

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Jackson (Chair), D Nesbitt, R Paine, J Parkinson, V Williams, J Walmsley, C Kynch, R Elvis, C Kynch, J Pritchard, R Gibbons & S Brown (Clerk). Nine Members of the Village were also in attendance

15/153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor V Richards sent her apologies.

15/154 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2015 were confirmed and signed by Councillor Jackson as a correct record.

15/155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Paine declared a pecuniary interest in B4RN item.

15/156 OPEN SESSION

Mr M Dews (resident) gave a short presentation about B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North) and how it could assist the community to have a better internet connection. There has been a lot of local interest, the Primary School is also interested and there is to be a meeting on Monday 18 May at St Paul's Clubhouse, Brookhouse. He is hoping to form a small working group to push the project forward. He has completed the Grant Application Form in the hope that he will be supported with the costs of leaflets and refreshments.

Various questions were asked by the Councillors and answered informatively. Mr M Wilkinson (resident) supported Mr Dews and Mr Parkinson (resident) advised that there was a problem with the BT line underground and some residents in outlying areas could be left without any internet connection. The Open Session was then closed.

Councillor Jackson moved to have paragraph 15/163 brought forward. This was accepted.

15/157 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

No Reports have been received. See Para 15/173 below regarding break-in at Victoria Institute.

15/158 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

As the Councils are in Purdah, due to forthcoming elections, there were no reports.

15/159 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :

- 15/00201/FUL : Construction of a Dormer to Front at
7 Broadacre Place, Caton LA2 9NL
To Comment Upon – Councillors No Objections
- 15 00286 FUL : Erection of a single storey rear extension, construction of a porch to
the front elevation, demolition of existing garage and erection of a
replacement outbuilding at 136 Brookhouse Road, LA2 9NP
To Comment Upon – Councillors No Objections
- 15 00308 REM : Reserved matters application for the erection of a detached residential
dwelling, on land to the rear of 71 Hornby Road, Caton, LA2 9QR
To Comment Upon – Councillors No Objections

Applications **in Process** :

- 15/00173/FUL : Erection of a single storey rear extension at
198 Brookhouse Road, LA2 9NY
Pending Consideration
- 15/00176/LB : Installation of 5 no. replacement windows and 2 no. replacement
external doors including secondary glazing to window over one
external door at Moorlands, Moorside Rd, Brookhouse, LA2 9PN
Pending Consideration
- 15/00196/FUL : Erection of a 2 storey rear extension, construction of a porch to the
front elevation and raising the existing roof at
54 Quernmore Road, Caton LA2 9NE.
Pending Consideration
- 15/00221/FUL : Erection of a two storey rear extension at
42 Fell View, Caton LA2 9RP
Pending Consideration

Applications **Permitted** :

- 15/00090/FUL : Erection of a single storey side and rear extension to
15, Moorside Road, Brookhouse, LA2 9PJ
Application Permitted
- 15/00129/FUL : Demolition of an existing conservatory and erection of a single
storey side and rear extension at 18, Greenfields Caton LA2 9QY
Application Permitted

Planning Consultations :

Halton With Aughton Neighbourhood Plan
To Comment Upon – No Comments

Wray With Botton Neighbourhood Plan
To Comment Upon – No Comments

The County Council are carrying out a consultation on the Draft Lancaster Highways & Transport Masterplan. Consultation ends on Friday 7 May 2015. *To Comment Upon (Highways & Footpaths)*

Lancashire Public Rights Of Way Improvement Plan
Draft Proposals. Consultation ends on 15 June 2015.

15/160 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The blocked drain on Littledale Road has been reported but work to clear it has still not been done. The Clerk has chased this up again.

A query has come in from a resident – can the Bus Shelter at Brookhouse be moved to the same spot as the stop, further along the road ? The Clerk has had information from County Council who say the Shelter is a timed stop and it should not be causing a problem. The shelter would not be welcomed outside the homes where the stop is.

Holme Lane footpath has a street light that needs attention, it has come loose and there is a gap at the bottom, Councillor Gibbons said he would report it.

Moor Platt still has unlawful parking on the pavement. The Council are not prepared to raise the kerb. The Clerk is to contact them again to see if the pavement can be raised at the same time, which would also stop the parking and divert excess water in to a drain. Hatching has been suggested but it is not welcomed.

Parking is no longer a Police responsibility, unless a vehicle is causing an obstruction. If it obstructs a footpath, the Registration number can be taken and reported to the Police and they will visit the owner. Sgt Ralphson is the contact. A clamping warning notice could be prepared and stuck onto the windscreen of offending vehicles.

The Notice Boards are in need of repair. The Clerk will contact Chris Hill to do the work.

A Step Ladder, new batteries and charger are needed for the SPiDs. Councillor Gibbons has priced up the costs: Batteries are £ £69, Charger £80. £161 will get the second SPiD working again. The Parish Council have agreed that the money can be spent and be reclaimed next month.

