

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 11th September 2007**

PRESENT: Councillors PM Quinton, J Pritchard, R Elvis, V Williams, J Jackson, P Marshall, J Parkinson, R Gibbons, Dr DB Coltman and CEC Kynch.
County Councillor Mrs S Charles and PC Ian Johnson attended by invitation.

07/116 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors M Williams and S Langhorn sent their apologies.

07/117 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present

07/118 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2007

The minutes, with a minor amendment, of the previous meeting held on 10th July were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

07/119 MATTERS ARISING

07/088 Previous Highway items raised are being or have been actioned. The White Railings at Bull Beck will be replaced with a timber post and rail fence.

07/ Fell View. Groundworks have confirmed a further delay on this project due to an internal reorganisation.

07/ Ellel Parish was put forward for the pilot study into Neighbourhood Management in Rural Areas. Caton and Silverdale were in an AONB which was the reason they were not selected.

07 The judging of the Village Garden competition was carried out in conjunction with the Gardening Club. The Competition Sub-committee would meet to discuss.

07/120 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been 17 calls in the past month with two crimes reported.
A sign post, post box and bench had been damaged in a vehicle accident.
There had been a rave at the windmills on Saturday night. No local people and there had been some damage to a gate and wall.

Parking continued to be a problem outside the Co-op. Tickets had been issued. There was a possibility of funding for railings here. The Parish Council would request input into their 'design'.

The question of whether Caton Green would qualify for a 30 mph limit under the new 'rules' would be investigated.

07/121 PLANNING

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

- 07/00971/FUL Erection of two storey extension to side
Miss Crossley, 60 Artlebeck Road, Caton
No objections subject to neighbour's satisfaction
- 07/00977/FUL Erection of two storey extension
Mr P Hearne, Cantford, Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
No objections subject to neighbour's satisfaction
- 07/01075/FUL Two storey extension to front
N Hewitt, 49 Low Mill, Lancaster Road, Caton
No objections
- 07/01094/ADV Road Safety Display Board
Bull Beck Car Park
No objections – colour to be in keeping with timber supports
- 07/01181/FUL Canvas Awning
Station Hotel, Hornby Road, Caton
No objections
- 07/01211/LB Listed Building Application for 2 No Roof Lights
Mr & Mrs R Brown, Deep Clough, Roeburndale Road, Brookhouse
No objections
- 07/01300/FUL Erection of conservatory and Dormer extension
Mr P Gardner, 18 Hall Drive, Caton
No objections subject to neighbour's satisfaction

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

- 07/00631/CU Change of use from Police House to community use for meetings
Police House, 37 Hornby Road, Caton
- 07/00678/FUL Rebuild and enlarge Barn
Mr AP Dickinson, Greenholes barn, Roeburndale Road, Littledale
- 07/00701/FUL Erection of conservatory to rear
A Muirhead, 6 Langdale, Caton
- 07/00724/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension
Mr A Crossly, Linton House, Lancaster Road, Caton
- 07/00899/FUL Two external stores
Caton St Paul's Primary School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse
- 07/01059/CU Change of use to dwelling
Mr & Mrs Goodfellow, Cottage Tearoom, Lancaster Road, Caton
- 07/0007/TPO Crown reduce etc to trees
Land at rear of 49-57 Fell View, Caton

Fell Oak Tree St Paul's Church, Brookhouse. Lancaster City Council do not intend to place a tree preservation order on this tree

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

07/00516/CU Change of use to dwelling
Mr & Mrs Goodfellow, Cottage Tearoom, Lancaster Road, Caton

Note:- approval of further application 07/01059/CU above.

07/00562/FUL Erection of agricultural building and laying of track
Mr & Mrs A Mason, field 2357 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse.

Note: The premature construction of the access track is being investigated by Lancaster City Council Planning Dept.

07/00660/FUL Extension to form upper storey bedroom and Dormer
Mr & Mrs Barratt, 1 Vicarage Avenue, Brookhouse

The Following Application had been **withdrawn** :-

07/00917/FUL Canvas Awning
Station Hotel, Hornby Road, Caton

Note:- new application submitted (see above – width reduced by 2200 mm)

07/122 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor Mrs S Charles provided feedback on the Neighbourhood management pilot and the railings at the Zebra Crossing.

There was nothing to report on the District.

