

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 10th December 2011.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, V Richards, Dr DB Coltman, D Nesbitt, J Walmsley, V Williams, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons, R Elvis and J Parkinson
County Councillor Mrs S Charles attended by invitation

11/247 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors J Jackson, PC C Irvine and sent their apologies

11/248 OPEN SESSION

The meeting was informed that Stuart Langhorn had resigned from the Parish Council and that a Notice of a Vacancy had been posted.

Mr Bob attended to remind the Parish Council that there was still a need for Allotments in the village.

Mr Beckett urged the Council to consider the repositioning of the bus shelter outside the Hairdressers in Brookhouse to a place nearer to the actual bus stop. He also thought that the recently introduced 20 mph speed limit along a stretch of Brookhouse Road was unnecessary and should be reconsidered. Both items would be discussed by the Council at their next meeting.

Mr Jonathon Whitford-Bartle and Dr Marriott attended to discuss the future use and possible sale of the Library site by the County Council. County Cllr Mrs S Charles informed the meeting that the County Council were moving towards declaring the site redundant and moving towards disposal. Both Parish Council and the Doctor's wished to see the site kept for the use of the village and a possibly expanded Health Centre but were unable to pay an inflated market rate. All parties agreed to work together to maintain the site for the village.

11/249 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th November 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th November 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

11/250 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

No Police report.

It was reported that the Police Authority had decided to close and sell off Caton Police Station. Councillors were concerned with how Policing would continue and what would happen to the SpID's which were owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write and obtain some clarification.

11/251 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

11/01115/FUL Erection of first floor extension
East Winds, Ball Lane, Caton

No objections

111/01085/FUL Installation of solar panels
14 Moorside Road, Brookhouse

Applications **Approved** :-

11/0127/TPO Removal of lower branches of pine tree
Low Mill, Caton
11/00912/FUL New Agricultural Building
B Preston, Ellers Farm, Hornby Road, Caton
11/00357/FUL Amendment to 10/00824/FUL to include dormer with veranda
Mr S Brown, New Bungalow, Caton Green
11/00944/FUL Installation of solar panels to roofs
Littledale Hall, Littledale

Applications **Withdrawn** :-

11/00811/FUL Installation of Radio Mast and equip cabinet
Abbeystead Estate,

11/252 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The meeting was informed that pressure was being put on the City Council to get the potholes on Bull Beck car park filled in sooner rather than later.

11/253 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

There is to be a meeting to discuss future funding arrangements for the Lengthsman scheme on Wed 14th December. 6.30 Halton Community Centre. County Council are reviewing their funding arrangements. Cllr R Elvis agreed to attend.

Dismay was expressed at the cutting back of the scrub alongside the Millennium footpath. Faulty street lighting on New Street will be reported.

11/254 FINANCE

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

Clerk's Salary Nov & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Dec	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking Dec	£	40.00
Petty Cash Transfer	£	50.00
Simply Clean	£	176.40
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Simply Clean (credit note)	£	(8.82)
W H Inman Ltd, toilet light repair	£	45.00
J Robinson, Christmas Tree	£	96.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings and Hall Remembrance Sunday	£	47.63

Parish Projects

Payments

JA Jones, replacement birch trees £ 12.89

11/255 CAR PARK / LIBRARY SITE

It was decided to continue to work with the Doctors to keep the site for the benefit of the villagers

11/256 MOOR PLATT

County are still investigating the sale of the property and there has been an e-mail request for help to Keep Moor Platt for the Village. Developments are awaited.

11/257 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute –The Christmas Wine Tasting was a success raising £ 750 and the Christmas Draw raised £450! Funding for the continuation of the Administrator was agreed in principal and will be included in the budget discussions.

Twinning –The Textile Collection is planned for 7th January and the Murder Mystery Hot Pot supper for 14th January. Tickets £12.50 bring your own drinks and glasses.

Fell View Play Park – The Lights Alive Event will take place on Saturday.

Christmas Tree Festival – St Paul’s Church Tues, Wed, Thurs. The Parish Council will set up a tree and display.

11/258 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Cllr Mrs J Parkinson agreed to be a Parish Council representative on the LALC

The meeting was informed that the Olympic Torch would be passing through the district on Fri 22nd June. Police had been putting letters into vulnerable vehicles informing owners of the risks. The 3 tier forum had met and set priorities.

There is a dedicated budget for repairing potholes – please report any.

Please request from Clerk if interested

Technical Reform of Council Tax Consultation

Costs of Parish Elections will be recharged to Parish Councils unless held with other elections.

Connect2buy, Council Procurement Portal

LALC December newsletter

11/259 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 10th January 2012. Agenda closes 5th January 2012
Bus Shelter and 20 mph limit Brookhouse Road

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.