

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Jackson, J Walmsley, J Parkinson, D Nesbitt, R Gibbons, R Paine, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard and R Elvis.

13/200 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Richards, P Woolgar, V Williams and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies

13/201 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public attended.

13/202 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13/203 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There was a written Police report.

It was stated that there had been a burglary from a house in Caton and car keys taken from a house in Brookhouse and items stolen from the vehicle. A charity box had been stolen from the Snack Bar and a garage in Caton broken into and two pedal cycles stolen.

Following continued reports of anti-social behaviour a meeting was organised and an agreement reached between all parties that the youths would not play football against the far boundary wall and Caton Football Club agreed to provide a goal post and net in a position which would not cause nuisance. The youths agreed to vacate the area at dusk and tidy up any litter. Thanks to all concerned – an example of how matters can be resolved.

13/204 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

13/0073/TPO Felling of Horse Chestnut and pruning of oak tree  
49 Low Mill, Caton

No Objection

13/0077/TCA Felling of Cypress tree  
Cypress Cottage, 4 New Street, Brookhouse

No Objection - Cllr D Nesbitt declared an interest and took no part in the discussion

13/0071/TPO Felling of Sycamore and Ash tree  
Land south of 9 Broadacre, Caton

No Objection

13/00639/FUL	Extension to rear 16 Hawthorne Avenue, Brookhouse
No Objection	
13/00560/FUL	Single storey extension to rear Greenup, Hornby Road, Caton
No Objection	
13/00578/PAM	Installation of BT Equipment cabinet 204 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse
No comments	

Applications **Permitted** :-

13/00469/FUL	Erection of single storey extension 52 Quernmore Road, Caton
13/00463/FUL	Erection of single storey extension and new vehicle access Mears Beck House, Caton Green
13/00454/FUL	Retrospective application for single storey extension 8 Moorside Road, Brookhouse
13/00438/FUL	Construction of dormer to rear 3 Artlebeck Road, Caton
13/00392/FUL	New sewage treatment system The Bungalow, Caton Green, Brookhouse
13/00440/FUL	Detached Garage 2 Broadacre View, Caton

Applications **Refused** :-

13/00128/FUL	Erection of 10 Wind Turbines Land at Claughton Quarry, Farleton
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13/205 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Lancashire County Council are about to confirm a new deal on the sale of the Moor Platt site with contracts to be exchanged at the end of July.

Subsidised bus fares are going to rise by 3.5% in rural areas.

Complaints regarding noise from the Road Depot on Hornby Road especially at weekends are to be passed to the authorities.

13/206 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Low trees on the pavement after Artlebeck Bridge and overgrowth on the footpath at Forge Mill are to be passed to the Lengthsman for attention.

The traffic signals at Penny Bridge have been faulty. This has been passed to Highways with a request for a contact number to report faults.

Noise from the zip wire could be reduced by restraining the travel of the spring. This will be looked into with the manufacturer.

## 13/207 ALLOTMENTS

A meeting had been held between all parties and the outcome was that it was agreed to put the proposed site on hold. It was agreed that an alternative piece of land would be sought for Allotments. It was also stated that some funding may become available from the City Council.

## 13/208 BANK ACCOUNT

The Clerk reported that as a 'small business' the Parish Council is covered to £ 85,000 under the Government scheme in the event of the bank folding. It was agreed that we continue to bank with the Co-operative Bank.

## 13/209 FINANCE

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

S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, June	Replacement cheque	£	40.00
Clerk's Salary June & Travel expenses, RB Alexander		£	465.10
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, July and Aug		£	80.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, July and Aug		£	80.00
Lancaster City Council, Grass cutting April		£	95.50
Lancaster City Council, Grass cutting May		£	47.75
Victoria Institute, Meetings June		£	23.35
Viking Direct, stationery		£	105.55
Parish Projects A/c			
Fell View Equipment, refund RB Alexander		£	346.30
Poor's Land A/c			
James Hathaway, Works to Trees		£	50.00

## 13/210 HORNBY ROAD CAR PARK

The Clerk reported that the Co-op are working on scheduling a single composite delivery for the store. Once this was in place the use of the Hornby Road car park would be reconsidered. It was stated that the Co-op was an asset to the village and that we should work together to resolve issues around deliveries.

