

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 8th March 2011.**

PRESENT: Councillors Dr DB Coltman (Chair), J Parkinson, R Elvis, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons, J Pritchard & PM Quinton.

11/126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors S Langhorn, J Jackson, P Marshall, V Williams and M Williams, PC Carl Wood and County Councillor Mrs S Charles all sent their apologies.

11/127 OPEN SESSION

Local resident, Hugh Deeming gave a talk on Emergency Planning and urged the Council to consider setting up such a system and a 'Community Risk Register'. Lancashire County Council had produced a template for Parish Council's use. It was agreed that the idea had merit and a further presentation would be arranged for the Parish Assembly.

11/128 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th February 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th February 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

11/129 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

No report

11/130 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

Public Enquiry re Claughton Moor Wind Farm. It was agreed that Cllr C Kynch would attend as an official representative. Details of any submission would be agreed (via email) prior to attendance at the Enquiry

Applications **Received** :-

10/01034/LB Replacement of external door
Mr K Murphy, 5 Manor Court, Caton Green

No objections

11/00116/FUL Erection of sign
Mr DJ Platts, Greenbank Farm, Hornby Road, Claughton

No objections, but to be in keeping with country area

11/00116/FUL Paint store and Office extension
Mr DJ Platts, Greenbank Farm, Hornby Road, Claughton

No objections

11/00148/FUL Construction of roof over existing silo clamp

Mr N Brown, Deep Clough, Littledale
 No objections
 11/00187/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side
 Mr M Pye, 50A Artlebeck Road, Caton
 No objection

Applications **Approved** :-

11/00033/FUL Erection of extension to existing dormer
 Mr N Davies, 1 St Paul's Drive, Brookhouse
 10/01300/CU All weather outdoor riding area
 Mr & Mrs Jackson, Forgelands, Caton

11/131 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Lancaster City Council had agreed no cuts to outside bodies, no compulsory redundancies and no cuts to front Line Services. There would be some increases to car park charges.

11/132 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Payment for 2011 held at £ 2,845.00. There will be some hours 'owing' (approx 31 hours) from last year which will be deducted from the invoice for this year.

The Public Toilet has been painted by the 'Church in Action' Group. There is a problem with some tiles. They have also performed a litter pick in the Villages and have collected a huge amount of rubbish. Dog muck is being 'bagged' and then dumped – this can be placed in any litter bin.

Grass Cutting – looks like some areas will not be cut under the new scheme. We may need to pay for certain areas to be cut. Further investigation with the County Council is being undertaken.

The state of the roads with a large number of pot holes was reported. The Clerk was asked to inform County of the ongoing hazard especially to cyclists.

A problem with long stay parking in the Village car parks was reported. Local businesses would be reminded that the car parks are for shoppers and not staff use.

11/133 FINANCE

Partial refund of Vat £ 763.84 (up to end Dec 2010) has been received

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

Clerk's Salary February & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, March	£	40.00
Petty Cash transfer	£	40.00
Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet 14.02.11-13.03.11	£	168.00
Lancashire County Council, Rent for car park	£	120.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£	20.63
Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings	£	60.00
Best Kept Village Entry	£	40.00

Parish Projects

Income

Vat refunds

£ 13,806.58

Payments

Pennine Playgrounds

£ 57,954.71

11/134 FELL VIEW

Pennine Playgrounds are on the final leg and the Play Park should be completed well before the Official Opening set for Sat 2nd April 11.00 am. This would be 'quick and simple'. County Councillor Mrs S Charles would open it with the ribbon being cut by a child drawn from a lottery. There would be cake and refreshments.

Insurance – Items to be covered would be agreed and costs obtained. Cover was a requirement of the Lottery Funders.

11/135 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was agreed to enter the competition once again.

11/136 PARISH ASSEMBLY

Parish Assembly – Thursday 14th April Venue. Victoria Institute, Caton.

Items – Emergency Planning and Young Person's Clubs.

11/137 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twinning Group – reminders AGM Thursday 16th March. Murder Mystery dinner at the Scarthwaite on May 14th. £25 per head.

Youth Club Trust Fund – A meeting will be held in March to announce developments. Cllr J Parkinson would attend. A first distribution of awards would be made in July.

11/138 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

NALC Booklets – All about local Councils, It takes All Sorts, Information about becoming a Local Councillor

LALC Newsletter

Lancs Fire & Rescue. Consultation outcomes 2010

11/138 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 12th April 2011. Agenda closes 8th April 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.