

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th October 2010.**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, Dr DB Coltman, V Williams, M Williams, J Parkinson,
R Elvis, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard, R Gibbons & PM Quinton.

10/240 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor P Marshall & J Jackson, PC Carl Wood and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

10/241 OPEN SESSION

It was announced that Brookhouse were runners-up in the Champion Village Class of the Best Kept Village Competition. There is a certificate and Trophy to be held for a year.

Graham Ransom attended to talk about how to breathe new life into the Village Garden Competition. The competition had become somewhat jaded over the last few years with the same people winning and few turning up to receive their prizes. The Parish Council thanked the Gardening Club for organising the competition and agreed that it was time to rethink the format to encourage more people to get involved. Various ideas will be put forward for consideration at a future Parish Council meeting.

10/242 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14th September 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th September were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10/243 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been a theft of red diesel from the Quernmore area and metal gates from Claughton.

Problems with motorists parking by the pillar box on Station Road were reported and it was agreed that the Police should enforce this and that the yellow lines be repainted.

10/244 PLANNING

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest and left the meeting.

Applications **Received** :-

10/00926/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension
Mr & Mrs I Whitaker, 26 Sycamore Road, Brookhouse

No objections – small and unobtrusive

10/00930/CU Conversion into two Flats
Mr & Mrs Pritchard, 8-10 Sycamore Road, Brookhouse

Noted the loss of a commercial premises

Applications **Approved** :-

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| 10/00824/FUL | Demolition of garage, erection of new garage, living, kitchen and porch extension
Mr S Brown, New Bungalow, Caton Green Road, Brookhouse |
| 10/00881/FUL | Erection of single storey extension
Mr & Mrs W Huddleston, 11 Sycamore Road, Brookhouse |

Applications **Withdrawn** :-

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| 10/00862/FUL | Erection of porch to front
Mrs P Batty, Stauvin's Farm, Littledale |
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An Appeal has been made regarding the refusal of Planning permission for the Claughton Moor Wind Farm Project. This will be dealt with by a Public Enquiry. Additional comments must be received by 24th November. The Parish Council agreed that its comments on the original application remained and did not wish to add to them.

10/245 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was stated that both Lancaster and Morecambe Town Halls required substantial building works to maintain them. Morecambe Town Hall was getting a new roof in the near future.

Members were urged to complete the Budget Consultation questionnaire published in 'Your District Matters' magazine. The Council will face a serious impact in funding after the 'Comprehensive Spending Review'.

Fireworks, Saturday 6th November – Public viewing from Ryeland's Park, Salt Ayre and Williamson's Park. Free access and All-Day events.

Food waste collections will begin in the area shortly. Details to follow.

10/246 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The following were reported after the recent Property Inspections :-

Hornby Rd Car park gaps in hedges, faded white lines. Green paint graffiti on Pharmacy Wall

Station Road, double yellow lines faded, small potholes

Fish Stones, mill race not running at moment

Bus shelter Copy Lane broken glass panel

War Memorial seat, slats missing

Fell View gates and problems with dogs

Litter bin Artlebeck Bridge

Pruning of Willow and Rowan, Sycamore Road – tree roots

Dog bins overflowing Millennium Park.

Action will be taken as required.

Clerk to report dirty road signs Lancaster Road/ Crook O'Lune

10/247 FINANCE

Repayment £ 50.73 from Lancaster City Council for rates for the Car park (Small business rate relief) had been received and banked.

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

Clerk's Salary September & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	460.29
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, October	£	40.00
Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet 27.09.10-24.10.10	£	164.50
Lancaster City Council, contribution to lease for Fell View	£	325.00
Lancaster City Council, Grounds maintenance Aug & insp Fell View	£	281.97

10/248 FELL VIEW

It was reported that new prices had been received from two preferred bidders for a reduced scheme. On the basis of this one contractor has been chosen and further reductions made to fit the reduced funding available at the moment. Several elements have had to be removed from this main contract but we are hopeful that additional funding can be secured to enable these items to be reintroduced at a later date. It is important that costs are kept under control.

Community Spaces and others are happy with the new proposal.

It was resolved that the Parish Council places an order with Pennine Playgrounds after contract conditions have been finalised.

Hopefully a start can be made on site early November with completion scheduled for January.

Bylaws relating to opening times will be investigated.

10/249 ALLOTMENTS

Planning consent for change of use will be required. It was resolved that the Parish Council will make the Application.

Lancaster City Council has sorted out the land and access details – pedestrian access only.

10/250 CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed to order a Christmas tree like last years. The Play Park Action Group will arrange an event for Sat 4th December.

10/251 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Fair Trade Village – A small committee to complete the paperwork needs to be set up. Everything else is in place .

VI – Wine Tasting and Auction 16th October tickets £ 7.50

Twinning – The French from Socx will be visiting on the Gala weekend 11th June.

Talent Show 20th November tickets £ 5 each. Jim Bowen has agreed to compare.

Leisure Club – Winter Programme has started

10/252 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

‘Healthy Valley – Over 50’s Survey’ – have put Caton/Brookhouse forward for inclusion

Please request from Clerk if interested

Lancashire Police Authority interactive web-site www.getintheloop.co.uk
X FACTOR Becoming a local Councillor Morecambe Town Hall Wednesday 13th October
6.00 pm
LALC Newsletter September

10/253 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9th November 2010. Agenda closes
4th November 2010

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.