## 13/211 PARISH TRANSPORT GRANT

Over a period of years the Parish Council has endeavoured to contact the original Grant Providers to seek advice on how to proceed with the residual funds from the Parish Transport Grant originally made by the Countryside Agency in September 2004. A recent final attempt was made to all parties with a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Nobody seems to have responsibility for former Countryside Agency projects since their demise. Having received no advice as to how to proceed by the set deadline the Parish Council unanimously **resolved** that these funds be incorporated into the Parish Projects Fund to be used as directed by Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council.

13/212      REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Village Web-site - Improvements are still under development.

Twinning – An interactive Quiz between the Caton and Socx schools will be held in September.

Lune Valley Lawn Tennis Club – ‘Cardio-Tennis’ is being promoted and Junior Tennis coaching is held on a Tuesday and Friday evening. The future of the grass courts is under consideration.

13/213      CORRESPONDANCE

##### Please request from Clerk if interested #####

Lune Valley Housing Association AGM Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 12.15 Victoria Institute

Letter regarding withdrawal by the Police of Traffic Management for Galas.

13/214      ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Agenda closes 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Parish Project Funds.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013.**

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

13/215 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Richards, R Paine, V Williams and R Gibbons sent their apologies

13/216 OPEN SESSION

This meeting was called to discuss the Planning Application for the Moor Platt site and a large number of residents attended to express their views.

Most of the views were expressed in relation to the site access, safety, numbers and mix of houses and lack of public space.

It was stated that these would all be taken into consideration by the Councillors when formulating the Parish Council's response to the Planning Application. It was also stated that members of the public could submit their own comments on the application and they were urged to do so.

13/217 PLANNING

Application **Received** :-

13/00668/FUL

Erection of 6 two-bed houses, 15 three-bed houses and 12 four-bed houses including internal road layout, parking and landscaping Moor Platt site, Lancaster Road, Caton for Lancashire County Council and Persimmon Homes Lancashire.

It was agreed to submit the following comments to Lancaster City Council Planning Dept :-

Whilst welcoming the possible redevelopment of the Moor Platt site Caton-with-Litlledale Parish Council wish to express their desire that the Development retains a rural identity in keeping with the character of the Village. This is an important site right in the centre of the village and the last thing that is wanted is a standard 'off the peg housing estate'. It is desirable to have stone cladding or elevations incorporating stone features especially in the buildings facing Lancaster Road and visible from public view. Some Architectural input reflecting the original Moor Platt building is desired along with well designed units in keeping with the heritage of the site and local area.

Comment was expressed at the lack of provision of smaller units for elderly residents within the scheme.

Concern was expressed at the positioning of the proposed access to the site, which is considered to be in a dangerous position in relation to the number of accesses along this stretch of road. The A683 is a very busy 'main road' which carries a large number of HGV's and other traffic. Within the vicinity is a number of complex traffic conditions including junctions, busy garage forecourt, mini roundabout and zebra crossing. A junction in this position would increase the 'hazards' on this road. The Parish Council does not accept the evidence within the 'Traffic Management' report which it feels does not adequately reflect the situation on the ground. It doesn't seem to take into account the high levels of traffic density and diversity on this road.

The existing pavement is considered to be inadequate along the site frontage bearing in mind the traffic levels and the increased use of the pavement by pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users. It was suggested that a treatment like a continuation of the 'double' pavement outside Ashcroft Close be used. This could possibly be behind the perimeter wall and incorporate some amenity space – seating and landscaping to separate pedestrians away from the traffic. The proposed access position would also further exacerbate the 'pedestrian' problems along the roadside.

The Parish Council would wish to see the benefits of 'Planning Gain for the Whole Community' used to provide an amenity green space and additional public car parking accessible to all incorporated onto this site.