

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 8th September 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Parkinson, V Williams, M Williams, J Jackson, P Marshall & Dr DB Coltman,.

09/218 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors R Gibbons, CEC Kynch and PM Quinton and County Councillor Mrs S Charles & PC Carl Wood sent their apologies.

09/219 OPEN SESSION

Mr Mark Davis from Lancaster City Council gave a short presentation on the City Council's thinking with regard to the provision of Public Toilets in the area. The total cost to the City Council was £ 350,000 per annum and some older toilets were not up to the necessary standards. The City Council was urged to maintain the Bull Beck Toilets as an important asset in the promotion of the Lune Valley as a tourist destination and to work closely with the Snack Bar owners on the site. The Parish Council may consider 'taking over' the Village toilet if suitable funding arrangements could be put in place.

The City Council were also trying to promote 'Community Toilets' were business owners opened up their toilets for the public in exchange for a financial contribution (£500-£1,000 per annum).

Members of the Allotment Association attended to question progress regarding the land off Broadacre. The situation regarding Allotments in the Lancaster District was under discussion and when a decision had been made the Parish Council could move forward on securing this piece of land. A sub-committee meeting would be arranged.

Several members of the public attended to object to the plans for the possible redevelopment of the Fell View Play Area. It was explained that nothing had been finalised and that there would be ample opportunity to discuss the plans at future meetings. A Meeting had been arranged for Thursday 10th September (7.30pm) to set up an Action Group to develop the plans.

09/220 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14th JULY 2009

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

09/221 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

PC Carl Wood sent a written report, There had been two burglaries at Wait Butchers and Headroom Hairdressers – undetected. Also two separate thefts of scrap metal from Greenup Cottage – enquiries ongoing. Suspect vehicle black front , white main body reg J7.... And a motor caravan had been stolen from an address on Artlebeck.

The Pact priorities are :-

Anti-social behaviour. Several youths had been formally warned by local officers and incidents are being firmly dealt with.

Speeding. Speed checks over the next five months and warning motorists and targeting boy racers. On the second occasion they will be issued with either a fixed penalty notice, placed on a speed awareness course or a Section 59 National Warning where they run the risk of losing their vehicle.

Hare Coursing and Poaching etc.

09/222 PLANNING

Applications **received** :-

09/00617/FUL	Demolition of lean-to and erection of conservatory Mr Hellyer, 2 Kirkbeck Close, Brookhouse
No objections	
09/00758/FUL	Erection of conservatory to rear Mr & Mrs Taylor, 31 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse
No objections	
09/00767/FUL	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear Mr S Hall, 59 Fell View, Caton
No objections	
09/00771/CU	Change of use of former shop to living accommodation Mr M Hall, 15 Brookhouse Road, Caton
No objections	
09/00774/FUL	Erection of two storey extension to rear Mr & Mrs Fawcett, 73 Hornby Road, Caton
No objections	
09/00770/FUL	Erection of single storey rear extension Mr N Smith, 11 Brookhouse Road, Caton
No objections	
09/00784/FUL	Construction of porch and new entrance onto Copy Lane etc. Mr D Collins, Greenfield Farm, The Croft, Caton
No objections, however consideration should be given to sight lines for new entrance.	
09/00786/FUL	Erection of two storey extension and to provide disabled facilities Mr & Mrs J Huddleston, 10 Leslie Avenue, Caton
No objections, subject to neighbours consent	
09/00805/FUL	Erection of extension to rear Mr P Kettlewell, 13 Brookhouse Road, Caton
No objections	

Applications **Approved** :-

09/00421/FUL	Erection of open sided shelter at rear Caton St Paul's Primary School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse
09/00492/ADV	Erection of signs Boots Pharmacy, Hornby Road, Caton
09/00503/FUL	Agricultural building, Silo and new access Field 2357, Caton Green Road
09/00586/FUL	Erection of single storey extension to rear Ms M Flynn, 28 Hornby Road, Caton

09/00588/LCC	Retention of single storey office unit until September 2012 Lancashire County Council, 33 Hornby Road, Caton
09/00590/FUL	Replacement of existing cedar cladding with timber composite Caton St Paul's CE Primary School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse
09/00669/FUL	Construction of new roof to porch Mr P Dixon, 11 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
09/00682/FUL	Erection of single storey extension Mr & Mrs T Preece, Udale Barn, Littledale
01/09/0463	Extension of cycle path eastwards (700m length) Adj. A683 Bullbeck towards Claughton

Applications **Withdrawn** :-

09/00283/FUL	Erection of canopy to rear Caton Community Primary School, Broadacre, Caton
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09/223 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The County Council had agreed extra funding for Highways.

