

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th October 2007**

PRESENT: Councillors PM Quinton, J Pritchard, R Elvis, V Williams, J Jackson,
J Parkinson, R Gibbons, M Williams, S Langhorn and CEC Kynch.
PC Ian Johnson and PC Kieth Collins attended by invitation.

07/131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Dr DB Coltman and P Marshall sent their apologies.

07/132 OPEN SESSION

Mr S Riley attended and put forward the Youth Centres current thinking on their future. The building is owned by the Trustees and there are no covenants. A valuation will be obtained. There are several 'public' buildings in the village and it may be better to use funds to develop Youth provision.

The Parish Council agreed to help find a consensual view of what should happen.

07/133 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2007

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th September were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

07/134 MATTERS ARISING

07/121 Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy has been submitted. Land Allocations will follow from a successful Core Strategy. It was agreed to confirm our original submission on the need for affordable housing, work units and the previously identified possible sites. If an application were to be submitted before formal Land Allocation it can still be considered.

07/108 Polling Stations. The review has recommended Brookhouse Methodist Church instead of St Paul's School.

07/123 Bull Beck Picnic Area. Pot holes will be filled in. It was agreed to request repair of the 'gates' to deter travellers.

07/061 Fell View. We have been advised of a new contact at Groundworks. A meeting will be set up to progress the plans.

07/123 The problems with barriers on the Crook O'Lune footbridges is to be investigated by the County Bridge engineers who will undertake a Risk Assessment

07/123 Parking at the Lay by on the A683 remains a problem and nothing had been done about the corroded sign post. The Clerk will chase.

07/ It was agreed that contact be made with the Lancaster Guardian regarding the 'Village Reporter'.

07/135 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

PC Kieth Collins was introduced as the second Police Officer for the Village.

There had been 32 calls in the past month with three crimes reported. There had been also been five road traffic accidents.

The Parish Council agreed to write to ask that the 30 mph advisory sign at Gresgarth Hall be replaced with a 20 mph version after a letter had been received from a member of the public. It was suggested that there should be a meeting with all the Parishes up the Lune Valley to discuss Traffic issues.

All incidents should be reported to the Police to enable them to build up a picture of crimes/incidents in the Village.

Hopefully the answerphone at the Village Police station would be operational shortly

07/136 PLANNING

The Following Applications had been **received**:-

06/001115/OUT	Erection of 36 extra care retirement homes Lancashire County Council & Progress Housing Moor Platt, Lancaster Road, Caton
A number of comments and objections would be made relating to the Nominator, Residents entry criteria, affordability, rental, elderly care, car parking and 'staircases' on latest plans.	
07/01200/FUL	Erection of a conservatory Mr S Wetherell, Moorgarth Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse
No objection	
07/01232/FUL	Erection of canopy at front entrance Mr & Mrs E Wallace, 3 Broadacre Close, Caton
No objection	
07/01250/FUL	Replacement of conservatory with rear extension etc. Mr & Mrs A Woodcock, 53 Moorside Road, Brookhouse
Objection on the grounds of size and not in keeping with building	
07/01341/FUL	Alterations to external elevations and site layout Plot 3, Greenfield Yard, Copy Lane, Caton
No objection	
07/01375/CU	Change of use and conversion of cartshed into dwelling The Cartshed, Greenfield Yard, Copy Lane, Caton
No objection	

The Following Applications had been **granted** :-

07/00875/FUL	Erection of utility room Mr C Hill, 29 Hall Drive, Caton
07/00977/FUL	Erection of two storey extension Mr P Hearne, Cantford, Caton Green Road, Brookhouse

07/137 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Lancaster City Council Priorities set for three years. Changes were in the area of Enforcement and positive activities for young people.

Tracy Jardine would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Sustainable Community Strategy. Details would be circulated to Councillors beforehand.

Reception for Parish Councillors Feb 25th . Heads of Council Depts. would attend.

The Comprehensive Performance Assessment was being undertaken – previous rating ‘Fair’.

October 16th Pupil Power day – Caton Primary School is taking part.

Mayor’s Charity Sponsored Horse Ride Sat 13th October.

New Customer Service Entrance to Lancaster Town Hall has been opened (daytime only)

Planning Application for Lodges at the Hermitage, Crook O’Lune has been refused.

07/138 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Glen, landscaping and signs. Meeting has been arranged with Martin Charlesworth, Countryside Service Thursday 18th Oct 1.30 pm.

Road surface problems at the Scarthwaite Hotel were reported.

Permission to carve the latest Flood level marking on the Aqueduct bridge would be sought.

The hedge and banking on Holme Lane was causing concern.

The water plants by the Fish Stones would be cleaned up and it was agreed that there could be some money for new plants.

Various road signs throughout the Village would be reported for replacement

Walk to view the Poor’s Land arranged for Sunday 28th October at 1.00 pm.

07/139 FINANCE

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

Clerk’s Salary Sept & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	329.24
(Note £ 86.25 Tax has been deducted, payable annually to the Inland Revenue)		
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Oct	£	40.00
Petty Cash Transfer	£	40.00
Lancaster Trophy Centre, Garden Comp. trophies	£	37.50
Caton Twining Group Grant,	£	53.98

07/140 VICTORIA INSTITUTE

Cllrs C Kynch and V Williams declared an interest.

A request for the Parish Council to support a Funding Application by the Victoria Institute had been received. It was agreed to support the Application to a maximum sum of £ 750 was approved.

Picture framing costs of upto £ 8 each were presented. A Picture Framer in Dolphinhelm would be contacted..

07/141 YOUTH CENTRE

The future of the Youth Centre building was discussed. A Public Meeting was being arranged and the Parish Council would attempt to represent the community views

07/142 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There was a report from the Caton and Brookhouse Twining Group. Their recent trip to Socx had been a success, with a formal meeting with the Mayor and fifty villagers. Momentum is gathering for a formal Charter between the two communities which is being worked on in French and English. The Parish Council would be expected to sign the Charter.

Plans were being made for a Visit from Socx in February and a return to Socx in March to formalise the arrangements before the present Mayor of Socx (82 years old) retires. It is hope to involve as many people as possible with a football competition and school children's exchange trips.

The Victoria Institute Fund Raising Concert Saturday 3rd November.
Shelves for the Library are on order and will be installed soon.

07/143 LAPTC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation
Remembrance Sunday 11th November – Service at 10.00 to be confirmed
Refreshments afterwards in Victoria Institute
Police Authority Community Meetings, Consultation re format etc.
Parish Charter – Work in Progress Document agreed in principal
Act on CO2 – Ways to Tackle Climate Change

07/144 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13th November 2007. Agenda closes 8th November 2007

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.