

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th January 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Jackson, J Parkinson, R Gibbons, CEC Kynch, PM Quinton, M Williams V Williams, S Langhorn, P Marshall and Dr DB Coltman.

09/101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent her apologies.

09/102 OPEN SESSION

Mr Dowswell reported on the search for Allotments in Caton. Lancaster City Council had responded with a supporting letter but to date no land had been identified by them or through an appeal in the Link.

09/103 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th December 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th December were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

09/104 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been twelve reports of juvenile nuisance and two crimes reported – an attempted break-in of a car and a wing mirror knocked off.

There were no details of the accident with the War Memorial wall which was believed to have happened around 02:00 on 26th December.

A Neighbourhood Watch group was being set up on Brookhouse Road following previous disturbances.

PC Carl Wood was introduced as the replacement Officer for Keith Collins who is presently off sick but is due to retire shortly.

The Boxing Club is nearly finished and ready to open - just waiting for a gas supply.

09/105 PLANNING

Applications **received** :-

08/01190/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new house
Mr & Mrs Hill, East Lodge, Quernmore Road, Caton

No objections

08/01347/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension
Mr P Kettlewell, 13 Brookhouse Road, Caton

No objections

09/00007/FUL Erection of single storey extension and dormer
Miss M Flynn, 28 Hornby Road, Caton
No objections

Applications **Withdrawn** :-

08/01293/FUL Erection of lean-to extension to form living space
08/01294/LB Mr K Murphy, 5 Manor Court, Caton Green

09/106 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The City Council Budget was being prepared but they need to find cuts of £ 1.8 million. 'Special expenses' category has been abolished, however a Task Group has been set up to look into future funding of 'dual expenditure' items by Parish Councils.

Consultation on the proposed closure of Hornby High School. There were to be a number of meetings – 20th Jan. Lancashire Local and 28th Jan. City Council Overview and Scrutiny. It was agreed that we should support the original three year plan for the School, to give it a chance to settle down and Councillors were urged to write to their MPs, Councillors etc.

09/107 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The work of the Lengthsman was discussed and it was agreed that the Property sub-committee would consider what he should be asked to do. They would also consider the areas of grass to be cut under the City Council contract and the cleaning of the bus shelters

A couple of bits of pavement by the Ship Inn require cleaning.
Prices would be obtained for the repair of the pot-holes on Station Road car park.

09/107 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Lancaster City Council has removed the Special Expenses category which means that Parish areas will pay the same as 'City' areas but will have to pay their Parish Precept on top of this. As previously noted a Task Group has been set up to look into alternative funding for Parishes.

The Budget for 2009/2010 was agreed and a copy 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	£ 32,400
Contingencies	<u>£ 300</u>
Total	<u>£ 32,700</u>
Income	£ 3,500
Balance brought forward	<u>£ 12,000</u>
Total	£ 15,500

Accordingly the BUDGET requirement for the Parish being £ 17,200 the Clerk was authorised to issue a PRECEPT on Lancaster City Council for that amount.

09/109 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr J Jackson, seconded Cllr J Parkinson and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary Dec & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander (Note: Salary paid gross, Tax will become Clerk's responsibility at year end)	£	450.22
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, January	£	40.00
R. Burr, Christmas Tree	£	80.00
Hornby-with-Farleton Parish Council, Lengthsman extra fuel payment	£	134.00
E-on, Car park electricity supply	£	3.01
W.H. Inman, Toilet Electrical repairs	£	70.03
Lancaster City Council, Fell View Inspection Dec.	£	35.08
Lancaster City Council, Bus shelters	£	62.10
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£	27.50
Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings	£	143.00
Blackhurst, Swainson & Goodier, Fees for Poor's Land Title	£	1,119.50
S Dickinson, Repair to War Memorial wall (insurance Payout)	£	2,397.75

09/110 BENCH

It was reported that the donors have said they would be happy to have the bench placed outside the Institute but were disappointed in the response from the residents on Quernmore Road. Permission would be sought from the Victoria Institute .

09/111 TWINNING

As part of the funding Application to the E.U. they require confirmation of Legal Identity and Banking details. We think this will have to be the Parish Council, with the Twinning Group acting as their agents.

It was agreed that if this is the case the Parish Council would provide details and covering letter as required.

09/112 DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Lancaster City Council will be introducing extended and new powers under the Dog Control Orders (DCOs) Legislation.

Additional areas for designation under any of the DCOs would be considered and the questionnaire returned to the City Council

09/113 ACCESS RIGHTS ALONG STATION ROAD

The Environment Agency wish to renew their access rights along our part of Station Road, in connection with the river gauging station and weir on the river Lune. They have proposed Annual rent of £25 per annum for 30 years or a one-off payment of £250. The Clerk was asked to go back and request a ten year term at an annual rent of £ 25 and consideration of a contribution to the maintenance of the road.

09/114 SIGNS

The signs were available for comment and it was agreed that final approval be given after the 'write up' on the main sign had been proof read and corrected.

09/115 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twinning – The AGM will be held on Thursday 19th February 7.30 Tea Room, Victoria Institute. The return visit from Socx is planned for 16-19th July next year. The Textile collection raised £125 and a French Games evening is being planned for 24th April, Church Hall.

Library – The opening times are being reviewed and a Coffee Morning is to be held on Sat 7th Feb. No more books please ! A scheme for 'Home Delivery' of books with the County Council is being discussed.

09/116 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Lancashire LINK – a new statutory organisation to improve Health and Social Care Services in Lancashire. The Parish Council would register to receive information.

Please request from Clerk if interested

Consultation on future of Hornby High School
 North West Air Ambulance request for funding
 Consultation on Code of practice on Local Authority Publicity
 LALC December Newsletter
 Brookhouse Conservation Area Appraisal
 Lune Valley Rural Housing Association AGM- Mon 26th January 10.45.

08/268 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 10th February 2009. Agenda closes 5th February 2009

Donation to NW Air Ambulance

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

POOR's Land Charity.

Absolute Title to the Land has been registered in the name of the Charity's Trustees.

It was agreed that we write to the Angling Association and accept their offer of £ 650 for the Fishing Rights for this coming year only, before deciding how to proceed.