

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14th July 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Parkinson, S Langhorn, V Williams, M Williams, R Gibbons, CEC Kynch, J Jackson and PM Quinton.
County Councillor Mrs S Charles & CSPO Peter Wood attended by invitation.

09/202 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors P Marshall & Dr DB Coltman, sent their apologies.

09/203 OPEN SESSION

A delegation from the Allotment Association attended to press the Parish Council on the needs for Allotments in Caton. The Parish Council are sympathetic to their demands, however there is no land available. A small piece of land, in the ownership of Lancaster City Council, has been identified and would be considered by both parties. The Parish Council would continue to seek suitable land for allotments.

Mr & Mrs Aughton attended to inform the Council of their intention to investigate the purchase of a piece of land owned by Lancaster City Council, to extend their garden and property.

Ms Gillian Cropper from Community Wind Power gave a presentation on their business and plans for a new Wind Farm at Claughton. This would look like a natural extension to the Caton Moor Wind Farm and consist of no more than 20 turbines slightly taller than those existing. They intend to make a Planning Application by the end of summer 2009 and hope to be in operation by the end of 2011.

Their Company already operates two Wind Farms and has a record of providing local employment and support of local Community Projects with cash and expertise. There is to be a Public Exhibition of their plans on Wed 22nd July at Caton Community Primary School. The Parish Council asked to be kept informed of developments

09/204 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2009

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

09/205 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

Recent incidents included criminal damage at Caton St Paul's School and a burglary on Quernmore Road which is under investigation. The theft of two stone troughs 4 months ago were also being investigated.

There had been reports of juvenile nuisance and of poor driving standards. An incident where a man had approached a child was being dealt with.

It was explained that the 'Think Bike' poster was a Lancashire County Council initiative.

09/206 PLANNING

Applications **received** :-

09/00283/FUL	Erection of canopy to rear Caton Community Primary School, Broadacre, Caton
No Objections	
09/00421/FUL	Erection of open sided shelter at rear Caton St Paul's Primary School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse
No Objections	
09/00492/ADV	Erection of signs Boots Pharmacy, Hornby Road, Caton
No Objections	
09/00540/PAM	Erection of 6.5 m high pole, Pott Yeats Farm, Littledale BT Openreach
No Objections	
09/00586/FUL	Erection of single storey extension to rear Ms M Flynn, 28 Hornby Road, Caton
No Objections	
09/00588/LCC	Retention of single storey office unit until September 2012 Lancashire County Council, 33 Hornby Road, Caton
The PC would prefer to see it replaced with a more permanent building	
09/00590/FUL	Replacement of existing cedar cladding with timber composite Caton St Paul's CE Primary School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse
No Objections	

Applications **Approved** :-

09/00372/FUL	Extension to the rear 51 Moorside Road, Brookhouse
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Applications **Refused** :-

09/00401/FUL	Lean to extension Mr K Murphy, 5 Manor Court, Caton Green
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09/207 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor Mrs S Charles informed the meeting that the Road Safety Group were investigating improvements on the A683 from the M6 to Caton and beyond. Lancaster City Council were producing Guided Walks Booklets.

09/208 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed to rebuild the wall surrounding the Oak tree on Copy Lane at a cost of £796.00.plus Vat.

The Best Kept Village bench would be replaced on flagstones adjacent to the new fence on the Millennium Park.

The Property Group had completed their inspection and there was a small list of jobs. The Clerk was asked to write regarding the condition of the planters and hanging baskets at the Station Hotel.

Grass cutting, by County, had been late this year and sight lines at road junctions were being affected. The road surface on Littledale Road required attention especially for cyclists. Judges were required for the Village Garden Competition and consideration should be given for revitalising the competition for next year.

09/209 GRANT APPLICATION

It is understood that the Caton Pre-School Play Group has withdrawn their application

09/210 TWINNING VISIT

Several members expressed an interest and withdrew from the decision.

The Twinning Group have requested a loan to enable them to pay bills prior to receiving the EU Grant monies, which is paid after submission of all receipts etc. It was agreed to loan £ 2,500 to be repaid in full on receipt of the EU Grant.

The Parish Council agreed to host a Reception at the Plenary Session prior to the Hog Roast on Saturday evening. 7.30 pm. Drinks and nibbles to the cost of £ 100 would be arranged.

09/211 FINANCE

Audit documents had been completed and sent off.

Proposed Cllr J Pritchard, seconded Cllr V Williams and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary June & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	456.96
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, July	£	40.00
Chairman's Allowance	£	125.00
Lancaster City Council, Grounds Maintenance	£	254.31
Victoria Institute, Meetings and Coffee mornings, March	£	68.25
Eon, car park electricity	£	3.01
Viking Direct, stationery	£	80.56
PWLA, loan repayment	£	637.67
Entrust, registration fee	£	100.00
Fairclough-Woodruff, War Memorial painting	£	322.00
Caton & B'house Twinning Group, Loan	£	2,500.00

09/212 FELL VIEW

An application for funding to the L.E.F. has been submitted based on the latest design produced by Georgia Peacock. There has been a consultation with interested parties and the Chair agreed to contact the Fell View residents to discuss the new plans.

A further application for Lottery Funding will be prepared.

To be eligible for LEF funds we have to register with Entrust. An application will be submitted, Fee £ 100.(agreed above)

09/213 ALLOTMENTS

Lancaster City Council are discussing how the transfer of the piece of land be effected. A footbridge will be required. There may be the possibility of Grant Funding.

09/214 LAND DISPOSAL

Lancaster City Council have consulted re land disposal adjacent to 9 Langdale, Caton. The Parish Council agreed that they did not wish to take it over and agreed to let LCC sell it to another interested party.

09/215 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute – The Parish Council expressed their thanks for the photographs now hanging in the Tea Room.

There was to be ‘Community Engagement’ regarding older people and rural services in the Valuing People Thematic Group

09/216 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

LALC Meeting Monday 27th July

Please request from Clerk if interested

Caton Youth Centre now sold.

NHS consultation – In-patient mental care

Cloughton Community Windfarm Exhibition Wed 22nd July 4.00-8.00

Caton Community Primary School Hall

09/217 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 8th September 2009. Agenda closes 3rd September 2009

Parish Transport Project and ‘Spids’

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.