

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th February 2010.**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, R Elvis, J Parkinson, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard, PM Quinton, P Marshall, Dr DB Coltman, R Gibbons & J Jackson.
PC Carl Wood and County Councillor Mrs S Charles attended by invitation

10/117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors M Williams and V Williams sent their apologies.

10/118 OPEN SESSION

Robert Lawrenson gave a presentation on the work of the newly established BeGreen Lower Lune Energy Advice Centre. This is supported by the Community Wind Power business and is there to give advice and information on grants and energy audits available to reduce carbon emissions. The Centre is open 9.30-5.00 on Tuesdays at the Victoria Institute, Caton and Thursdays in Hornby.

Alan Dowswell attended to enquire about progress with the Allotments. We are still awaiting the City Council and are told this will require a Planning Application. Further enquiries by the Allotment Group will be made to Caton Community Primary School regarding the use of some of the land there.

10/119 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2010

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

10/120 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

The Police reported that crime in the area had reduced following a conviction. There was one crime to report – a drive off from Station Garage (£36 in fuel). There had been a few incidents of juvenile nuisance and graffiti on Artlebeck Bridge and youths gathering in Brookhouse. PACT Priorities remain Speeding, Poaching and Farm Crime. There has been a good positive response to the Farmwatch initiative.

There had been a request to loan out the SPiD and consideration was to be given to the collection and use of any data.

The Police are visiting schools with a 'Safe Internet Programme'.

The Police confirmed that a curfew would help in policing certain areas like Fell View and has been shown to work in Torrisholme.

10/121 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

10/00041/FUL Demolition of garage, erection of single storey extension and garage.
Ms F Alken, 47 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse

No objections

10/00085/FUL Erection of single storey extension
Udale Barn, Littledale
Amendment to 09/00682/FUL Approved previously

No objections

10/00104/FUL Construction of new Play Area
Fell View, Caton

Strongly supported by the Parish Council, Fits into the Parish Plan, fulfils community need and provides toddler play.

Applications **Approved** :-

09/01192/FUL Erection of new conservatory to replace existing
Professor Davies, Holme Lea, Rotten Row, Brookhouse

09/01196/FUL Erection of chimney to side
Mr P Griffin, Mill View Cottage, Lancaster Road, Caton

09/01210/AD Erection of steel framed timber clad storage building
Mrs P Caton, Littledale Hall, Littledale

Further details not required

09/01229/FUL Erection of Two storey side extension
Mr & Mrs N Curwen, 3 Sycamore Crescent, Brookhouse

10/122 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Mrs S Charles reported that a Road Safety Group report had been produced relating to Quernmore Road from Caton to Lancaster Moor Hospital, including recommendations for improvements. The Claughton Wind Farm was going through Planning and Mrs Charles would speak against it. Every effort would be made to ensure that the Swimming Pool at Hornby would remain open.

The District Council budget would rise by 3.75%. The Task Group on 'Special Expenses' had reported and all their recommendations had been accepted. They would continue to look into Play Parks and Memorial Gardens. The Precepts would continue to be paid in full at the start of the financial year.

Consideration was underway on a Charter between Parishes and the City Council.

10/123 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Lancashire County Council have proposed continuation of the Lengthsman scheme or a further year on the same budget as last year i.e. £ 2,845.00. This was accepted by the Parish Council.

Our suggestions regarding the proposed parking restrictions on Brookhouse Road have been fully taken on board and County will be advertising the scheme.
It was agreed that proposed changes to road signs by Church Hill House should be rejected. This is where the road narrows and there have been problems with cars/busses passing.

The Property Group had made an inspection of the Village and there were a number of jobs to bring to the attention of the Lengthsman.

10/124 VILLAGE TOILET

Costs have been obtained from Simply Clean who look after the Institute. They have quoted £ 35 per week which works out at £1,820 per annum. An official 'contract' etc. has been requested from the City Council with what they are proposing, so we can may a decision at a future meeting.

