

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 13th April 2010.**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, M Williams and V Williams Dr DB Coltman, R Elvis, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard, PM Quinton & J Jackson.
PC Carl Wood attended by invitation

10/153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors P Marshall, J Parkinson, R Gibbons and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

10/154 OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

10/155 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th March were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10/156 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been seven incidents of reported crimes. There had been damage to three vehicles, a house window and new stone step. There had been a burglary at a business premises and persons had been arrested after a helicopter chase into North Yorks. Also a burglary to a house at Brookhouse.

Young persons responsible for fires and damage at the Dub were undertaking 'Litter Picks' in the village. A strong message has been sent out regarding unacceptable behaviour by youths. Questioned whether there was a drugs problem in the village PC Woods replied that not really to his knowledge but that he would keep an eye open !

PACT priorities were Speeding, Farm Crime and Youths.

10/157 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

10/00003/CU	Change of use of holiday let to agriculture workers dwelling etc
10/00004/LB	Mr N Brown, Deep Clough, Littledale
No Objections	
10/00080/CU	Change of use of domestic garage to form office accommodation
	Mr S Leigh, Littledale Hall, Littledale
No Objections	
10/00272/FUL	Construction of new pitched roof over existing rear extension
	Mrs Z Longhorn, 3 Artlebeck Road, Caton
No Objections	

Applications **Approved** :-

Extra Care Housing scheme
Moor Platt, Lancaster Road, Caton

Application **Refused** :-

10/00085/FUL	Erection of single storey extension Udale Barn, Littledale
09/01068/FUL	Construction of new Wind Farm (20 Turbines) Community Windfarm Ltd, Caton Moor

10/158 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Play Park proposal goes to Planning Monday 19th April. City Council review of Play Areas recommends inclusion of Parish areas with the City and basic maintenance and inspections to be their responsibility.

Lancaster Market has been saved for the next four years at a cost of £500,000 per year.

Allotment land at Broadacre would be available at a peppercorn rent.

10/159 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

An update on the List of jobs to be undertaken by the Lengthsman was requested.

10/160 PUBLIC TOILETS

Further to the City Council's decision to stop cleaning the Caton Public Toilets as of 31st March, approval was given for cleaning the Toilets by Simply Clean, who are the cleaners for the Victoria Institute. The cost will be £ 35 per week plus consumables.

Lancaster City Council will provide £ 2,000 per annum payable in full in April towards the Parish Council continuing to provide this facility for the public.

Simply Clean had commenced cleaning on April 1st.

10/161 SHELTERS CLEANING

It was agreed to continue with Lancaster City Council for the cleaning of the bus shelters at Caton and Brookhouse. Cost £ 18.50/ month

10/162 GRANTS

Request had been received for grants from the Library Trust and St Paul's Church.

This item was deferred pending further details

10/163 FINANCE

The Audit date is 2nd July

Proposed Cllr R Elvis, seconded Cllr J Jackson and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary March & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	466.30
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, April	£	40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings (Feb)	£	16.25
Victoria Institute, Coffee mornings (Feb)	£	52.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings (March)	£	16.25
Victoria Institute, Coffee mornings (March)	£	52.00
LALC, Subscriptions	£	496.81
Lancaster City Council, Car park rates	£	101.75
Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet	£	279.80

10/164 PARISH TRANSPORT PROJECT.

Following a request from Hornby with regard to hiring out our SpID unit, it was agreed that we should consider purchasing a further unit for use outside our Parish. Confirmation that the Police would deploy an extra unit was required. Further sites would be investigated.

10/165 MOOR PLATT

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that the section 107 Agreement had been signed and Planning Approval had been given for the project. He has been asking Tony Pounder, Lancashire County Council, for an update but has had no response to date. Progress housing were paying for the security etc. on the site but confirmation of the actual position would be sought.

10/166 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Fell View – Completion of the Stage 2 Lottery Application is underway. Documentation regarding Accountable Body status and Parish Council support would be required..
The Easter Treasure Hunt was a worthwhile event showing a lot of community involvement.

Victoria Institute – Funding for the Rural Support Worker has run out. The VI have agreed to fund her for another 3 months. Her position is regarded as important to the success of the Victoria Institute and a request to the Parish Council for future support will be submitted.

10/167 PARISH ASSEMBLY

Thursday 20th May 7.30 Venue Victoria Institute.

Items for discussion 'The Victoria Institute is at Risk' and 'Fell View Play Area'

10/168 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Lancashire County Council are committed to working closely with Parishes over issues such as road gritting – could use Lengthsman ?.

Future of Carnforth Re-cycling Centre still under consultation.

The Heysham – M6 Link Public Enquiry delayed until October.

Criticism has been voiced over the meeting regarding Special Expenses.

Please request from Clerk if interested

The Future of Lancashire's Wildlife Conference Sat 22nd May Uni. Central Lancs.

LALC March Newsletter

War Memorials Trust Bulletin

10/169 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th May 2010. Agenda closes 6th May.

Report from Victoria Institute

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.