

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th June 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Parkinson, S Langhorn, V Williams, M Williams, R Gibbons, P Marshall, Dr DB Coltman, CEC Kynch, J Jackson and PM Quinton.
CSPO Peter Wood attended by invitation.

09/187 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent her apologies.

09/188 OPEN SESSION

Mrs Huddleston attended and requested that a piece of play equipment for disabled children be included in the plans for the redevelopment of the Fell View Play Area. It was agreed to put forward this request to the scheme designer.

09/189 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY 2009

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

09/190 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been 33 logged incident reports and one crime had been recorded – the theft of fuel from a vehicle at Bull Beck.

Members asked that better co-ordination between the Police and Contractors be sought prior to the proposed resurfacing work on Brookhouse Road.

A problem with parked vehicles right at the junction of Brookhouse Road and Littledale Road was raised and would be looked into.

The Police policy towards speeding vehicles and motor cycles was explained. The A683 was heavily targeted by the Road Policing Unit and the use of the SPID speed display unit had been successful. Consideration would be given to the purchase, by the Parish Council, of further SPID units and their deployment would be in partnership with the Police.

The Police were unaware of an incident at the Station Hotel on 6th June.

09/191 PLANNING

Applications **received** :-

09/00401/FUL Lean to extension
Mr K Murphy, 5 Manor Court, Caton Green

No Objections
09/00430/PAM Replacement pole 9m high. Outside 50 Quernmore Road, Caton

09/00431/PAM Erection of 8 & 9m high telecom pole Adj. Foxdale Cottage, Brookhouse
 09/00432/PAM Erection of 10m high telecom pole Opp. 20 Quernmore Road, Caton
 09/00433/PAM Erection of 8 & 9m high telecom pole Roeburn Glade, Littledale
 09/00439/PAM Erection of 9.1m high telecom pole jct Sycamore Road & Crescent, Brookhouse
 09/00440/PAM Erection of 9.1m high telecom pole St Paul's School, Brookhouse
 09/00445/PAM Erection of 8.2m high telecom pole Opp. Moorgate Barn, Brookhouse
 09/00461/PAM Erection of 9m high telecom pole 2 Chestnut Avenue, Brookhouse
 09/00501/PAM Erection of 8m high telecom pole 10/11 Roman Crescent, Caton
 09/00508/PAM Erection of 9m high telecom pole Station Hotel Car Park, Caton
 09/00514/PAM Erection of 8m high telecom pole Lynacre, Hornby Road, Caton
 All above for BT Openreach

No Objections to telegraph poles

09/00503/FUL Retrospective Applic. for Agricultural Building, silo and new access Field 2357, Caton Green Road.
 Ref Application 07/01775/FUL

Concern was expressed regarding the size, access and fact that the building was not built to the design previously approved.

09/0050/TCA Felling of Lawson Cypress Tree
 Mr G Campbell, 2 Littledale Road, Brookhouse

No Objection

01/09/0463 Extension of Cycle path Eastwards 700 m length
 Adj A683 Bullbeck towards Claughton

No objection but noted that all fencing requires to be stock proof.

Applications **Approved** :-

09/00138/LB Replacement of steps and balustrade wall to form boundary wall Moorlands, Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
 09/00258/FUL Erection of replacement Egg Laying Unit
 Mr S Leigh, Littledale Hall, Littledale
 09/00327/FUL Erection of two storey extension and extension to existing dormers
 Mr & Mrs Bollard, 5 Sycamore Crescent, Brookhouse
 09/00362/FUL Erection of Dormer to rear
 Mr & Mrs Humphrey, 12 Hawthorn Drive, Brookhouse
 01/09/0315 Change of use of former Library to Offices
 LCC, Hornby Road, Caton

Applications **Refused** :-

09/00275/FUL Erection of rear extension and amended roof layout
 Mr P Kettlewell, 13 Brookhouse Road, Caton
 09/00282/FUL Erection of single storey extension
 Mr & Mrs T Preece, Udale Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse

09/192 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Following the recent elections the County Council is now controlled by the Conservatives and they will be re-visiting the decision on the closure of Hornby High School

The new Leader of Lancaster City Council is Councillor Stuart Langhorn and there will be a reorganisation of Cabinet Portfolios.

The Local Government Association has been making progress in the refunding of money invested in Icelandic Banks.

09/193 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The wall surrounding the Oak tree on Copy Lane was being split by the tree roots. Prices would be obtained for rebuilding and/or demolishing it.

United Utilities would be contacted regarding the road re-instatement on Station Road Car Park.

A request will be made to replace the broken bin at the Bus stop outside the Station Hotel.

The emptying of bins and the general level of upkeep on the Millennium Park would also be investigated.

The Catholic Church have fenced off their land bordering the Millennium Park. It was agreed that the BKV bench sited there would be moved nearer to the pathway.

The Ginnel along the beck towards Fell View was overgrown and it would be reported to the Lengthsman.

09/194 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Financial and other risks associated with the Council were considered and it was agreed that adequate Insurance Cover was in place.

Council property had been visually inspected and condition noted in the Property Book.

A letter to the Insurers would be sent outlining the inspection procedure for property, such as the car park, and our acknowledgement of the risks involved.

09/195 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

The Accounts were approved by Council and the Audit Return was completed including the Annual Governance Statement.

The Internal Audit will be undertaken by Mrs Pat Cresswell and the Audit papers sent of prior to the Audit date of 3rd July.

09/196 GRANT APPLICATION

More information was requested from the Caton Pre-School Play Group before a decision could be made

09/197 FINANCE

VAT refund received and banked

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

Clerk's Salary May & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£ 456.96
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, June	£ 40.00
Hornby-with-Farleton Parish Council, Lengthsman	£ 2,845.00
Lancaster City Council, Grounds & Fell View	£ 292.46
Lancaster City Council, Repairs at Fell View	£ 943.00
Eon, car park electricity	£ 3.01

09/198 FELL VIEW

It was reported that Georgina Peacock has been appointed to undertake design work on the Fell View Play Area. She will be consulting with Schools etc. It is hoped we will be in a position to make an application for funding to the L.E.F. by early July.

An Open Meeting will be arranged with all parties to view and comment on the proposed scheme.

There is a possibility of funding from the Caton Youth Club Trust.

09/199 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute – The Parish Council photographs etc. would be hung in the Tea Room. Certificates would be in the main corridor and the series of water-colours of the village, in the Billiards Room.

Library – From 1st June the Library would be open when the Institute was open but would be un-manned. Volunteers would be there weekly to tidy up etc..

Twinning – The Group has been awarded an EU Grant towards the French visit in July.

09/200 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

At the recent LALC Annual Meeting , the subjects of the abolition of Special Expenses and lack of consultation between County, City and Parishes was discussed.

Please request from Clerk if interested

NHS Bowel Cancer Screening

LALC AGM 7th November 2009, County Hall, Preston

Morecambe Bay Walk 15-16 August

09/187 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th July 2009. Agenda closes 9th July 2009

Community Wind Power Presentation

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.