

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 8th April 2014.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Jackson, D Nesbitt, J Walmsley, R Paine, J Parkinson, R Gibbons
P Woolgar, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard and R Elvis

14/151 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Richards (away) and V Williams (illness) and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

14/152 OPEN SESSION

Twenty one members of the public attended to make representations about the Planning Application for 34 dwellings on land off Sycamore Road, Brookhouse. They had many concerns and were strongly against the proposal on the grounds of traffic and access both during construction and afterwards. The density of housing and topographical problems were highlighted along with the loss of amenity and exacerbation of flooding problems. They felt very strongly that this Greenfield site was unsuitable for this sort of development. They urged the Council to put in an objection to the proposal. Residents were advised that they could each submit their own objections.

14/153 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11th March 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th March 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

14/154 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

A written Police report was submitted.

Enquiries are on going regarding the break ins at the Co-op. They seem to be linked to gangs from Manchester and Liverpool. Indicators had been stolen from a VW Van.

There seems to be an increase in vehicle crime and residents are reminded not to leave valuables on show in vehicles.

14/155 PLANNING

A Planning Workshop had been held and the points about the on-line plans being unsuitable were highlighted. There were also [problems with feedback and training.

Applications **Received** :-

14/00303/FUL Single storey rear extension and dormer
3 Broadacre, Caton

No Objections

14/00292/FUL Erection of dormer to rear
184 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse

No Objections

- 14/00290/FUL Single storey side extension
 12 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse
 Comment on the size and position relative to the property boundary.
- 14/00296/FUL Demolition of existing and erection of attached garage
 15 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse
 Concerned at the size and that it extended right up to the property boundary. Construction had commenced before a formal Application had been submitted.
- 14/00270/OUT Outline permission for 34 dwellings
 Land off Sycamore Road, Brookhouse
 The Council were strongly against this proposal and a detailed letter of Objection will be sent.

Applications **Permitted** :-

- 14/0022/TPO Works to various trees
 Forge Mill House, Caton

14/156 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The City Council meetings had been reduced to eight per year. Possible increases in City car parking charges had been called in. There would be no charges on Bank holidays.

14/157 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Geoff Roberts the Lengthsman retired at the end of March. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of appreciation.

The problems of parking on Moorside Road had been addressed in several ways and would be monitored. The dog fouling had been reported to the City Dog wardens.

It was agreed **not** to continue with the County Council Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme.

The request for additional signs on Holme Lane had been rejected by Highways. The ones in Halton were not standard and were being trialled.

The Clerk was asked to look into enforcing the Parking Limits on Station Road Car Park. It was agreed to order new signs at a cost of approximately £ 300.

The following items would be reported :- a depression in the surface at the edge of the new tarmac on Station Road. The drains at the junction of Quernmore Road and Lancaster Road and 'flooding' by the Crook O'Lune bridge. There is also a problem with a muddy stretch of footpath by the kissing gate on the side of the River Lune.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibilities of carving the 1995 flood height on the Water Works Bridge.

Lancaster Beekeepers would be working on their wild flower project Saturday 12th between 2.00-4.00. Volunteers welcome.

14/158 FINANCE

The precept of £ 27,945.00 has been received and banked

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

Clerk's Salary March & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£ 469.48
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, April	£ 40.00
Ms J Hudson-Mather, Fell View zip wire locking, April	£ 40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings March	£ 24.75
Hornby Parish Council, Lengthsman fee 2013-2014	£ 3,017.00
Viking Direct, Stationery	£ 126.88
LALC, Subscriptions	£ 534.39
Robert Fox Fabrication, repairs to the Oak Tree support	£ 43.20

14/159 HORNBY ROAD CAR PARK

The Co-op has proposed a letter of Agreement for the six month trial period with a more formal arrangement thereafter. The Council were only prepared to proceed on an informal Agreement following the trial period.

14/160 TRAINING

A leaflet with information on 'Standing Orders' etc would be produced in conjunction with the Clerk.

14/161 VILLAGE WEB SITE

The redesigned site is ready to launch in May. Members of the public will be able to submit items, comments, photographs etc which would be uploaded once they had been checked by 'moderators'. People willing to act as 'moderators' were being sought – Training would be provided. It is hoped that the site will become much more interactive.

14/162 TRIM TRAIL

Further investigations would be undertaken. The City Council were prepared to undertake the necessary inspections if the project went ahead. The wooden equipment had a 15 year guarantee. A possible site had been identified on the Millennium Park at the rear of Moor Platt.

14/163 PARISH MEETING

Arranged for Tuesday 20th May. At 7.00pm. Refreshments would be provided prior to the Workshop on 'Communication - Village Web site, Link and Lancaster Guardian'.

14/164 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

LALC – The extension of the Millennium Park between Farleton and Hornby was quite likely to proceed. There had been problems with Council Officers not attending meetings. Rural Broadband was an issue to be debated.

Twinning – Starting to advertise the trip to Socx. The plan was for a 50 seater coach but ticket prices were yet to be determined. It would be good to provide a reduced rate for children. It was agreed that the Twinning Group would submit a ‘Business Plan’ and Grant request for consideration at the next meeting.

Victoria Institute - £ 2,000 from two events had been raised towards the project to upgrade the kitchens.

14/165 CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested #####
FESTIVAL BOWLAND 2014

14/166 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13th May 2014. Agenda closes 9th May.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.