

Latton Parish Council Meeting  
23rd September 2013  
7.00pm in the Village Hall

Minutes

1. Apologies: None received

Present: Councillors Graham Blunden (Chairperson), Jonathan Archer, Becky Baker, Nick Kennington, David Newman & Bev Blunden (Clerk)  
Councillor Bob Jones

Several members of the public were also present.

2. Minutes from last Meeting on 24.6.13 were agreed & signed by Chairperson.

3. Declarations of interest - none

4. Bluestone Planning to discuss development of field opposite Croft Close - Councillors had been sent details & plan of proposal by email. Representatives of Mr Oram, the owner of the land south of The Street, came to put their case. The plan has been revised since their visit on 15.10.12 by the removal of 15 office units, which the Parish Council previously thought it would be difficult to sell due to the lack of infrastructure in Latton. Without the employment units it is unlikely permission would be granted for the housing. The main concern of the Parish Council is that the proposal is outside the area marked for housing. Another objection is that there are brown field sites at the old Creamery and the dairy farm barns in Gosditch, both of which are an eyesore, available for this kind of development rather than building on a green field site. The proposal now includes affordable housing, which will include social rented & shared equity units. It was commented that, according to the results of the Parish Plan, there was no need for affordable housing in Latton. The provision of acoustic fencing & enhanced traffic calming measure were considered a good idea. It was also mentioned that flooding could be a problem since the drains can't cope and, since the housing is so near the A419, would anyone buy them due to the noise problem. A comment was also made about possible parking problems, but there is space for adequate parking in the plan. The representatives stated that an application to Wilts Council may be possible during summer 2014. They will notify the PC as soon as they decide to apply, so that conditions of a Section 106 can be in place as soon as possible. If the application goes ahead, all Councillors agreed the PC would hold a public meeting to discuss application. The representatives were thanked for their attendance and then left the meeting.

5. Community First to discuss Parish Plan – Belinda Fowler summarized development of plan highlighting importance of remembering plan is owned by the Community, with Parish Council overseeing its implementation. She focused on how to get people involved, which seems to be a challenge in Latton. She concluded by saying Community first were available to help in many ways, including running workshops. It

was suggested a Councillor may like to attend the Engaging Communities Workshop.

**ACTION:** Bev to email details of this workshop to Councillors.

Belinda was thanked for her help & support, & then left the meeting.

6. Parish Plan update – currently winding up constitution of steering group & writing an evaluation report. The group is also working on a joint publicity piece with Wilts Council & Parish Council. Community First would like to use Latton Parish Plan as a case study. Feedback is needed by community through publication & distribution of Parish Plan as soon as possible.

A motion was put forward: the Parish Council agrees to fund the printing of the Parish Plan & its distribution in Latton. There were 3 votes in favour & 2 against, so the motion was carried. **ACTION:** Janet to organized printing of Plan & invoice Parish Council. Bev & Janet to organize distribution of Plan with Newsletter to each household & stakeholder in Latton. The date of the launch will be decided at the next Parish Plan group meeting – Bev & Janet to publicise event in the Newsletter, Chronicle, Ripples & on the noticeboards.

7. Accounts – Jonathan presented the PC with a summary of transactions so far this year. The profit made from the Jumble Sale is still outstanding & will be paid into the Account by Becky as soon as possible.

8. Village Hall – there is still a need for volunteers to form a Village Hall Committee to secure the lease. A meeting to discuss the Village Hall will be held at the Parish Plan launch event, where the possibility of a ‘Community Hub’ will be discussed.

9. Weight restriction update – an email was received by Richard Sharpe from Alan Creedy on 15.8.13 stating that once the Highways Agency & Police have resolved their concerns (in the next few weeks), Alan will introduce a traffic order proposing a weight restriction in Latton. Bob Jones commented Alan is no longer Head of Services for Sustainable Transport, which could be why a reply has not been received. Bob Jones is to follow up this issue on behalf of the PC. **ACTION:** Bev to send Bob a copy of the email from Alan Creedy.

10. A419 Action Group update – continuation of Survey among Parishes affected by A419. Group have little resources from which to do anything. Wrote to James Gray who replied there is a plan in place to resurface A419 in 2025, but Group want something done before then! Janet Sharpe is to speak to Cricklade Town Council about their possible involvement in this issue.

11. Water Eaton issues

11.1 – Boundary gates to display signage & make Water Eaton a visible place could be funded by an Area Board Grant. Wilts council have agreed to pay for ‘Slow’ signs for C114. **ACTION:** Bev to send David & Nick details of Area Board application.

11.2 – Repairs to C114: Bob Jones was asked to help campaign for this. **ACTION:** Bev, David & Nick to send emails to Bob to use as evidence when approaching Wilts Council.

11.3 – Noticeboard near South Farm: planning permission not needed due to ‘Clerk’s Restrictions’. Bev suggested whether noticeboard in bus stop in Latton could be removed & fixed to posts instead of purchasing a new one. ACTION: David & Nick to look at noticeboard & report back at next meeting as to whether it is suitable.

12. Report from meeting with Co-op – proposal for an anaerobic digester on Airfield Farm, Down Ampney. The Co-op stated Latton would not be affected by noise, smell or traffic through Latton from this. Latton Parish Council have no objections.

13. Planning Applications – no objections or comments were made for those received since last meeting.

14. Xmas Tree event – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm. Jonathan is willing to organize this event once more. Planning meeting is to be held on Mon 14 Oct at 7.30pm. ACTION: Bev to publicise meeting & event in Chronicle, Ripples & posters on noticeboard.

#### 15. Any Other Business

15.1 – Local Parish Cross Boundary Group meeting to be held on Mon 7 Oct at 7pm. Becky is to represent Latton Parish Council at this meeting. ACTION: Bev to let Becky know venue & let Alison know Becky’s details for future correspondence

15.2 – Visit to Cullimore Gravel Pits on Wed 25 Sept at 5pm. David & Nick are attending. ACTION: Bev to confirm meeting place with David & Nick.

15.3 – It was suggested a wreath could be presented from Latton Parish Council at the Remembrance Service at Cricklade Memorial. ACTION: Bev to provisionally order a wreath from Cricklade Town Council & the vote about the expense is to be taken at the next meeting.

15.4 – Briefing note re Council Tax Support was circulated to Councillors by email. A rep from Latton PC needs to attend meeting.

Bob Jones also mentioned a rep is needed for the CATG meetings. ACTION: Bev to circulate meeting dates to Councillors so that a rep can attend meetings. Bob also mentioned the LINK Scheme & Open Door need to be publicised in Latton.

ACTION: Bev to publicise these in Newsletter.

15.5 – Bev commented that the rate of pay & no of hours for the Parish Clerk should be increased in line with SLCC recommendations. This item is to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

15.6 – Speedwatch will be starting again on 30 Sept since difficulties at WC have now been sorted out.

It was noted that it was good practice for all discussion items to be listed on the Agenda & A.O.B. should not be included in the Agenda. Bev is to follow this procedure for future meetings.

15.7 – Complaints have been received about messy verges in Latton, especially by bus stop opposite Croft Close, since Wilts Council have changed the Parish Steward system. ACTION: Bev to contact Community Steward about cutting verges in Latton.

16. Date of next meeting – Mon 11 Nov, 7.30pm at Village Hall.