

Caton with Littledale Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Victoria Institute on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr Beckett, Cllr Elvis, Cllr Huddleston, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Kynch, Cllr Paine (vice – chairman), Cllr Skeldon and Cllr Walmsley.

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

Cllr Paine is acting chairman for this meeting.

18/43 Apologies for absence Cllr Hill, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Nesbitt.

18/44 To consider and approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Paine.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

18/45 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

No interests declared.

18/46 Open forum.

No residents present.

18/47 LALC subscription renewal.

It was resolved that the parish council renew the LALC subscription for 2018/2019.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

18/48 Accounts and finance.

Payments

Standing orders

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O) £1000.00

Bridgitte Theunissen-Hughes zipwire lockup (S/O) £50.00

B Postlethwaite public toilet lockup (S/O) £50.00

Cheques

Tameside Metropolitan Borough – NP Eco assessment £766.80

Gill Mason, clerk's wages £559.95 and expenses £44.74 £604.69

LALC subscription £475.72

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Gibbons.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

Receipts

Coop - contribution to white line painting in car park £250.00

Parish precept £32,0033.11

7.20pm Cllr Kynch attended the meeting.

18/49 Parish management and maintenance.

Play park inspections, repairs and maintenance.

It was resolved that the parish council purchase a further 15m³ of cushion-fall for the playpark at an approximate cost of £800.00 plus vat including delivery.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

The clerk was asked to obtain a quote to replace the two wooden legs that are floating on the zipwire frame with steel replacements. Cllr Huddleston will make sure that the zipwire is locked and not used until the repair work has been completed.

Village contractor update.

Cllr Skeldon informed the parish council that residents had commented on the condition of the bus shelters. Cllr Elvis will ask the village contractor to paint the shelters once the weather improves.

Repair of the fish-stones.

No update.

Copy Lane oak tree maintenance.

The TPO officer informed the clerk that the oak tree doesn't have a TPO and if the tree has a dead bow then maintenance can take place. The parish council will wait for the tree to leaf before making a decision on maintenance.

Flagpole repair.

The clerk was asked to get a quote from a flagpole maintenance contractor to repair the flagpole.

Hornby Road car park white line painting update.

£250 has been received from the Coop towards the painting of the car park white lines. Cllr Paine informed the parish council that once the weather improves, white thermoplastic will be able to be applied to create the white lines at the Victoria Institute and Hornby Road car park. This material should last longer than painted lines and easy to apply.

Memorial garden benches and replacement surface quotes.

Cllr Walmsley reported to the parish council that the memorial garden needs more maintenance. New benches need purchasing, the flagstones need replacing and the cobblestones are loose. Cllr Walmsley had obtained a quote of £2800.00 from the contractor who will be completing the resurfacing of the garden.

The parish council asked Cllr Walmsley to request two more contractor quotes, as the amount is over £1000.00, to comply with the financial standing orders.

The clerk was asked to request a new bin to be sited at the memorial garden.

Siting of cycle racks at Sycamore Road update.

Cllr Walmsley has spoken to Mr Middlesbrook who will install the cycle racks as soon as the weather improves.

18/50 Parish spring clean.

Cllr Walmsley said it was very encouraging that residents who couldn't make the planned spring clean date have said they will tidy areas of the village in their spare time.

The number of volunteers for the event was a little disappointing, but a lot of areas including Bull Beck car park, A683 to Scarthwaite and Quernmore Road and the hedges on Station field were tidied. It was noted that the drain at Hornby car park needs clearing, Cllr Walmsley has asked a local contractor for a quote.

The clerk was asked to contact LCC Highways to request that the brush sweeper clean the A683 as it is built up with mud and debris.

Cllr Walmsley would like to try another spring clean on an evening in May and will advertise this in The Link.

18/51 Sponsorship signage and noticeboard costs for Fell View play park update.

It was resolved that the parish council order a A0 size board to display the funding logos at a cost of £84.00 and an aluminium wall mounted notice board for £144 plus vat.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

18/52 Mirror on Artlebeck bridge update.

The clerk contacted LCC Highways and was told that a mirror could be placed on private land without permission. If it is placed on the highway then they will have to review the site. The clerk will wait for a report from the site visit.

18/53 Annual parish meeting arrangements.

The APM will be held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7.30pm at the Victoria Institute. Rachel Crompton, the Lancashire County Council flood risk representative will be attending to answer questions from the residents. Cllr Kynch will create a Forest of Bowland display board when the leaflet and banners are delivered.

18/54 Caton Gala representation.

It was resolved that the parish council have a table at the gala on the 9th June. The clerk will prepare a precept and budget report for display. Cllr Gibbons will ask the twinning group if they can share a table on the day.

18/55 Footpath 14 (along Artlebeck between A683 and Brookhouse Road) update.

Cllr Walmsley informed the parish council that the footpath society have raised the closure of the footpath formally with Lancashire County Council. The landowner will be contacted to ask if he will rebuild and maintain the footpath. The clerk was asked to write to Lancashire County Council in support of the reopening of the footpath.

18/56 Wennington Parish Council SPID loan request.

It was resolved that the parish council loan Wennington Parish Council the SPID.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.

Seconded by Cllr Huddleston.

18/57 Reports and correspondence.

Police

Eleven crimes reported for February.

2 Anti-social behaviour on Hornby Road and Leslie Avenue

Burglary on Lancaster Road - under investigation

Burglary on St Paul's Drive - under investigation

Burglary on Langdale - investigation completed, no suspect identified

Criminal damage or arson - at or near Co-op - under investigation

Criminal damage or arson - Becksides - under investigation

Violent or sexual offences - Greenfields - under investigation
Violent or sexual offences - Broadacre - unable to prosecute suspect
Other crime - Littledale Road near junction with Roeburndale Road - investigation completed, no suspect identified
Other crime - Chestnut Avenue - under investigation

LALC report

Morris Brophy from Lancaster City Council had attended the meeting and said that it was noted that the definition of 'sustainable community' isn't satisfactory, in reference to the final submission of the local plan. It was also reported that the 20% affordable housing requirement on new developments won't go ahead, as the developers are able to opt out.

The meeting at Wray regarding the Forest of Bowland was to discuss objecting to the present local plan which doesn't give fair consideration or treatment to the FoB / AONB. There are real grounds to challenge the plan and the parish council will support the response to Lancaster City Council.

18/58 To note the date of the next parish council meeting.

APM - Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7.30pm.

APCM – Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.15pm.

Agenda items to be submitted to the clerk by Sunday 29th April 2018 at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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