

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2014.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Jackson (Chair), J Walmsley, J Parkinson, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons, R Paine, D Nesbitt and R Elvis

14/281 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Richards, J Pritchard and V Williams and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

14/282 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11th November 2014

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

14/283 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

14/284 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was informed that Cllr Mrs P Woolgar had tendered her resignation.

14/285 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

A written report was presented. There had been several incidents in Brookhouse, including a quantity of meat stolen from a freezer in a garage, a bag stolen from an insecure vehicle and a Telehandler stolen from a building site. In Caton there had been two stone lintels stolen from a building site. More recently there had been a house window smashed and television and watch stolen from a house in Brookhouse. In Caton tools were stolen through an open window and cash stolen from a hotel till.

The Clerk was asked to request details of clear up rates on any of the reported crimes.

The Police are keen to promote their 'Keep in the Know' messaging system via text and email.

Anybody can sign up by going to the Lancashire Police website and typing in Keep in the know in the search area for full details.

14/286 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was reported that the all 'County Area Leaders' were meeting to discuss the possibility of 'Combined Authorities'.

There have been changes to 'Disabled Vehicle' access into the pedestrian areas and more parking has been provided down Church Street.

It was noted that a more flexible approach was needed in regard to the issuing of 'Blue Badges'

14/287 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

14/0158/TCA	Tree Maintenance 17 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
No objection	
14/01272/FUL	Construction of car port and porch 54 Hornby Road, Caton
No objection	
14/01287/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of rear extension and dormers to rear Tequesta, Lancaster Road, Caton
No objection	

Applications **Permitted** :-

14/00939/FUL	Foul waste pumping station and compound Moor Platt, Caton
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Applications **Refused** :-

14/0132/TPO	Removal of one sycamore and one ash tree 9 Broadacre, Caton
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14/288 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The depression holding standing water outside the old Post Office will be reported once again. There is a lot of litter in the Hornby Road car park. The Clerk will request that the City Council relocate one of the two bins at present outside the Pharmacy. The meeting was also informed that several trees abutting Kingfisher Court would be cut back on land owned by the City Council. Royal Mail have also informed us that they will not be placing a new Pillar Box outside the Brookhouse Post Office.

14/ 289 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

We have found someone (Andrew Smith) to do odd gardening jobs on an irregular basis. He will be asked initially to cut the hedge between St Paul's Church and the Scout Hut and to trim the verge down towards Kingfisher Court. He will also be approached about the regular strimming of the Play Park next year. A note will be put in the Link requesting people contact the Parish Council if they see jobs in the village which need doing, now we don't have a regular Lengthsman.

14/290 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Wayleave payment of £ 100 received from Electricity Northwest and has been banked

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

Clerk's Salary Nov & 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 November	£	49.75
Viking, stationary	£	128.63

A refund for the cost of the advert for the Clerk's job would be made in January.

14/291 BUDGET

A report from the Finance Working Group was discussed.

It was agreed that a budget sum be included under the New Projects category to enable the Council to seek further information before deciding on whether to proceed in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

A draft budget would be produced for discussion at the next meeting before final approval in February.

14/292 FELL VIEW

It has been estimated that the Cushionfall safety surface for the Play Area would require an additional 60m³ to bring it back up to level. Quotes from Giffords have been obtained for a bulk lorry load at £ 1,380 for 80m³. This is the most economical way of purchasing but this would need to be off loaded and spread. A cost for this will be obtained from Lancaster City Council.

14/293 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

LALC – Planning issues were discussed and there were concerns that nearly everything goes through. Developers have the upper hand ?

Consideration of a tunnel under Morecambe Bay re electricity supply and possible pylons through the Quernmore Valley. Protection measures for the Green Belt

Work on the Heysham-M6 link road is 3 months ahead of schedule.

Twinning Group – French Exchange Quiz Sunday 14th December 10.00 am. Review 24th January.

The Christmas Tree was up, looked good and the Lighting Up Event was a success.

14/294 NEW CLERK

There had been four initial responses to the advert and one applicant who had been invited to interview. The candidate seemed suitable and it was resolved that she be offered the job with the position to be reviewed after 6 months.

A formal Contract of Employment and terms and conditions would be drawn up and confirmed with the appointee.

14/295 CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

None

14/296 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13th January 2015. Agenda closes 9th January.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

The Poor's Land Meeting to distribute Funds would be held on Thursday 11th December 7.00 at Cllr Nesbitt's house.