The District Council were consulting on Historic Areas and there were a number of events to celebrate the centenary of the Town Hall and Ashton Memorial. Fireworks display would be on November 7th. The roads on the White Lund Estate would be renamed.

Caton and Brookhouse Friendship Club had received a donation of £ 300.

09/224 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed to write to the lengthsmen to thank him for his work keeping the village tidy. Trees and shrubs on Fell View would be cut back and it was agreed that the Lengthsmen perform the weekly visual check of the Play Area as requested by the Insurers.

09/225 FINANCE

Audit had been completed successfully; No matters to report.

The Annual Return was presented to Council and it was approved and accepted.

Lancashire County Council Grass Cutting payment received and banked.

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

Clerk's Salary July & August	£	888.68
Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	80.00
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Aug & September	£	74.62
RB Alexander, Wine for Twinning Visit Reception	£	52.94
BT, Clerks Telephone, refund RB Alexander	£	115.00
Lancashire County Council, Car Park Rent	£	39.64
United Utilities, Water Rates car park	£	63.83
Lancaster City Council, Bus shelter cleaning Apr-June	£	

Lancaster City Council, Grounds Maint. June & Fell View Insp	£	292.46
Lancaster City Council, Grounds Maint. July	£	254.31
Lancaster City Council, Grounds Main. Aug & Fell View Insp	£	292.46
Heather Neesham, War Memorial grounds	£	440.00
Petty Cash Transfer	£	40.00
Stephen Dickinson, Wall at Copy Lane	£	915.40
Victoria Institute, meetings coffee mornings	£	136.50
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, Audit fee	£	327.75

09/226 FELL VIEW

To be eligible for LEF funds we have to register with Entrust, however Entrust will not accept registration from Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Parish Council would work alongside a Community Group who would progress the project.

An initial meeting has been set for Thursday 10th September. 7.30 pm Victoria Institute

09/227 ALLOTMENTS

Once the City Council had decided on their Allotment strategy a new draft lease would be requested from them. It looks like there are people willing to rent allotments on the Broadacre site subject to a lease.

The Council is still seeking additional land for Allotment provision.

09/228 VILLAGE TOILETS

In response to Lancaster City's proposals it was agreed that the Clerk write in the strongest possible terms that the Bull Beck site is strategic and should remain open. The Village Toilet at the Institute is modern and should continue to be maintained by the City Council. For information the costs for the cleaning and maintenance of these toilets was requested.

09/229 PARISH TRANSPORT PROJECT.

Details of illuminated timetable and bus stop poles was provided. It was agreed to proceed with these at four sites, Victoria Institute, Lancaster Road, Copy Lane and Brookhouse.

Bus shelter suggested for Caton Green is not viable – an alternative site by Brookhouse Shops would be looked at. The site by Artlebeck bridge was not considered viable.

09/230 VILLAGE TOURIST SIGNS

As the project has taken so long to finalise, costs have risen for the Cycle way signs and this has caused further delay. It was agreed that a contribution of up to £ 200 towards the cost increase of these signs be provided to ensure the signs are completed.

The main sign by the Post Office is being produced.

09/231 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute – The Village paintings are now hanging in the Billiard Room. It was proposed that old certificates be laminated and bound in a book. The funding for the Rural Support worker is running out. She has helped people return to work and keep the Institute open. A Wine Tasting event is planned for October 17th.

Twinning – The final grant request has been submitted for payment by the EU. The plaque presented by Socxs requires displaying

09/232 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Submitted Draft North West Plan Partial Review

Police Dialogue Magazine

LALC Conference 31st October

Lancs. Fire & Rescue Performance and Action Plan 2009

Independent Complaints Advocacy Service

Census Rehearsal, Lancaster

Life for Life Memorial Forest – concerns re future development and car parking/toilets

09/233 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13th October 2009. Agenda closes 8th October 2009

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.