

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th February 2013.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, J Walmsley, CEC Kynch, R Paine, J Jackson, D Nesbitt,
R Gibbons, V Richards, P Woolgar and R Elvis.
County Councillor Mrs S Charles attended by invitation

13/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Williams and J Parkinson sent their apologies

13/116 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public attended

13/117 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th January 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th January 2013 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13/118 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

Written report received.

Two incidents of damage to cars at Brookhouse and the Church, amongst others in the Lune Valley, had been broken into. Enquires are ongoing.

Please be aware of rural crime. The Police continue to target these areas.

13/119 PLANNING

Applications **Received:-**

12/01124/FUL Replacement field shelter
Bell Hill Barn, Littledale

No objections

12/01191/FUL Rear Dormer
7 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

No objections

13/00017/CU Change of use to residential
Old Police House, Hornby Road, Caton

No objections

13/00056/FUL New roof to existing extension
Amended 19 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

No objections

13/00071/FUL Construction of dormers to side
31 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

No objections

Applications **Approved** :-

12/01106/FUL	Installation of 3 roof lights 3 Ashcroft Close, Caton
12/01092/FUL	Installation of Dormers to side 37 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse
12/01067/FUL	Replacement of timber with UPVC windows Caton Baptist Church, Brookhouse Road, Caton
12/01060/FUL	Erection of conservatory to rear 1 Ashcroft Close, Caton

A decision on the Heysham - M6 Link is expected from Central Government next month.

13/120 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

City Council. Council tax rise of 2% agreed on casting vote of Mayor
Lancashire County Council. 0% County Council tax rise proposed by Cabinet now going to full Council. 20 mph signs outside schools are being installed.

13/121 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

United Utilities are investigating water on the highway at junction Quernmore Road and Lancaster Road.

Lengthsman to investigate 'flooding' on footpath by Forge Mill.

Landslips by Bull Beck and Littledale Road to be looked into.

Quernmore Road to Postern Gate is to be resurfaced.

13/122 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr V Richards seconded Cllr C Kynch and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary Jan & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	465.10
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Feb	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, Feb	£	40.00
Lancashire County Council, Car park rental to Aug 2013	£	120.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings Dec	£	31.88
Victoria Institute, Meetings Jan	£	23.38
BT, Clerks Telephone	£	68.87

13/123 PARISH PROJECTS ACCOUNT

Report on the history of the Grant Funding was presented. It was agreed that 'legal' advice should be taken through LALC and that a letter outlining the situation be sent to Lancashire County Council. The letter would be agreed with the Chair prior to sending.

13/124 BUDGET & PRECEPT

The Budget for 2013/2014 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	£ 36,656
Contingencies	<u>£ 1,066</u>
Total	£ 37,716

Income	£ 2,820
Balance brought forward	<u>£ 5,000</u>
Total	£ 7,820

Accordingly the BUDGET requirement for the Parish being £ 29,896 the Clerk was authorised to issue a PRECEPT on Lancaster City Council for that amount.

13/125 STATION ROAD CAR PARK

The Co-op has been approached regarding a possible contribution and they are considering how they can assist. The Clerk was asked to write and press the matter.

LALC would be consulted with regard to signs 'disclaiming responsibility'.

13/126 CATON GREEN BUS SHELTER

It was agreed to proceed with a bus shelter including a perch seat at a total cost of £ 3,486.50

13/127 VILLAGE TOILET

A Letter of thanks will be sent to Chris Hill for all his work in sorting out the door and grouting at the Village Toilet.

13/128 FELL VIEW GRASS CUTTING

It was agreed to accept Lancaster City Council's quote for the Fell View grass cutting. 15 cuts during the season for a total price of £ 557.00

Alternative quote:- Envirocare, Lancaster £ 48 per cut giving a total of £ 720.00 both exclude Vat.

13/129 TWINNING GROUP

It was agreed that the Parish Council will host a Reception for the French Visitors during their stay. Budget figure of £100.

Also the Group have asked that the PC fund the use of the Victoria Institute for the 'International Quiz' sessions. It was agreed that they should submit a 'Small Grant Application' Form for consideration.

13/130 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

LALC – City Council have concerns on changes to Housing Benefit funding in relation to the Council Tax.

Ash Die Back - information available from the Tree Officer at the City Council.

Millennium Park extension – a strategy to get it higher up the ‘agenda’ is being devised.

Play Park – The gazebo is in the Scout Hut and is available to village groups for use.

Web Site – Progress on updating it is being made. Investigations of others has been undertaken.

13/131 CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Electoral Review of Lancaster

13/132 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 12th March 2013. Agenda closes
7th March 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.16 pm.