

Caton with Littledale Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Victoria Institute on Tuesday 14th March 2020 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr Elvis, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Heywood, Cllr Kynch, Cllr Paine (chairman), Cllr Powell, Cllr Skeldon, Cllr Walmsley (vice – chairman) and Cllr Whitehead.

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

Two members of the parish.

20/28 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Huddleston and Cllr Thompson.

20/29 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2020.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the chairman after the word damaged replaces the work destroy in the planning application item 20/18.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

20/30 Cooption of a new councillor.

It was resolved that Ms Janet Taylor be coopted onto the parish council.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

20/31 Declarations of interests and dispensations.

Cllr Powell and Cllr Gibbons declared an interest in any agenda item referring to the Victoria Institute as trustees.

Cllr Kynch declared an interest in any agenda item referring to Fell View Playpark as a trustee of the playpark action group.

Cllr Skeldon declared an interest in any item relating to the war memorial garden maintenance.

20/32 Open forum.

The two residents who attended the meeting expressed their disappointment that the wooden henge at the playpark is to be removed and not replaced. The playpark also looks tired and uncared for and it used to be a real visual feature. Can the wooden posts be replaced with recycled plastic alternatives.

20/33 To consider subscribing to the new waste collection service at a cost of £80.00.

It was resolved that the subscription be renewed.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

20/34 Planning matters and applications.

20/00145/FUL - Old Church House, Littledale Road, Littledale – installation of two replacement rooflights to the front elevation and two rooflights to the rear elevation.

The parish council has no observations.

20/35 Accounts and finance.

Payments

Standing orders

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O)	£1000.00
Bridgitte Theunissen-Hughes zipwire lockup (S/O)	£50.00

Cheques

Gill Mason, clerk's wages £588.46 and expenses £62.22	£650.68
Victoria Institute room hire	£24.75
Waste collection subscription	£80.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

20/36 Highways and footpaths.

LCC Quernmore Road traffic review response.

The clerk received the following response from LCC Highways regarding the issues with Quernmore Road.

There are a pair of 30mph speed limit signs at the entry to the village, which highlight to drivers that they are entering a 30mph zone. As there is a system of street lighting and adjacent properties through Caton village, this would not permit the installation of repeater signs. The characteristics of the surrounding area should indicate the speed limit to drivers. There is also 20mph speed limits in place in the rest of the village residential roads, with repeater signs in place as permitted by the regulations.

The Speed Management Group will assess this road in terms of average vehicle speeds and the number of injury collisions. Following assessment the Speed Management Group, a partnership between ourselves and the Police, will consider the information, and determine what action, if any, can be taken to address these issues.

The programme of activity developed to address speeding concerns ranges from police enforcement, installation of temporary signs, and community road watch, to engagement and education activity. We publish the outcomes of these assessments on the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership website at www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk.

There have been contractors working on the road and there are new white lines and rumble strips. The residents did not know about the works and it caused disruption with the closed roads and diversions. The clerk was asked to write to Highways and request that the parish council and residents be notified if there are any planned works.

20/37 Parish management and maintenance.

Play park refurbishment and Lancaster City Council's report

It was resolved that the parish council instruct Lancaster City Council's Public Realm to repair and maintain the playpark at a cost of £5193.60. Three quotes have been sought but only one received. Lancaster City Council have completed the safety inspection and created the quote for the works list to make the playpark safe, useable and tidy.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

All in favour.

Village contractor update

The path to the war memorial display board has been laid, the cushion fall has been rotavated and anti-slip strips have been placed on the steps of the zipwire. The contractor will be asked to site the new litter bin in the war memorial garden.

War memorial noticeboard donation update.

The donation received has paid for the display board, the flagged path and the new bin in the war memorial garden.

20/38 To consider and review the parish council's ways of working.

Cllr Walmsley had circulated a three page condensed version of the standing orders, code of conduct and the financial regulations to all councillors. The notes had been checked by a LALC representative. Cllr Walmsley was thanked for circulating the information as it makes it easier for new councillors to understand the ways of working and guides them to the full documents. If any councillor wishes to add to the document they can contact Cllr Walmsley.

20/39 Reports and correspondence (information only).

Neighbourhood plan report.
Victoria Institute newsletter.
Bentham Town Councils request for emergency plan contacts.
Highways winter bulletin.
Royal Air Force 80th Battle of Britain Anniversary.
Driving safer for longer information.
Parish Champion grant.
LALC report.
Victoria Institute report.
Kirby Lonsdale bus route reinstatement update.

20/40 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday 14th April at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

Signed **Date.....**