

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

PRESENT: Councillors Dr DB Coltman, V Williams, D Nesbitt, CEC Kynch, J Jackson, R Gibbons, V Richards, J Parkinson, R Elvis and R Paine.

12/214 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors J Pritchard, J Walmsley and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies

12/215 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

The Best Kept Village Results were presented to the Council – Brookhouse were Highly Commended in the Champion Village Class and the Play Park in the Awards of Merit section.

12/216 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

12/217 CODE OF CONDUCT

It was **Resolved** that Caton-with-Littledale adopt the Code as proposed by LALC. A copy of the Code is attached and available on the Caton Village website.

12/218 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

Written Police report was tabled. There had been a number of rural crimes which were being addressed.

It was reported that the new 20 mph speed limits would be enforced by ‘education’ and would only be ‘prosecuted’ as a last resort.

12/219 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

12/00762/FUL Construction of Dormer  
Mr & Mrs J Wilkinson, 19 Littledale Road, Brookhouse

No objections  
12/00672/LB Installation of Velux window  
Mrs E Sutcliffe, 9 Low Mill, Caton

No objections  
12/00722/FUL Single storey rear extension  
Mr A Kehoe, 12 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

No objections

TPO 504(2012)

Trees on south bank of river Lune, Poor's Land

Objection and comments made

Applications **Approved** :-

12/00511/AD	Agricultural building Mr & Mrs Taylor, Lots House Farm, Quarry Road, Brookhouse
12/00580/FUL	Replacement doors etc Caton Water Pumping Station
12/00568/FUL	Conversion of roof space and additional dormer 5 Vicarage Avenue, Brookhouse
12/00577/FUL	Pitched roof to kitchen and extensions to front and rear dormers 53 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
12/00526/FUL	Side extension and detached garage Mr B Pinnington, The Hollows, Brookhouse Road,
12/00669/FUL	Replacement front porch Mr & Mrs B Tyrer, 22 St Anne's Close, Brookhouse

Work to various trees at Forge Mill Cottage under TPO.

Application Withdrawn

12/00593/FUL	Two storey extension to side 21 Copy Lane, Caton
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12/220 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was reported that the prospective purchasers of the Moor Platt site had been unable to raise the necessary finance but were still interested. It has gone back on the market.

Also it was stated that the County Council had agreed that the Hornby Road car park would continue to be leased to the Parish Council. Confirmation of this in writing was requested.

The Storey Institute is in severe financial difficulties. The City Council will not support it financially and the management committee is in liquidation. It maybe that the tenants will run it themselves.

The Market closed mid September and negotiations are ongoing to buy out the remaining lease. The Centros development is being rethought with the main focus on maintaining the 'Town Centre'. There is a desire to improve the Street Markets and create more pitches (moving into side streets).

12/221 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Lengthsman contract was signed and clarification was given of the scope of Lancashire County Council PROW work. The £200 payment covered annual strimming work and other maintenance work would be offered to the Parish Council (Lengthsman) first. We could agree to do the work at the County rate or refuse it and then County would engage other contractors. Trees and Planters on Sycamore Road continue to be a problem. We would consult with LCC and shopkeepers and investigate the costs of removing them.

The ownership of the land recently fenced off at Crossing Keepers Cottage will be investigated with LCC.

The state of the road to the Wind Farm was discussed. It would be reported to LCC, with reference to the problems of reinstatement after the construction of the wind farm. There are now new owners who may be prepared to help.

Problems with trees on Quarry Road and surface water issues at the new 'cyclist holding area' on Hornby Road would be reported.

#### 12/222      AUDIT

The Audit was completed successfully on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug with no matters to report which affected the Auditor's opinion however it was highlighted that the outstanding borrowing figure was understated. This has been corrected.

It was **resolved** to accept the Audited accounts.

The Clerk was asked to write and thank Mrs Creswell for undertaking the Internal Audit and send a bunch of flowers.

#### 12/223      FINANCE

PROW maintenance allowance (£200) received from Lancashire County Council and banked.

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

Clerk's Salary July, Aug & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	930.20
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Sept	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, Sept	£	40.00
BT, Clerk's telephone (refund RB Alexander)	£	69.06
Simply Clean, toilets	£	176.40
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Simply Clean, toilets credit note (2 weeks off)	(£)	88.20
Lancaster City Council, grass cutting July	£	95.48
Lancaster City Council, grass cutting Aug	£	95.48
Lancashire County Council, car park rent	£	120.00
Victoria Institute, meetings	£	20.63
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Parish Lengthsman, annual payment (less refund from previous years)	£	2,957.95
Fast Hosts, Web domain renewal 5 years (refund RB Alexander)	£	20.70
BDO LLP, Audit fee	£	660.00
Parish Projects A/c		
Lengthsman, maintenance allowance	£	200.00

#### 12/224      VILLAGE TOILET

It was reported that the Victoria Institute have decided to do away with the services of Simply Clean NW Ltd as of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012. It was agreed that the Parish Council would finish their contract with Simply Clean NW Ltd and enter into an arrangement with the Victoria Institute to

have the toilet cleaned by their new cleaner. Costs have yet to be negotiated but will be no more than the Parish Council is paying at present.

#### 12/225 LCC SUPERFAST BROADBAND PLAN

LCC have published their superfast broadband plan which shows possible coverage in the Caton Village area.

B4RN have written with a map clarifying their coverage for phase 1.

Both have been provided for information.

#### 12/226 THE LINK

There was some discussion regarding local content and it was agreed that the Link did an excellent job promoting and covering the activities within the villages.

#### 12/227 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twinning Group – The Caton Review is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> November. Jim Bowen has agreed to compare it. There will be a Textile Collection once again in January.

Victoria Institute –K Shoes Male Voice Choir Concert Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 Tickets £8

Fell View Play Park – Plaques for donor's names are being progressed.

Moor Platt for Community Use – The County Council doesn't seem interested in any community involvement or use of the site. It remains up for sale

#### 12/228 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Next LALC Meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors were asked if anybody else was interested in attending.

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

Cloughton Wind Farm Public Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2.00-7.00 Victoria Institute

Work on Brookhouse Bridge, Caton Green Road will commence Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and is expected to take two to three weeks. The road will remain open for traffic.

12/229 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Agenda closes 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.