Caton with Littledale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 7pm.

Due to the Covid 19 virus and social distancing rules this meeting was

held remotely by video communication.

**Present**:

Cllr Boland, Cllr Elvis, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Heywood, Cllr Powell, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Walmsley (vice – chairman).

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

Lancaster City Councillor Pritchard.

Two members of the public.

**Open forum**

The resident that attended the meeting would like the parish council to consider a small track on Fell View for skateboards and rollerblades.

***Cllr Taylor chaired the meeting.***

**20/139 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Kynch and Cllr Skeldon.

**20/140 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 and the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 26th November 2020.**

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and will be signed by Cllr Taylor at the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Powell.

**20/141 Declarations of interests and dispensations.**

Cllr Gibbons declared an interest in any item regarding the Victoria Institute as a trustee.

**20/142 Planning matters and applications.**

20/00973/FUL Construction of a dormer extension to the rear. Mr and Mrs P Talbot Site 1 Broadacre Place, Caton, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 9NL.

The parish council has no observations.

Proposed by Cllr Walmlsey.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

**20/143 Accounts and finance.**

**Payments**

**Standing orders**

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O) £1000.00

Bridgitte Theunissen-Hughes zipwire lockup (S/O) £50.00

**Cheques**

Gill Mason, clerk’s wages and expenses £632.01

R Elvis reimbursement (Christmas tree and postage) £82.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Walmlsey.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

**20/144 Highways and footpaths.**

***SpID battery replacement update.***

Cllr Gibbons reported that the SpID battery is lasting approximately two days. He is going to test how long the old battery lasts. There may be modifications to the casing needed.

***To consider action to progress reinstatement of the footpath along Artlebeck between Brookhouse Road and the A683.***

Cllr Walmsley will enquire whether the Rivers Trust representative would be willing to meet with the landowner to discuss the various footpath options.

**20/145 Parish management and maintenance.**

***Hornby Rd car park – to consider improving the gravel verge between the car park and Boots wall.***

A quote of £1200 has been received for the works. The clerk was asked to get two more quotes from contractors.

The roots of the tree from the Lancaster City Council yard is lifting the tarmac in the car park. The clerk was asked to contact the council regarding this issue.

***To consider the repairs to the War Memorial***.

It was resolved that the war memorial be repaired at a cost of £300.00.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Powell.

**20/145 To consider the request for new goal posts at Fell View.**

It was resolved that the parish council donate £600 (up to 50% of the goal post costs).

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Powell.

**20/146 To adopt the budget for the next financial year and to consider and resolve the precept amount for 2021/2022.**

It was resolved that the budget be adopted for 2021/2022 and the resulting parish tax rate at Band D will remain the same at £31.65.

Proposed by Cllr Powell.

Seconded by Cllr Heywood.

**20/147 Lengthsman’s update.**

No update.

**20/148 Emergency preparedness: Request for contribution towards cost of new radio mast for Caton Depot.**

The parish council would like more information on the proposal before consideration.

**20/149 To consider the distribution of donations for local workers.**

Cllr Walmsley would like to distribute the total donation amount to the shop workers in cash before Christmas and then be reimbursed by the parish council.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

**20/150 To consider the grant application for St Paul’s Church Graveyard.**

It was resolved that the parish council award the grant of £600 to St Pauls Church Graveyard and also send the observations of the graveyard to the representative.

**20/151.Reports and correspondence (information only).**

Covid-19 Certificate of recognition from the High Sheriff of Lancashire has been awarded to the Caton-with-Littledale Community Pandemic Support Group. As co-ordinator for the group, Peter Collins was asked to accept. The certificate was presented remotely on Thursday 19th November by Lancaster Mayor Councillor Malcom Thomas.

**20/152 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

**Signed …………………………………………… Date………………......**