

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14th December 2010.**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn (Chair), V Williams, J Parkinson, R Elvis, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons, J Pritchard, PM Quinton. & J Jackson,

10/269 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Dr DB Coltman, P Marshall and M Williams, PC Carl Wood and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

10/270 OPEN SESSION

Members of the public attended to put forward their views with regard to the second Planning Application for a reduced number of turbines at the Claughton Moor Wind Farm Project. It was pointed out that some of the turbines will actually be within the Caton-with-Littledale Parish boundary and the Parish Council was again urged to put in a strong objection to the proposal.

Mr Anthony Dalby gave a presentation on the work of the Lune Valley Rural Housing Association. The Association was founded in 1989 and has 77 properties (2 in Caton) and use Adactus as their Managing Agents. The Board is composed of volunteers and set policy, strategic direction and financial controls. Average rents are £ 80 per week and all homes are to 'Decent Homes' standards. There are concerns that local people get the vacancies when they occur and vacant properties will be advertised with Estate Agent type boards. The Association produced a small surplus last year but the availability of Grants is limiting the ability to invest in more properties. The Association is encouraging tenants to get involved in the community.

10/271 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th November 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th November were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10/272 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

No Report

10/273 PLANNING

Lancaster Planning and Housing Policy Rural Consultation. It was agreed that the responses to the questionnaire would be collated and finalised at the next meeting. In relation to the Call for Sites it was agreed to highlight the Moor Platt site and make representations to have it redeveloped for Extra Care Social Housing. An item would be published in the Link requesting input from members of the public.

Applications **Received** :-

10/01151/FUL 13 Wind turbines and associated access etc.
Community Wind Power, Whit Moor, Cloughton

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest.

It was resolved to ‘Strongly object on the previous grounds and state that the applicants had not appeared to have addressed the issues in the previously rejected Application.’

10/01148/FUL Demolition of existing house and construction of four bed dwelling
Ms F Aiken, 47 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse

Objected to the design of the new property, but not the principal of rebuilding.

10/01159/FUL Erection of dormer to rear
Mr & Mrs Morris, 4 Broadacre Place, Caton

No Objections

Applications **Approved** :-

10/00930/CU Conversion into two Flats
Mr & Mrs Pritchard, 8-10 Sycamore Road, Brookhouse

10/00877/FUL Single storey extension and new porch
(amendment) Mr M Smith, 4 Broadacre View, Caton

Prior Approval **Refused** :-

10/00813/AD Excavation, levelling and agricultural Building
10/00819/AD Mr S Hey, Trouslmire Barn, Higher Hollinghead

10/274 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Government settlement figure was better than expected and the 7.9% cut should be achievable. ‘Ring Fencing’ of funding has been removed.

10/275 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed to support a increase in the hourly rate for the Lengthsman in next year’s contract to £ 12.50/hour. This would mean our contribution to £ 2,990 per annum. Lancashire County and Lancaster City Councils have confirmed their contribution for the next year.

10/276 FINANCE

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

Clerk’s Salary November & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, December	£	40.00
Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet 22.11.10-19.12.10	£	187.53
Westmorland Treecare, Pruning willow etc	£	376.00

Petty Cash	£	40.00
Transfer to Parish Projects	£	10,000.00
Real Christmas Trees (refund RB Alexander)	£	180.00
Morecambe Bay Glass, repair to bus shelter	£	193.88
The Land Registry, to register Fell View lease	£	50.00
Victoria Institute Meetings etc	£	62.63
Victoria Institute Coffee mornings	£	52.00

Parish Projects

Lancaster City Council (Discharge of Planning Conditions)	£	42.50
Payments made		
Pennine Playgrounds invoice No 4910	£	47,946.78
Receipts via Play Park Action Group		£36,140.33

10/277 FELL VIEW

Pennine Playgrounds have started on site and made significant progress despite the bad weather. Initial instalments of grant funding against the first invoice from Pennine have been received. The Health and Safety Executive have visited the site and have insisted on a full Welfare provision. This has resulted in an extra cost of £ 3,900 which was reluctantly accepted.

The Finance sub-committee will meet to consider the implications and confirm the current position.

A 'By Law' restricting access during the hours of darkness will be considered at a later time. Initially notices will be posted stating opening hours.

10/278 VICTORIA INSTITUTE

The Institute have produced a Job Description for the 'Administrator'.

As this is the role the Parish Council has agreed to help fund next year, it was agreed that this was acceptable.

10/279 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Play Park Action Group – Considering an application for a 'Sustainability Grant'. The Christmas Tree Lighting Event was a success and should be continued, possibly not for the Play Park next year but another Village Group may be prepared to organise it. People really enjoyed it !

Twinning – Caton has got talent. The show was a great success.

10/280 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

LSP Money for social enterprise. Small scale Hydro schemes feasibility study is being undertaken. 'Fund Finder' – help for getting grants.

Please request from Clerk if interested

LALC Annual Report

10/267 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th January 2011. Agenda closes 6th January 2011.

POOR'S LAND

Income £ 710.

£ 750 distributed to 29 Applicants, leaving a balance of £ 920.65 to carry over to next year.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.