

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th April 2011.**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, J Jackson, Dr DB Coltman (Chair), J Parkinson, R Elvis, V Williams and M Williams J Pritchard & PM Quinton.
PCSO Peter Wood attended by invitation

11/140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors P Marshall, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons and County Councillor Mrs S Charles all sent their apologies

11/141 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present

11/142 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th March 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th March 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

11/143 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

The Local Strategic Partnership is underwriting the costs of the PCSO's. Looks like the Caton officer should be secure for two years.

An assault had been committed in Brookhouse earlier this evening and the offender was still at large.

There had been 5 crimes recently – contents taken from vehicles and garages found to have been left unlocked. Also thefts of scrap metal reported.

The zip-wire from Fell View had been removed under suspicious circumstances and there had been graffiti painted on the new drainage pie outlet at Artlebeck.

11/144 PLANNING

M6 – Heysham Link will be considered by new Infrastructure Planning Commission.

The Parish Council had nothing to add to the Environmental Impact Assessment. The deposit copies of the plans will be available for inspection in due course at the Victoria Institute.

Applications **Received** :-

10/01235/LB Various works
Mrs Fisher, Brookhouse Old Hall, Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse

No objection
11/00262/FUL

Hardstanding
Mr S Brown, New Bungalow, Caton Green

No objection

11/00239/FUL	Demolition of existing timber shed and erection of stone garage Mr S Cornthwaite, Lane House Farm, Brookhouse
No objection	
1100217/FUL	Erection of Porch to front Mr & Mrs R Dixon, 9 St Anne's Close, Brookhouse
No objection	
11/0041/TCA	Fell ash tree Dr Rucklidge, 5 Littledale Road, Brookhouse
No objection	
11/00301/FUL	Erection of porch to front Stauvin's Farm, Littledale Road, Brookhouse
No objection	
11/00289/FUL	Erection of dormer to side 3 Broadacre Close, Caton
No objection	

Applications **Approved** :-

10/01252/DPA	Erection of single storey extension to side 23 Fell View, Caton
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11/145 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr M Helme will sit as the Parish Council representative on the 'Three Tier Group'.
Lancaster District will fund the Dial-a-Bus Service.
A new Respite Home for the elderly is to be built in Lancashire.
City Councillors are occupied with the forthcoming elections.

11/146 ANNUAL CONTRACTS

Grass Cutting – Revised plans have been produced however there are some areas which will not be cut under the new scheme. It was agreed to proceed with the City Contracts to cut Fell View fortnightly with no grass collection for the sum of £ 557.00

Quernmore Road lay by - This will be taken up with County and request them to add it to their contract.

Open Space Quernmore Road - It was agreed that a letter be sent to the residents informing them of the change to the system and passing responsibility over to them

It was agreed to accept the quote from Heather Neesham for the maintenance of the War Memorial Gardens at a cost of £ 950 this year

Contract for cleaning bus shelters £18.50 per month.(same as last year) accepted from Lancaster City Contracts.

It was agreed to go back to Simply Clean for the Toilet Cleaning and request a reduced increase.

11/147 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed that we did not want to be involved in the 'Delegated Services Pilot Project' (3 in Lancashire) and would wait and see any outcome for next year.

Questions were raised regarding the parking outside the Victoria Institute for 'Blue Badge' holders and the unloading of vehicles outside the Co-op. There had been reports of cyclists on the pavements.

11/148 VICTORIA INSTITUTE

Agreement on the terms of the Grant offer were accepted and authorisation was given to set up a monthly Standing Order. The Victoria Institute would provide a six monthly report and final accounts.

11/149 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr D Coltman, seconded Cllr J Pritchard and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary March & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£ 472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, April	£ 40.00
Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet 14.03.11-10.04.11	£ 168.00
Aon, Insurance additional sum for Play area	£ 165.62
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£ 20.63
Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings	£ 60.00
Victoria Institute, Grant, April	£ 1,000.00
Lancaster City Council, Car park rates	£ 53.25
United Utilities, Car park water rates	£ 50.15
John F Townley, Tiling of toilet	£ 205.00
LALC, Annual Subscription	£ 485.87
Lancaster City Council, cleaning shelters	£ 66.60
EoN, car park electricity	£ 9.03
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£ 20.63
Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings	£ 75.00

Parish Projects

Income

Lottery Grant £ 9,836.06

Payments

Pennine Playgrounds £ 32,098.81

11/150 FELL VIEW

Pennine Playgrounds have completed the Play Park which was officially opened on Sat 2nd April. Kids love it, as do most adults !

There are a couple of minor jobs to be completed but the Practical Completion Certificate will be issued which will allow us to claim the final funding from the Lottery. Claims have been submitted to LEF and LAG for their contributions. Estimated final costs were presented at the meeting.

Insurance is in place.

The Zip wire seat has been replaced and the Post Installation Inspection Report has been received.

It was noted that credit be given to the Action Group for their efforts in producing such a successful project.

11/151 PARISH ASSEMBLY

Parish Assembly – Thursday 14th April. Venue. Victoria Institute, Caton - Time 7.30
Emergency Planning, Youth Trust and Young Persons Club

11/152 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twinning – Murder Mystery Dinner - Sat 14th May to be held at the Scarthwaite Hotel.
Tickets £ 25 each are still available

11/153 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Armed Forces Day Sat 25th June – it was agreed to request that the Union Flag be flown.

11/154 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 10th May 2011. Agenda closes 6th May 2011.

The Chair thanked Mrs M Williams and Mrs P Quinton, who had decided not to stand for re-election for all their services, to the Parish Council and community over very many years. Their input, wit and knowledge will be missed.

The Clerk was also thanked for his services. A new Council will be elected and meet next time.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.