

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14th February 2012.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, J Jackson, J Walmsley, CEC Kynch, V Richards, Dr DB Coltman, R Elvis and J Parkinson

12/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor R Gibbons, D Nesbitt, V Williams, County Councillor Mrs S Charles and PC C Irvine and sent their apologies

12/115 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public attended.

12/116 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10th January 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th January 2012 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

12/117 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

The SpID's will need to be recharged somewhere after the Caton Police Station closes. The possibility of housing them in the Victoria Institute will be investigated. CSPO P Woods will still look after them.

The Clerk will endeavour to get copies of the Police 'In the Know' magazine for display in the Victoria Institute.

The incidences of boy racers and noise on Hall Drive are being monitored.

The new non-emergency Police number 101 is now in operation.

'Illegal' Parking in the vicinity of the Zebra Crossing will be monitored.

12/118 PLANNING

Heysham – M6 link. It was agreed that the Parish Council would register on the IPC web site and add its support to the proposal for the link road and new Motorway slip roads etc.

With reference to the Neighbourhood Planning Referendum Questions it was stated that any questions should be simple to understand. The matter of who pays for any referendum would be investigated.

Applications **Received** :-

12/00050/FUL Two storey rear extension, raising the roof and front and rear dormers
Mr M Cragg, 9 Hawthorn Close, Brookhouse

Questioned size and overbearing nature to adjacent properties,

12/00024/PLDC Single story extension to rear
M Kay, Haws House Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse
No objections

Applications **Approved** :-

11/01156/FUL Replacement Garage
172 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse
12/0001/TPO Yew Tree – Crown reduction
Northend Barn, Holme Lane, Brookhouse
11/01115/FUL Erection of first floor extension
East Winds, Ball Lane, Caton

12/119 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was reported that the City Council were working on a budget with a 0% rise in Council Tax. Council house rents are due to rise by 8%.

The new drainage pipe at the rear of Hawthorn Avenue is causing problems which will be investigated by City Council engineers.

The County Council budget shows a 0% rise however this will not be the case for the Police. A bust of Queen Elizabeth II has been commissioned and a memento of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee will be given to every Primary school child.

12/120 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Pot holes by Artlebeck Bridge and continued flooding and surface problems on Littledale Road will be reported to Highways.

Tree Care workshop will be held at Fell View on Sat 3rd March 10.30-12.00.

The Village signs on the Millennium Park will be reassessed.

12/121 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr R Gibbons seconded Cllr D Nesbitt and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary Jan & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	466.30
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Feb	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, Feb	£	40.00
Simply Clean	£	176.40
Lancaster City Council, Cleaning bus shelters	£	66.30
PWLB, loan repayment	£	637.68
Lancashire County Council, Car park rental	£	120.00
BT, Clerks telephone	£	67.86
Victoria Institute, room hire	£	20.63
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SB Dickinson, repair in Car park	£	391.50

Parish Projects

Payments

Sign of the Times, Fell View signs £ 257.00

12/122 BUDGET & PRECEPT

The Budget for 2012/2013 was agreed and is attached for information.

It was **resolved** in accordance with Section 50 of the Local Government Act 1992 that the budget requirement for the Parish was :-

For Function	£ 34,150
Contingencies	£ <u>846</u>
Total	£ 34,996

Income	£ 2,720
Balance brought forward	£ <u>2,500</u>
Total	£ 5,120

Accordingly the BUDGET requirement for the Parish being £ 29,776 the Clerk was authorised to issue a PRECEPT on Lancaster City Council for that amount.

12/123 FELL VIEW

It was agreed that the Lengthsman will cut the Play Area (strimming) within his current hours and that the main Grass area will continue to be cut by LCC at a cost of £ 557. The alternative quote from Andrew Tennant did not show a significant saving to warrant changing contractors.

It was agreed that the Parish Council purchase a gazebo for Play Area events (estimated cost £551) which will be refunded from the 'Sustainability Grant'. The gazebo will be looked after and stored by the Play Area Action Group and will be available for use by all village organisations for a nominal hire charge.

12/124 LIBRARY SITE

Lancashire County Council are awaiting a written response from the Medical Practice before setting up a meeting with all interested parties. A valuation report from the District Valuer will be available at the end of February. Our request for a site visit and meeting will be persued.

12/125 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute – Rooms have been renamed and a new web site is under preparation

Fell View Play Park – AGM Monday 20th February. There is a Sports Event organised for Sat 18th Feb and an Easter Egg Hunt Sunday 7th April.

Moor Platt – The village petition relating to the future of Moor Platt has gathered over 300 signatures. They are organising an exhibition of Moor Platt Past and Present for Saturday 17th March. The sale of Moor Platt is still uncertain, however this is in the hands of the County Council.

12/126 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Lancs Fire and Rescue 2011 – Consultation Outcomes
Development Management DPD and Land Allocation DPD (email)

Cllr J Pritchard agreed to attend the meeting regarding the 'Parish Charter'. LALC is represented on the '3Tier Forum'.

The Millennium Park will be extended towards Wray and Hornby. It is understood that the problems at Claughton have been overcome.

The Localism Agenda is under discussion and support has been given for Environmental projects. Planned 'Street Parties' must be notified to Lancaster City Council

12/127 CO-OPTION

Two written applications were received and following discussion it was agreed to co-opt Mr Robert Paine onto the Parish Council. Both candidates would be informed and thanked for their interest in the position.

12/114 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13th March 2012. Agenda closes 8th March 2012

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm.