB&C Community Safety Forum – Councillor Johnson No report

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm