

Caton with Littledale Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Victoria Institute on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr Becket, Cllr Elvis, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Huddleston. Cllr Kynch, Cllr Paine (chairman), Cllr Skeldon, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Walmsley (vice – chairman).

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

18/152 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Nesbitt.

18/153 Minutes.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 be approved and signed by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

18/154 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

No interests declared.

18/155 Open forum.

No items raised.

18/156 Planning applications.

18/01121/FUL Erection of a detached garage, Mr Stephen Brown. Address : The New Bungalow, Caton Green Road, Caton Green, Lancaster, Lancashire.

18/01419/FUL Change of use of barn to two dwellings (C3), demolition of existing modern barns and erection of two new dwellings (C3), creation of passing place, erection of bin store. M P Kershaw Address Hill Farm, Littledale Road, Brookhouse, Lancaster, Lancashire.

18/01501/CU Change of use from cake shop (A1) to dog grooming unit (sui generis) M Kerry Mills Address : 1 Hornby Road, Caton, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 9QW.

18/01434/LB Proposal : Listed building application for the construction of a new internal staircase For : Julian Handy Site Address : Unit 4 And Unit 8, Willow Mill, Fell View, Caton, Lancaster Lancashire LA2 9RA

It was resolved that the parish council has no observations on the above planning applications.

Proposed by Cllr Huddleston.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

18/157 Accounts and finance.

Payments

Standing orders

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O)	£1000.00
Bridgitte Theunissen-Hughes zipwire lockup (S/O)	£50.00
B Postlethwaite public toilet lockup (S/O)	£50.00

Cheques

Gill Mason, clerk's wages £588.46 and expenses £63.46	£651.92
Victoria Institute (NP room hire)	£18.00
Victoria Institute room hire/Remembrance Sunday	£60.75
Victoria Institute printing	£6.00
P Middlebrook – War memorial garden landscaping works	£2986.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Gibbons.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

Budget & precept 2019/20 preparation including draft budget from the finance committee.

The draft budget from the finance committee was circulated to the parish council. Cllr Walmsley explained the increase in some of the expenditure items and new project entries that need to be considered by the parish council.

The budget and the precept for 2019/2020 will be adopted at the January meeting.

18/158 Parish management and maintenance.

Play park inspections, repairs and maintenance

The clerk has enquired if there are any regulations to replace all the rotten wood posts with recycled plastic posts. There are no restrictions, but the designer recommended the purchase of fire-retardant material and to curve part of the boundary divider, so it is in-keeping with the original design. The clerk has asked three tenders to quote for the replacement of the rotten logs in the playpark.

It was resolved that the quotes be circulated, so a contractor can be chosen to complete the works at the January meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Huddleston.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

Cllr Kynch joined the meeting at 7.35pm

Village contractor update

No update.

Repair of the fish-stones update

Historic England would like to see a scheme of work for the repair of the fish-stones before work commences. The clerk was asked to write to Historic England with details of the repair.

Cllr Elvis will organise with the contractor the clearance of the debris at the fish-stones.

Bus shelter maintenance

The bus shelters need cleaning and painting. Cllr Elvis will ask one of the three new village contractors to complete the works.

The parish council would like to thank Cllr Walmsley for all the time and work she has spent on organising the repair and maintenance of the war memorial garden.

18/159 SpID agreement adoption.

It was resolved that the SpID agreement with Wennington Parish Council be adopted.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

18/160 To consider holding a free local 'Senior Road Users Workshop' from Lancashire County Council's Safe and Healthy Travel Team.

The clerk was asked to contact LCC to request more information about the workshop and to be sent advertising material to place around the village.

18/161 To consider the parish council role in facilitating community health and well-being projects - trim trail and landscaping for use of young people on the millennium path.

Cllr Kynch reported that Lancashire County Council are ready to lease the area for the proposed trim trail and asked the parish council to consider being the accountable body.

The parish council find that the current costs of repairing and maintaining Fell View Playpark and other projects in the village are increasing and they do not want to add extra costs to the budget to maintain a new trim trail.

It was resolved that the parish council do not want to facilitate the trim- trail at this current time.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

(2 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstention).

18/162 B4RN wayleave fee update.

The B4RN representative has informed the clerk that if the fee for the cabinet for B4RN is not waived by December 2018 by Lancashire County Council, the cabinet will not be installed and the school will not benefit from free broadband. They do not want donations or contributions to pay for the wayleave fee, as they feel this will set a precedent for Lancashire County Council to charge for future installations.

18/163 Hornby Road car parking / white line markings update.

Cllr Paine informed the parish council that all the equipment is ready to lay the white lines but the weather needs to improve before work commences.

Cllr Skeldon reported that the car park is a mess with litter and graffiti on the chemist wall. Cllr Skeldon volunteered to pick up the litter and tidy the area to try and encourage residents and car park users to keep the area clean and tidy.

The clerk will ask the lengthsman for Tatham Parish Council to quote on the repainting of the metal Caton sign.

18/164 Reserves policy review.

Cllr Kynch informed the parish council that the reserves policy should be implemented in to the financial regulations which are still in draft form.

18/165 Bulls in fields and public right of way review.

The clerk circulated the information on bulls in fields to the councillors prior to the meeting. The legislation on bulls in fields (where there is a public footpath) is that the bull cannot be over 10 months old or a dairy bull. If they are not a dairy bull they must be accompanied by a cow or heifer. Cllr Paine will enquire who owns the field.

18/166 Reports and correspondence.

Forest of Bowland AONB draft plan – circulated and noted.

Hornby Ramblers closed footpath email – circulated and noted.

18/167 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday 8th January 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm

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