

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 10th December 2013.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Jackson, J Parkinson, D Nesbitt, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard, R Paine, V Williams, R Gibbons and R Elvis.

13/264 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors J Walmsley, P Woolgar and V Richards and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies

13/265 OPEN SESSION

The death of David Coltman was reported and it was stated that he had served the Parish Council and Village well and would be missed by all.

Thanks were given to all who had planted bulbs around the Fell View Play Area and we all looked forward to seeing them flower in Spring.

It was noted that the Christmas Tree looked lovely and that the 'Switch on' had been a success.

Mr Ben Trevitt and colleague attended to ask if there were any buildings available for use as a Gospel Hall. They would consider sharing and would make enquiries of the Victoria Institute and others.

Mr Graham Haddow, who owns the Pharmacy building, expressed his concern that the Co-op would need to obtain permission from Boot's Property Dept regarding access across the rear of the property as in the lease they were responsible for any damage.

13/266 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th November 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th November 2013 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13/267 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There was no Police report.

It was reported that the agreement on funding four additional PCSO's was not workable and that the Council were considering how to reallocate these funds.

13/268 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

13/01171/FUL Demolition of garage and erection of side extension
Station House, Station Road, Caton

No Objections

Applications Permitted :-

13/01097/ FUL	Erection of two storey extension including solar panels Holme Cottage, Lancaster Road, Caton
13/0141/TPO	Prune one Sycamore 153 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse
13/01023/FUL	Erection of side and rear extension with disabled ramp 29 Greenfields, Caton
Work to some trees	Approved others refused.
13/000136/TPO	Works to trees 15 Greenfields, Caton

Applications Withdrawn :-

13/00968/FUL	Six Eco-Pods, toilet block, car parking and access Cross Ghyll Farm, Littledale
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Applications Refused :-

13/00568/FUL	Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey to rear 15 Moorside Road, Brookhouse
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The City Council have decided that the Planning Dept will no longer be sending out paper plans etc. They will have to be viewed on line. The Parish Council would see how things work and whether there would be a need for a computer at the meetings. A note would be put in the Link.

13/269 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The City Council Budget is under review and every item which is not a Legal requirement is being considered. The future of Hornby Swimming Pool is under threat.

13/270 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

A meeting is being held on Wednesday 11th December with Lancashire County Council to discuss the Lengthsman contract.

The Lengthsman would be asked to remove the leaves from the War Memorial Gardens.

13/271 FINANCE

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

Clerk's Salary November & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	469.48
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, December	£	40.00
Ms J Hudson-Mather, Fell View zip wire locking, December	£	40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings Nov	£	52.25
Steve Smithson, Website hosting	£	120.00
CPC, Christmas Tree lights, refund R Gibbons	3	97.52

Parish Projects Account

Fell View Play Park Action Group, Contribution for bulbs	£	120.00
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13/272 DRAFT BUDGET

Items to be included were contributions to the funding of the Twinning Group and the War Memorial cleaning/refurbishment.

It was confirmed that the Parish Project Funds could be spent on appropriate projects as directed by the Parish Council.

13/273 HORNBY ROAD CAR PARK

The impact of the recent demonstration/trial was discussed and it was agreed that the Co-op be allowed to use the car park for deliveries between the hours of 6.00 and 7.30 am. subject to all parties giving written approval to an 'Agreement' yet to be finalised. A draft 'Agreement' would be produced and circulated. Parking would need to be close to the kerb, a condition survey would need to be undertaken and any damages caused rectified by the Co-op.

The Co-op would be requested to provide written evidence that Boot's Property Dept had agreed to access across the rear of their Pharmacy building.

13/274 MOOR PLATT

Persimmon/City Council Planning are considering replacing the Bus shelter outside the Institute and will relocate the existing shelter (Where ?) as part of the Planning Approval. Queensbury Shelters have been suggested as suppliers for the new one. The Parish Council would consider a suitable model/style. Any new shelter should not reduce the available parking space and the positioning/retention of the bicycle racks will need to be considered.

Concern was expressed at the state of the wall bordering the site and this would be brought to Persimmon's attention.

Lancaster City Council have informed Persimmon that the 'Road' will be called Moor Platt.

13/275 STATION ROAD CAR PARK

The Clerk was asked to get up to date quotes for the resurfacing including one from the County Council contractors. Advice would be sought on how to limit future damage from tree roots.

13/276 POST OFFICE

A Consultation is underway regarding moving the Post Office from Caton to Brookhouse Store. The Parish Council was keen to maintain a Post Office for the Villages and this may be the only way. There would be similar services and longer opening hours at the new premises.

13/277 WAR MEMORIAL

The cleaning of the War Memorial was discussed and it was agreed that advice be taken from the War Memorials Trust. Quotes would be obtained.

13/278 HORNBY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

The future of the Pool is being considered. It was agreed we would write to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive requesting that the Pool should remain open for local residents and school children. It is one of the few facilities in the rural areas and should be retained.

13/279 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute – It was agreed that the Parish Council accept the new cleaning charges of £ 156 per month and will amend the Standing Order. The next projects are the refurbishment of the Kitchen, Toilets and Hall Floor. The Wine Tasting will be held on April 5th.

Play Park – Bulbs have been planted, Contractors will be informed to ensure they are not sprayed with weed killer.

Twinning – The Jumble Sale raised £ 300. Wine Tasting for Christmas Sat 14th Dec, Brookhouse Church Hall. Murder Mystery 8th Feb -‘Titanic’ Theme and Textile Collection on Jan 11th. French conversation starts Tuesday 14th Jan in the Black Bull Pub. The next trip to France is planned for 28th-31st August.

LALC – The Bowland AONB Plan is being finalised. The Three Tier Forum is being replaced with something more like the Lancashire Locals. Footpaths can be registered for inclusion in definitive maps within the Lancashire Transport Plan. Community Windpower have removed reference to the Claughton Wind Farm from their web-site.

13/280 CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Heysham – M6 newsletter

Living Lune Workshop – Valuing your local rivers 15th Jan

13/281 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th January 2014. Agenda closes 9th January 2014

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.