

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th January 2010.**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, R Elvis, J Parkinson, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard, PM Quinton, M Williams, V Williams, R Gibbons & J Jackson.

10/101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor P Marshall & Dr DB Coltman, PC Carl Wood and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

10/102 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present

10/103 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 2009

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

10/104 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

The Police sent the following report.

Several incidents including the theft of cash from the Co-op Cash machine using cloned card, two attempted burglaries and theft of garden statue from Gresgarth Hall. Contract driver arrested and charged with being under the influence of drugs whilst driving. Also problem with vulnerable 15 year old missing person from Caton – ongoing discussions.

PACT Priorities remain, Speeding and Poaching and Hare Coursing
Farmwatch is continuing.

10/105 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

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

No Objections

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

No Objections

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

No Objections

09/01216/FUL Erection of second floor extension above kitchen
Mrs Z Longhorn, 3 Artlebeck Road, Caton

No Objections, subject to neighbours agreement

09/00059/DIS Discharge of conditions
 Old Laundry, Copy Lane, Caton
 No Objections

Applications **Approved** :-

09/00947/CU Change of use to holiday cottages
 09/00947/LB Deep Clough, Littledale
 09/01031/FUL Creation of roof terrace over existing flat roof
 Mr A Spargo, East Winds, Ball Lane, Caton

10/106 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The District Council had held Public Consultations on their budget proposals. This had been a positive exercise with over 300 taking part. A restructuring of personnel is being undertaken to save money.

Bin collections are getting back to normal after disruption caused by the snow.

The Parish Review Task Group has met and it seems double taxation is 'not' a problem.

Parishes are enhancing services. A copy of the report will be requested.

10/107 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Proposed parking restrictions on Brookhouse were tabled for comment. Various suggestions will be put to Highways for their consideration.

It was reported that repairs to erosion on the footpath by the Artlebeck will be undertaken in Spring.

Comments regarding Highway gritting, or lack, of were made. It was agreed to write to County and express our concerns so they can be considered by the Scrutiny Task Group. It was suggested that grit bins should be more available and gritting in front of shops considered a priority.

Councillors agreed that the Christmas Tree and Lights were a success this year., Switch on was performed by Mr J Hall.

It was agreed that we continue with the City Contracts Services for grass cutting in the Village this year Total Cost £ 1,548.00 plus Vat. Maintenance of Fell View equipment will be continued on a two monthly cycle until the hopefully refurbishment is undertaken.

10/108 VILLAGE TOILET

Lancaster City Council are consulting on the Parish Council taking over responsibility for the cleaning etc. of the Village Toilet. They have offered (!) £ 2,000 towards the cost.

The Parish Council will obtain prices for undertaking the works (combined with Vict. Inst. cleaning) and get an official 'offer/contract' from Lancaster City Council.

10/109 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr J Pritchard, seconded Cllr V Williams and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary December & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, January	£	40.00
Greenfingers, Christmas Tree	£	120.00
Inmans, Christmas tree lights, refund R Gibbons	£	109.50
Lancaster City Council, Fell View Inspections	£	38.15
Lancaster City Council, Bus Shelter Cleaning	£	53.19

10/110 BUDGET

Items for inclusion in the Budget for the following year were discussed. These will be incorporated in a Budget for approval next month.

10/111 PARISH TRANSPORT PROJECT.

County are being chased with regard to the illuminated timetable and bus stop poles etc.

LCC are investigating the new sites on Quernmore Road and Caton Green Road and a report with recommendations will be provided.

10/112 FELL VIEW

The new lease from Lancaster City Council was agreed and a final version for signing would be requested.

The Funding applications had achieved significant success. Stage 1 Funding from Community Spaces for £ 50,000 had been secured and a 'Facilitator' appointed. Tom Fison will work with the group to finalise the Stage 2 Application which must be in within 6 months. Planning Approval and all matched funding must be secured by this time.

Parish Council would consider acting as the 'Accountable body' with regard to the finance. They must be in a position to pay invoices and claim Grants from the Funders.

Progress is being mad on consultation with residents and the Planning Application should be submitted by the end of January to meet the tight time scale.

10/113 SELRAP

It was agreed the Parish Council would write a letter in support of SELRAP's aims to reopen a cross Pennine rail link from Skipton to Colne.

10/114 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Special Expenses – This was considered a grey area and there was a lot of argument. The Chairman did not seem sympathetic to rural problems. It was considered that it was the Parishes choice to enhance the services but this had to be funded through the Parish Precept.

10/115 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Overview and Scrutiny Meeting Tuesday 12th Jan – ‘Review and Audit Parish Council Funding’.
Consultation on possible mineral and waste site allocations and development management policies
Mencap Funding ?

10/117 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9th February 2010. Agenda closes 4th February.

Budget 2010/2011 and Precept
Fell View Project Accountable Body
Claughton Wind Farm

Spring Meal

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

POOR’S LAND

Payment for the Fishing Rights had been received along with a request that we consider a three year deal. The Trustees voted on the matter and it was resolved that a third year be offered at a cost of £ 725