

Caton with Littledale Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting
held at the Victoria Institute
on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr Beckett, Cllr Elvis, Cllr Huddleston, Cllr Kynch, Cllr Paine (vice – chairman), Cllr Thompson and Cllr Walmsley.

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

27 members of the public.

Cllr Joan Jackson.

Cllr Jane Parkinson.

Cllr Walmsley is acting chairman for this meeting.

17/166 Apologies for absence - Cllr Hill, Cllr Nesbitt, and Cllr Gibbons and Cllr Skeldon.

17/167 To consider and approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2017.

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Walmsley.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Beckett.

17/168 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

No declarations.

17/169 Open forum.

Cllr Walmsley opened the open forum with a summary of collected information regarding the floods. There had been an unprecedented amount of rainfall, with flood run off from the fields and roads rather than the streams being overwhelmed. Un – tarmaced roads had problems with the surface being repositioned.

The drains had already been reported to LCC as inadequate and the problems had not been resolved. There was a failed sewage pump at the Copy Lane conversions and run off at Hillcroft.

Residents at the meeting also reported that LCC were not on emergency call out and no sandbags had been dispatched. The drains had not been cleared and were full of leaves and as a village they did not think they were being looked after by the council.

Escowbeck had raised and caused flooding at Berry Cottage. The drains used to be cleared monthly but now only annually and the infrastructure is inadequate for the downpours.

The fire services were pumping water out of the houses but had no where for it to go, which could have caused flooding elsewhere.

The representative from Aviva insurance advised the residents to contact BITC, (www.BITC.org.uk) who may have grants and discounts for flood resilience through their BERG initiative.

Andrew Kehoe from the football club asked if the parish council would be able to help fund the re-felting of the football club roof. The original grant application had asked for money towards a full

new roof, which isn't required anymore.

Mr Kehoe was asked to reapply for a small grant and submit the application to the clerk for the parish clerk to then consider. Mr Kehoe had already received three quotes for the felting which he gave to the parish council.

17/170 Planning applications.

None.

17/171 Accounts and finance.

Standing orders

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O)	£1000.00
Bridgitte Theunissen-Hughes zipwire lockup (S/O)	£40.00
B Postlethwaite public toilet lockup (S/O)	£40.00

Cheques

Gill Mason, clerk's wages £559.95 and expenses £64.24	£624.19
Victoria Institute room hire	£76.25
Cllr Beckett travel reimbursement	£20.80

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Paine.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

17/172 Parish management and maintenance.

Play park inspections and repairs.

The clerk had not received an alternative measurement for the playpark top up, as the previous measurements were for full replacement. Cllr Gibbons had measured the playpark for topping up the cushion fall. The clerk will ask for a proforma invoice for the required cushion fall from Cllr Gibbons measurements.

It was resolved that the clerk raise a cheque, two councillors sign the cheque and the cushion fall be ordered before the next meeting.

Proposed by

Seconded by

War Memorial: repainting of railings and new ground surfaces & maintenance for 2018.

Cllr Walmsley informed the council that she had received an anonymous donation of £100.00 for the war memorial maintenance.

Cycle rack installation update.

No update.

Village contractor update.

No update.

Repair of the fishstones.

Cllr Elvis informed the parish council that the contractor was currently away. The clerk was asked not to go ahead with the alternative contractor, as agreed at the last meeting, as there may be further work to be done due to the floods.

Village grass cutting contract 2018.

The clerk has asked another contractor to quote on the grass cutting but has not received a tender. The parish council will consider the two tenders at the next meeting.

Repainting of parking lines at Hornby Road car park.

The Coop shop manager has informed Cllr Huddleston that the store will pay for the white lines to be painted in the car park and they will source their own contractor.

17/173 Re-siting of the noticeboard review.

A resident has requested that the board be re-sited. Cllr Walmsley will talk to the minister of the church regarding the re-siting and report back to the parish council at the next meeting.

17/174 Teenager facilities review.

No update.

17/175 Caton Community School Field.

No update.

Cllr Paine left the meeting at 8.55pm

17/176 Precept and budget 2018/2019 preparation.

The clerk had circulated the proposed budget to the parish council. The parish council agreed that the Band D base rate be increased by 3% and that this be formally adopted at the January meeting.

17/177 Flood review.

Cllr Walmsley will summarise the open forum comments and will forward the report to Lancaster City Council, Lancashire County Council and the Environment Agency.

17/178 SPiD placement review.

Cllr Skeldon and Cllr Elvis have recharged the battery of the SPiD on Lancaster road. Cllr Thompson will obtain a quote for a new SPiD for the next meeting.

17/179 Reports and correspondence.

Governance review - noted.

Change of external auditor - noted.

LALC report from Cllr Kynch – noted.

17/180 To note the date of the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.15pm.

Agenda items to be submitted by Sunday 31st December at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

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