

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Parkinson, CEC Kynch, P Marshall, PM Quinton & Dr DB Coltman,.  
PC Carl Wood and CSPO P Wood attended by invitation.

09/250 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors M Williams, V Williams, R Gibbons & J Jackson and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

09/251 OPEN SESSION

Alan Dowswell of the Allotment Association attended to get an update on the Allotments. The proposed lease was being reconsidered by Lancaster City Council.

09/252 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

09/253 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

PC Carl Wood reported that there had been 2 crimes – One a minor assault outside the Station Hotel which is likely to be detected and is unrelated to the other recent incident. The other is an antisocial behaviour problem which has been dealt with firmly and should be cleared up now. There have been reports of ‘boy racers’ and the Police are keeping an eye on them. There have been reports of suspicious characters in a red Vauxhall carrying scrap metal- please report any sightings.

PACT Priorities are Poaching and Speeding in Villages. A Farm Watch Scheme has been set up in the Lune Valley, with mobile phone messages sent to farmers and isolated rural businesses. There is a number to phone to report suspicious activity. Funding is being sought for signs and key ring reminders.

A small mobile home has been regularly seen parked up in the area.

A ‘lost’ bicycle left in Brookhouse will be investigated.

If the Police Control Rooms are reduced from nine to three, local knowledge will be lost. The Caton Police House may be turned into an ‘Enquiry Desk’ with the help of volunteers.

It was noted that there was no Police presence at the Remembrance Day Service and traffic was stopped by a member of the public.

09/254 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

- 09/00947/CU Reconstruction and change of use of barn to 3 holiday lets  
Mr N Brown, Deep Clough, Littledale, Lancaster
- No Objections – roofing materials to match existing
- 09/00985/PAM Erection of 7m wooden pole  
Land rear of Carr House, Littledale Road.
- 09/00991/PAM Erection of 12m replacement wooden pole  
Carr House, Littledale Road.
- 09/00992/PAM Erection of 7m wooden pole  
Land rear of Carr House, Littledale Road.
- 09/00985/PAM Erection of 9m wooden pole  
Land at the Cragg, Littledale Road.
- 09/00998/PAM Erection of 8m wooden pole  
Land near Pott Yeats Farm, Littledale Road.
- 09/01000/PAM Erection of 8m wooden pole  
Field near Pott Yeats Farm, Littledale Road.  
All for BT Open Reach.
- No objections to the above poles.
- 09/00994/FUL Erection of first floor extension  
Mrs L Briggs, 1 Rotten Row, Brookhouse
- No objections
- 09/01021/FUL Erection of conservatory to the side  
Mr and Mrs P Worrall, Stauvins Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse
- Split feeling regarding the large windows to an old farmhouse which would change its character.

Applications **Approved** :-

- 09/00600/ADV Erection of non-illuminated fascia sign  
Lunsdale Lawn Tennis Club, Hornby Road, Caton
- 09/00886/FUL Erection of temporary (3 year) 50m high meteorology mast  
Community Windpower Ltd, Roeburndale
- 09/00786/FUL Erection of two storey extension  
Mr & Mrs J Huddleston, 10 Leslie Avenue, Caton
- 09/00841/FUL Installation of Play Equipment  
Caton St Paul's School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse
- 09/00952/FUL Construction of porch and new entrance to Copy Lane  
Mr D Collins, Greenfield Farm, The Croft, Caton

Environment Agency re discharge of treated sewage from Hillcroft Nursing Home has been Approved

## 09/255 COUNTY &amp; DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District – Discussion re Climate Change and balancing the budget.

Priorities have been set – ECC Regeneration, Heritage, Climate change, Statutory Services and Partnership working.

Toilets – City are going forward with a programme to improve some toilets and plans to work with local Parish Councils at up to half of the existing budget.

Discussions with regard to Hornby School site will be undertake with County.

Lancaster Fair Trade District celebrated 5 Years with a visit from MP Douglas Alexander.

The Clerk was asked to investigate any progress with regard to the Moor Platt site.

A Parish Charter with the County Council has been finalised and a draft for one with the District Council is being considered by LALC. There is some involvement from the Local Strategic Partnership.

Standards Board – there are some changes to the status of when Councillors act as Councillors !

## 09/256 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS &amp; FOOTPATHS

The lengthsmen is on jury service but will try and continue with some of his jobs.

Lights on the Millennium Park are out – Clerk to report.

County to be asked about the footpath down the side of the Artlebeck which has been closed for some time.

## 09/257 FINANCE

Loan to Caton and Brookhouse Twinning Society has been repaid and banked.

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

Clerk's Salary October & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	456.96
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, November	£	40.00
Lancaster City Council, Grounds Maintenance Sept	£	254.31
Lancaster City Council, Bus Shelters and Fell View Play ground inspect.	£	63.83
Lancaster City Council, Grounds Maintenance Oct, Fell View	£	292.46
Garrick Outdoor Ltd, replacement glass	£	57.50
Heather Neesham, War Memorial Grounds	£	440.00
Viking Direct, stationery etc	£	102.29
Royal British Legion, Wreath £ 16.50 plus donation ?	£	30.00
Lancaster Trophy Centre, Garden comp shields etc	£	61.75
Eon, Car Park Elect	£	12.04
BT, Clerks telephone	£	72.55
Fell View Action Group, Funds	£	400.00

## 09/258 CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase as large a tree as possible for £ 100.

Replacement light bulbs would also be ordered (max cost £ 48).

The 'lighting' of the tree would be incorporated into an event organised by the Fell View Action Group to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Meeting to organise event Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7.00.

An exhibition of Christmas Trees would be held at St Paul's Church on the Saturday (18<sup>th</sup> Dec) prior to the Carol Service.

#### 09/259 PARISH TRANSPORT PROJECT.

Progress re illuminated timetable and bus stop poles. County are surveying the sites and it was agreed to go ahead on the four identified sites at a cost of £ 992.50 each.

The Clerk would write and inform Hornby Parish Council of our intentions and they may be interested in a similar scheme at a later date.

Speed Indication Devices. It was agreed to place an order for a clever SpID at £ 3,064.00. No removable battery pack options is available and Lancashire County Council are investigating additional sites. The unit will be deployed initially at the existing sites by the Police. Data will be available to share.

#### 09/260 VICTORIA INSTITUTE FUNDING

Proposals for future funding were discussed but the full financial information was not available. Five small grant applications have been submitted but it looks like there will be a distinct possibility of the IT Room closing. Volunteer support is being sought. The Rural Support Workers funding will finish at the end of December.

#### 09/261 CLERKS SALARY

NALC have agreed new rates payable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. It was agreed that these be accepted and the Clerk be placed on the SP19 scale as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. The Clerk was thanked for his work over the years.

#### 09/262 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

**Victoria Institute** – The Wine Tasting evening was a success raising £ 500. A Jumble Sale was planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010..

**Twinning** – A Wine Tasting Even is planned for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Fell View** – The Constitution will be amended to please Entrust. One to One talks with Fell View residents will be undertaken and a Planning Application will be submitted in consultation with the PlayBuilders bid. The Parish Council will be kept fully informed.

09/263 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

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

NW Air Ambulance – request for Funding  
Village Survey Report  
Lancashire County Councillors photos  
Headland to Headspace – A prospectus for Morecambe bay & Duddon Programme

09/264 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Agenda  
closes 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

Victoria Institute Funding  
North West Air Ambulance Grant

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.