MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14th April 2009

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Jackson, J Parkinson, CEC Kynch, S

Langhorn, V Williams and Dr DB Coltman. PC Ian Johnston attended by invitation.

09/150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors M Williams, R Gibbons, P Marshall and PM Quinton and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

09/151 OPEN SESSION

No members of the Public attended

09/152 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10th March 2009

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th March were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

09/153 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

Two crimes had been reported – criminal damage to a vehicle (detected) and theft of three stone troughs. Several accidents had occurred and there had been a few calls regarding youths. Inconsiderate parking on Artlebeck road was being investigated.

The Police would welcome involvement in the redesign of the Fell View Play Area.

09/154 PLANNING

Applications received:-

09/00258/FUL Erection of replacement Egg Laying Unit

Mr S Leigh, Littleddale Hall, Littledale

No Objections

09/00275/ful Erection of rear extension and amended roof layout

Mr P Kettlewell, 13 Brookhouse Road, Caton

No Objections

09/00282/FUL Erection of single storey extension

Mr & Mrs T Preece, Udale Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse

No Objections

Applications Approved:-

08/01190/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new house

Mr & Mrs Hill, East Lodge, Quernmore Road, Caton

09/00162/ADV Illuminated facia, pole sign and window graphics

Co-op Village Store, Hornby Road, Caton

Application Refused:-

09/00047/FUL Erection of Dormer to rear

Mr & Mrs Humphrey, 12 Hawthorn Drive, Brookhouse

09/155 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was reported that the City Council had considered 'Potential Housing Sites' – a few had been accepted but most large sites in the area had been rejected.

The Audit Commission Report into the 'investments' in the Icelandic Banks had shown that Councils acted properly. It was hoped that the investments would be repaid.

Public Enquiry into Centros site – LCC pursuing redevelopment of the site and justifying decision to grant Planning Approval.

09/156 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The planning of work schedules for the Lengthsman was discussed and it was agreed to produce a monthly job sheet. This would also indicate time for jobs and whether the Lengthsman would be able to undertake the task.

Several outstanding jobs were highlighted, including painting the Oak tree support, repointing the stones at the 'Fish Stones' (help from M Jackson), Gate catch and railings at the War Memorial and the bench on Quernmore Road.

09/157 FINANCE

Draft Accounts were tabled and will be presented to the Parish Meeting.

The Precept of £ 17,200 had been received and Banked

Proposed Cllr R Elvis, seconded Cllr J Jackson and <u>resolved</u> that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary March & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	450.22
(Note: Salary paid gross, Tax will become Clerk's responsibility at year end)		
Repayment of Tax deducted and held in Parish Council A/c	£	245.82
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, April	£	40.00
Lancaster City Council, Cleaning Bus Shelters	£	62.10
Lancaster City Council, Signs 'Twinned with Socx'	£	76.46
Lancaster City Council, Car Park Rates	£	120.25
LALC, Subscriptions	£	478.15
E-on, Car Park electricity	£	3.01

Victoria Institute, Meetings £ 46.25 Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings £ 137.00

09/158 FELL VIEW

Next Meeting Thursday 16th April at 6.15. Victoria Institute. A specialist Play designer will be present to present three possible schemes for consideration. Open to Public.

09/159 PARISH MEETING

Confirmation Venue - Caton St Paul's School, Brookhouse. Thursday 30th April 7.30pm A speaker on Fair Trade will be invited and local businesses would be invited to attend.

09/160 COMMUNITY AWARDS

There having been no nominations it was agreed that no award would be made this year. The Schools Award will be made towards the end of the Summer Term.

09/161 PARISH TRANSPORT PROJECT

The County real-time system has been abandoned. Illuminated time-table displays are being investigated with Lancashire County Council.

Hornby Parish Council have enquired about funding for an additional bus shelter I was agreed to reply stating that funds were on hold at the moment.

Progress re the additional shelter at Caton Green would be investigated.

09/162 INSURANCE CLAIM

The Parish Council confirmed that they were happy to proceed on the basis of the Claims Assessors advice.

09/163 MOOR PLATT

Following a recent Task Group meeting it was reported that Progress Housing were continuing with the scheme and outline Planning permission would be sought after acceptance of the 106 Agreement. Development may be phased but the main central core would be constructed in phase 1.

It was agreed to support the scheme and write to Lancaster City Council Environmental Health Dept to urge them to support applications for funding from HCA. (formally the Housing Corporation)

09/164 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports

09/165 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Mayor's Reception for Parishes – comments?
'Power of Well-being' Workshop 3rd June 7.00pm
'Quality Parish Scheme' Workshop June 18th 7.00pm
LALC Newsletter – March
Meeting re Special Expenses to be confirmed

09/166 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 12th May 2009. Agenda closes 7th May 2009

Nominations required for Parish Council Chairman, to be elected at next meeting, to be forwarded to the Clerk by 7th May. Councillors must have been on the Council for a minimum of three years to be eligible.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.