

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th June 2012.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, Dr DB Coltman, J Jackson, D Nesbitt, CEC Kynch, J Walmsley, V Richards, R Elvis and R Paine.
PC Andy Massingham attended by invitation

12/182 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Williams, R Gibbons, J Parkinson and County Councillor Mrs S Charles and PC Carl Wood sent their apologies

12/183 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

The one matter concerning recycling provision for residents at Forge Mill was passed to the City Council for their attention.

12/184 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

A letter from Mr G Beckett was circulated and it was noted that the matter regarding the relocation of the bus shelter was now closed.

12/185 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th May 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th May 2012 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

12/186 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

Pc Andy Massingham introduced himself as the Officer who was currently looking after Caton and the Lune Valley in the absence of PC Carl Wood.

He reported that there had been a burglary from the Caton Sports association outbuildings and three thefts including one of cattle taken from a farm. There had been an incidence of criminal damage further up the Lune Valley. Youths had been causing problems at the Brookhouse Methodist Church and at the Play Park. This would be investigated and follow up visits made. The Public were encouraged to report all incidents, however minor, to enable the Police to build up a better picture – They are unable to provide resources if no crimes/incidents are reported. Incidents of speeding round Fell View would be looked into and Pc Massingham would provide a presence. A request for speed calming measures would be pursued.

The Farm Watch system was still in operation but to be successful requires incidents to be reported.

12/187 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

12/00511/AD Erection of Agricultural Building
Mr J Taylor, Lots House Farm, Quarry Road, Littledale.
No Objections

Applications **Permitted** :-

12/00181/CPA Demolition of building and erection of new steel framed building
LCC Depot, Hornby Road, Caton
12/00217/FUL Glazed canopy over play area
Lune Valley Pre-school, St Paul's School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse

Applications **Refused** :-

12/00279/FUL Erection of two storey extension
Mr & Mrs Thorsby, 21 Copy Lane, Caton
12/00298/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear
Mr Kehoe, 12 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

The timetable of meetings for the Heysham/M6 Link have been published by the Infrastructure Planning Board.

In relation to the new Neighbourhood Planning Legislation, enquiries would be made into how the Parish Council can become involved.

12/188 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The City Council have agreed on the closure of the Market and will be negotiating an early exit from the Lease. Appointments to the various committees have been made. Cllr Jane Parkinson is to Chair the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Lancashire County Council have put £10 m towards their Apprenticeship scheme – There are now more than 400 apprentices in LCC.

A decision on the sale of Moor Platt will be made in the near future.

12/189 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed that we continue with the Lengthsman scheme, details will be finalised with Hornby Parish Council.

Surface problems on Littledale Road would be reported and the Parish Council would seek a meeting to discuss the speed and safety issues on Fell View.

12/190 INSURANCE

Insurance has been obtained through Came & Co, brokers with Aviva at £1,184.83 per annum for a three year deal. This was agreed with the Chair and ratified at the meeting.

This is now in place.

12/191 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Council has considered and assessed all risks to the Council (both financial and otherwise) and have taken steps to reduce them by means of Insurances, inspections etc.
A review of the documentation will be made.

12/192 ACCOUNT AND AUDIT

The Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012 were presented to Council and approved. They have been audited by Mrs P Creswell. The Annual Governance Statement was completed and approved.
The Audit documentation will be sent off before the audit date of 2nd July.

12/193 FINANCE

Vat refund received £ 824.99 +£138.75 to Parish Projects account.
£2,098.00 received from Lancaster City Council towards toilet provision.

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

Clerk's Salary May & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	466.30
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, June	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, June	£	40.00
Simply Clean, toilets and disinfectant	£	185.93
Simply Clean, toilets	£	176.40
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£	28.13
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£	31.88
WH Inman, Toilet light repair	£	52.20
BT, Clerks telephone bill (refund RB Alexander)	£	65.16
Lancaster City Council, Grass cutting April	£	95.48
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Came & Co, Insurance	£	1,184.83

12/194 FELL VIEW

Pennine Playgrounds have completed most of the outstanding items. Only the replacement of the ferns is outstanding.
One of the gates has been damaged which is the Parish Council's responsibility to repair.

12/195 LIBRARY SITE

A meeting with Lancashire County Council and the Doctor's will be held on Thursday 14th June. Councillor Rob Paine and the Clerk will attend. The ideal scenario for the Parish Council is to maintain the car park on a long term lease from the County Council at current rates plus inflation,

second is to purchase the site and the third is a guarantee of 'public parking' on any future development of the site.

12/196 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute – Painting of the corridors will be undertaken under the Community Payback Scheme in September. K Shoes Male Voice Choir Concert Saturday October 13th . Copies of the watercolour s of the Village will be made and prints will be for sale.

Fell View Play Park – Sustainability Grant Events have been a success thanks to Emma Huddleston's organisation.

12/197 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Area LALC Meeting. The Community Payback scheme members have painted some railings in the district. They could be used to paint ours.

There is a new Secretary – Mary Jackson.

A decision on the extension of the Lune Cycleway should be made shortly and the Olympic Torch is passing through the district on Friday 22nd June.

Please request from Clerk if interested

LALC June Newsletter

LALC Conference - 22nd September

Incredible Edibles Awards 2012.

12/198 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 10th July 2012. Agenda closes 5th July 2012

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.