07/123 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Temporary Road Closure. Crook O'Lune Bridge Monday 17th September to Sunday 28th October – Evenings between 19.00 and 07.00 for repointing & strengthening work to bridge.

The problems with barriers on the Crook O'Lune footbridges was to be chased

The following items were reported for action :-

Street Light F2 the Croft was 'out'

Corrosion to base of round-a-bout sign by the Post Office

All day Parking on the lay by on the A683

Over grown plants by the 'Oak Tree' and missing support for the branch. M Jackson would be happy to help the lengthsman

Car Park surface and 'entrance gates' at Bull Beck Picnic area are in a poor state of repair.

The recycle bins are sometimes overflowing.

07/124 TWINNING

There is a proposed visit to Socx in early October. A meeting of the Caton Twinning Group is to be held on Tuesday 18th September

Councillors R Gibbons, P Quinton and J Pritchard declared an interest.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider favourably an application for Funding (£50-£60) to purchase a gift for the Community of Socx.

07/125 AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the Audit has been completed successfully, although he had to bring to the Council's attention the fact that the accounts did not add up by £ 2 (rounding errors). It is also interesting to note that the Parish Council can **not** by law be a sole Trustee of a Charity which is responsible for distributing monies to the Poor in their Parish; eg. The Poor's Land Charity. The rules for the operation of our Charities would be investigated.

The Annual Return was presented to Council and Approved. The Notice of Completion of Audit can now be displayed.

07/126 FINANCE

Bank Account signatories have now been changed and include all Councillors.

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

Clerk's Salary July/Aug & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander (Note £ 172.50 Tax has been deducted, payable annually to the Inland Revenue)	£	646.20
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, August & Sept	£	80.00
Logo Plus, Toilet sign	£	63.74
Heather Neesham, War Memorial Maintenance	£	410.00
A Taylor, rebuilding planter (refund to RB Alexander)	£	200.00
BT, Clerks telephone (refund to RB Alexander)	£	51.49
Lancaster City Council, grounds maintenance June & Fell View Inspection	£	284.23
Lancaster City Council, grounds maintenance July	£	245.07
Lancaster City Council, grounds maintenance Aug & Fell View Inspection	£	284.23
Lancaster City Council, Cleaning Bus shelters and Fell View	£	62.18
Lancaster City Council, Hanging Baskets	£	275.00
Lancashire County Council, Car Park rental	£	117.50
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, Audit fee	£	470.00
Paul Read, Photographs	£	186.50
United Utilities, car park water rates	£	12.52
Blackhurst, Swainson, Goodhew Solicitors – Station Road	£	824.75
Victoria Institute, Room Rental	£	25.00
Victoria Institute, Coffee mornings	£	130.00
Parish Transport Project		
Autocross, Bus Shelter refurb.	£	1,762.50

07/127 YOUTH CENTRE

There was some discussion on the future of the Youth Centre building and Cllr J Parkinson agreed to find out about any covenants on the building before we could take matters further. It was up to the Youth Centre Management Committee to decide the way forward.

07/128 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There was a report from the Library Trust. The Community Library was open for 3 days/week and was required to pay rent to the Victoria Institute. They had secured funding of £ 800 to date for running costs, however they requested some further capital for book shelving. The Parish Council agreed that their initial offer for shelving could increase to £ 300. A lap-top computer had been loaned by the Victoria Institute and it was hoped that a County Library Book Ordering Service would start soon. Names of residents who would use a Home Library Service were requested.

07/129 LAPTC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan 2008-9
 LAPTC Conference & News letter
 Tour of Britain Cycle Race – Friday 14th Sept Caton at 13.20
 Licensing Act – Review of statement of Licensing Policy
 Police Dialogue Magazine
 Lancashire Partnership – Strategy for an Ageing Population
 Web site www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/ageing_population/
 Health Fast Forward public engagement campaign
 Lune Valley Rural Housing Assoc. Consultation for Five Year Plan
 Lancashire Parish & Town Councils Conference Sat 15th September
 Developing a Parish Charter – Work in Progress Document
 Lancashire Playing Fields Association Newsletter
 Lancashire Youth Association Annual Report
 ‘Our Cluttered Streets’

07/130 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9th October 2007. Agenda closes 4th October.

Youth Centre
 Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation
 Village Toilet decoration.
 Photos of tree planting Ceremony

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.