Caton with Littledale Parish Council

 Minutes of the parish council meeting held on

 Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7pm at the Victoria Institute, Caton.

**Present**: Cllr Heywood (chair), Cllr Powell, Cllr Walmsley (vice-chair), Cllr Carter, Cllr Boland, Cllr Wright.

Gill Mason – clerk.

**80/23 To receive apologies for absence.**

None.

**81/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023.**

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the chair.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Wright.

**82/23 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations.**

Cllr Walmsley declared an interest in any item regarding Caton St Paul’s School.

Cllr Wright declared an interest in any item regarding Caton Primary School.

**83/23 To consider planning application and matters.**

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Proposal : Change of use of land for the siting of a caravan with associated track, hardstanding and parking and the installation of a package treatment plant.

Site Address : Deep Clough, Roeburndale Road, Littledale, Lancaster, Lancashire

The parish council has no observations.

**84/23 Accounts and finance.**

**Payments**

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O) £800.00

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

Gill Mason clerk’s expenses £44.91

Victoria Institute room hire £50.90

War memorial garden maintenance £263.92

J Boland – gala material reimbursement £49.84

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Wright.

**85/23 To consider the update on the Fell View repair and maintenance.**

***Replacement cradle swing seats and playbark***

It was resolved that the parish council purchase and install the two swing seats for £180.00.

Proposed by Cllr Heywood.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

The clerk has received three quotes for play bark and cushion fall from suppliers. Lancaster City Council will be asked to quote on providing 70m3 of cushion fall.

The blue wet pour surface has a large hole and it is need of emergency resurfacing.

It was resolved that the wet pour surface be repaired up to a cost of £900.00.

Proposed by Cllr Powell.

Seconded by Cllr Wright.

The dampener on the zipwire needs replacing to prevent further damage being done to the apparatus.

It was resolved that a new dampener be installed up to a cost of £900.00.

Proposed by Cllr Powell.

Seconded by Cllr Wright.

The toddler house is rotten and needs removing from the playpark.

It was resolved that Lancaster City Council be asked to remove the house up to a cost of £500.00.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Wright.

***Emergency repairs to decking***

The decking at the corner of the sandpit is rotten and has exposed nails and loose planks. Cllr Walmsley and Cllr Powell have contacted a contractor to quote on the works.

It was resolved that the emergency works be completed up to a £1000 for labour.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Powell.

**86/23 To consider any highways and/or footpath matters.**

***To consider the issues raised at the annual parish meeting***

The parish council has received a response from Lancashire County Council and Cllr Maxwell – Scott. LCC Highways does not currently support a change in the speed limit at Caton Green. Cllr Maxwell – Scott will continue to pursue the matter. There will be ‘testing’ of a 50mph limit on the A683.

Tim Blythe will be liaising with Sustrans regarding the multi use of the Greenway and cyclist’s speeds. There may be consideration to implement signage and chicanes after the meeting.

Cllr Powell reported that six contractors have been contacted to quote for the works, but some are too busy to commit and some have not responded. A local contractor may be able to complete the work in stages over the summer.

The clerk will write again to the householders to inform them that the ‘no loitering’ signage on the Greenway will be removed.

**87/23 To consider any parish management & maintenance matters.**

***Station Road Sycamore Tree stump removal***

It was resolved that the tree stump be removed at a cost of £360.00.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Powell.

There are weeds around the base of the war memorial which need removing. The contractor will be contacted to ask for the work to be completed.

***Littering problems at Crook O’ Lune and along the river***

There is a large amount of litter on the footpaths and by the river.

The clerk will contact public realm and ask for the bins to be emptied more frequently to try and alleviate the litter problem.

**88/23 To consider the purchase of new litter bins in the village and to request more frequent emptying of bins along the Crook O’ Lune and the Greenway.**

It was resolved that two new bins be purchased and sited at a total cost of £1327.28 plus vat.

Proposed by Cllr Boland.

Seconded by Cllr Wright.

The Asset Committee will review the bins around the village and make a priority list of which been need replacing.

**89/23 To consider the internal auditors review of the AGAR.**

It was resolved that the parish council accept the internal auditors AGAR review.

Proposed by Cllr Heywood.

Seconded by Cllr Powell.

**90/23 Reports and correspondence (information only).**

The Caton Sports Association has requested a grant to help with its legal costs against the claim of land for car parking from the local brewery.

**91/23 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm. **Signed …………………………………………… Date………………......**