The footpath behind Vicarage Avenue & Hawthorn Avenue needs attention; the hedge is overgrowing. Councillor Jackson will ask Nick Osborne at County to deal with this.

Lancashire Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan is moved to the May Agenda.

15/165 REGISTRATION OF GREEN SPACES AS COMMUNITY ASSETS

The Station Road Bowling Green and Caton Sports and Cricket Ground have been put forward as Designated Green Spaces. The forms have now been completed and signed and the Clerk will forward them to City Council. The Deadline for this is 24th April

15/166 UPDATE ON APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The application is now out for Caton With Littledale's Neighbourhood Plan and the consultation period last for six weeks. Eddie Taylor from Locality met with Councillors Walmsley and the Clerk. He had a subsequent meeting with Councillor Kynch. He was most helpful and provided a lot of useful information, which needs to be collated in to a report. The Working Group will meet to move this forward in readiness for the May meeting.

15/167 TO CONSIDER MARKING THE FLOODLINE ON THIRLMERE BRIDGE

Two quotes have been obtained and it was resolved that Able Memorials Ltd should be asked to do the work. They quoted £ 230.00 plus VAT, which is recoverable. The Clerk will contact them.

15/168 TO CONSIDER FORMAL DESIGNATION OF CATON GREEN AS A SETTLEMENT, LETTER OF SUPPORT TO LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

The Royal Mail have accepted that Caton Green is a settlement in its own right. Lancaster City Council need a letter of support from the Parish Council. It was resolved that the Clerk should send one into the City Council.

15/169 TO CONSIDER RE SITING OF BUS SHELTER FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF MOOR PLATT

Further investigation is needed in this matter; the Clerk will contact Rebecca Coar at Persimmon and confirm the shelter to be installed and report back next month. There may be planning permission to consider, if re siting of an older bus shelter is agreed upon.

15/170 TO CONSIDER A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A CITIZEN'S ADVICE NETWORK IN CATON

Following the presentation given by Sue Widdon at the Annual Parish Meeting last month, it was suggested and resolved that a letter of support could be written in support of the CAN in Caton.

15/171 TO CONSIDER CLERK'S WORKLOAD, POSSIBLE INCREASE IN HOURS AND PAY DATE AMENDMENT.

The Clerk was asked to leave the room. Upon return, it was resolved that there would be an increase in hours (to nine per week) and the probationary period had ended. The clerk explained

that due to timing differences, the April payment was deemed to have been made on 1st April and was therefore in the 2014-15 Tax Year.

However, it is not normally received until mid month, so the 2015-16 Tax Year would reflect only 11 payments, but the Parish Accounts would show twelve. The Dongle currently used is at the present time provided by another Parish Council, it was agreed that a split of 60/40% could be offered as payment. The Clerk will claim this back each month along with other expenses.

15/172 LANCASHIRE'S BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The letters inviting residents to join in the competition have now been circulated. No one has come back to say they do not wish to enter. The Clerk will send the information off to the Secretary. There will be an item in the LINK regarding overall tidiness in the villages.

15/173 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

LALC : Maurice Brophy outlined the Local Plan for 2011-31. The Development Plan documents have been done, there is a query as to why The Forest of Bowland AONB has no plan, it is thought to be because it covers 6 local authorities.

Rebecca Richards, Planning for Green Spaces : Calls For Sites takes place up to 24 April 2015, followed by consultation period from May to September.

Twinning Group : There will be a Duck Race at the Gala, to raise funds. French Visitors will be here the first or second week of July and outings need to be arranged

Victoria Institute : The windows have been changed to double glazed units. The main hall floor has been warping and it will be repaired within the next four weeks. The Walls will be re painted in July. There was a break in at the front of the building, the alarm was activated and nothing was stolen. The Police were very helpful and supportive regarding the security measures in situ.

Poor's Land : No Report.

15/174 CORRESPONDENCE / REPORT

War Memorial : Final coat of sealant, which needs to go on when there are 2 consecutive days above 2 degrees Centigrade is still outstanding. SKB has contacted Frasers and they will keep a check on the weather.

Insurance runs out on : 31 May 2015. Three quotes are being obtained; as only one has yet been received from Zurich, this is postponed until the May meeting.

E On electric for the Car Park charging rate is going up from 9.80p per KWh to 12.40p per KWh From 1 May, unless there is a fixed term contract in place. Last year total bill was £35 approx, next year might be £ 44.50.

Change of Contact details for Bank – those Councillors standing down completed the form.

Brochures for circulation if required.

Blachere Children's Competition : Both Schools to be invited to join in the competition to design a Christmas Light.

15/175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 May at 7.15pm. The Agenda closes Wednesday 13 May, Notices out Thursday 14 May
The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.