10/125 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

The Budget for 2010/2011 was agreed and is attached for information.
It was resolved in accordance with Section 50 of the Local Government Act 1992 that the Budget requirement for the Parish was :-

For Function	£ 32,900
Contingencies	£ <u>450</u>
Total	£ <u>33,350</u>
Income	£ 3,500
Balance brought forward	£ <u>8,500</u>
Total	£ 12,500

Accordingly the BUDGET requirement for the Parish being £ 21,350 the Clerk was authorised to issue a PRECEPT on Lancaster City Council for that amount.

An item would be placed in the Link explaining the situation and that the increase was temporary to cover the one off project at Fell View.

10/126 FINANCE

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

Clerk's Salary January & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£ 472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, February	£ 40.00
Inmans, Toilet light repair	£ 52.58
Eon, car park electricity	£ 9.03
Lancashire County Council, Rent for Car Park	£ 115.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings etc Nov	£ 79.50
Victoria Institute, Meetings etc Dec	£ 55.25
PWLB, repayment of Loan	£ 637.68.

10/127 PARISH TRANSPORT PROJECT.

The Clerk reported that the SPID is in operation. In conjunction with the Police we have agreed a site on Quernmore Road opposite No 32. The Police have suggested a site on Hornby Road going out of the Village and LCC will investigate. An order will be placed after this site inspection.

10/128 FELL VIEW

An update and progress on Grant Applications was given.

Funding Confirmed :- Lancs. Environment Fund £ 30,000
 Lancashire County Council £ 15,000
 Play Builders £ 60,705 recommended to Lancashire Locals
 Changing Spaces Stage 1 Approval £ ?

Finance considerations – It has been suggested that the Parish Transport Grant be renamed Parish Projects and this be used to receive and pay the Fell View Project monies. The surplus can be used to pay the Vat until a refund is obtained. All money will be scrupulously accounted for to ensure original funds remain. Alternatively an overdraft can be arranged but will cost in interest charges ! This has also been discussed with Lancaster City Council who may be able to help but will require a formal approach.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will act as the ‘Accountable Body’. To enable the Parish Council to claim back the Vat then they will have to be named on the Invoice, pay the bill and retain ownership of the equipment to meet HMR&C Rules. Tom Fison, the Facilitator doesn’t see this as a problem.

Insurance costs and implications to be ascertained.

10/129 HORNBY POOL

Following the City Council’s decision to give notice of returning the Hornby Pool to the County Council the Clerk has written expressing the Parish Council’s concern at the possible loss of this facility. Talks between the two bodies were underway.

A proposal for a second letter to the City Council in support of retaining the pool was lost by a casting vote.

Melling with Wrayton are producing their own proposals on the future of the pool at Hornby.

10/130 PRESCRIPTIONS

There seems to be a proposed change in the prescription collection procedure at the Pharmacy. There is a new system now in place where patients have to ask the Pharmacy to collect prescriptions on their behalf. Seven days notice is now required !

It was agreed that the Clerk write and express our concerns.

10/131 E-MAIL

Privacy of e-mail addresses. Councillors should be aware not to forward e-mails with all Councillors addresses.

It was agreed to arrange informal meetings if actions need to be taken between Monthly meetings rather than try to come to decisions by phone/computer etc.

10/132 WIND FARM

Cloughton Moor Wind Farm proposals. This item was not discussed.

10/133 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

none

10/134 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Tree preservation orders, Gritting, Special Expenses, possible closure of the re-cycling centre at Carnforth and the future of the Lancashire Locals were discussed at the meeting of the LALC Area Committee.

Please request from Clerk if interested

Lancashire County Council Safe Trader Scheme
Lancs. Fire & Rescue Performance report & Action Plan2009 – Outcomes
LALC News.
Best Kept Village Competition Entry by 31st March

10/135 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9th March 2010. Agenda closes 4th March.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.