

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th March 2013.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, J Walmsley, CEC Kynch, R Paine, J Jackson, J Parkinson, R Gibbons, V Richards, P Woolgar and R Elvis.

13/133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Williams, D Nesbitt and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies

13/134 OPEN SESSION

Mr G Beckett attended and asked that the Parish Council reconsider its decision on the bus shelter outside the Hairdressers in Brookhouse. It was stated that the matter had been fully considered, a decision made and the matter would not be reconsidered. It was agreed however to write to Stagecoach and ask them to inform their drivers that passengers may need extra time to get to the bus from the shelter. Mr Beckett also asked that the 20 mph limit on Brookhouse Road be reconsidered. As this was a County Council matter it was suggested he contact them directly.

Ms Kathy Sinclair, from the City Council Planning Dept gave a short outline of the current situation regarding the redevelopment of the Moor Platt site and the possibility of providing affordable Housing on this site. She said that although a Planning Application may be some way off discussions have started with an interested developer and the provision of 'Affordable Housing' was high on the agenda. This provision will be informed through the recent District Housing Needs Survey and would cover every property size with possibly one 'Adapted' house for special needs accommodation. Councillors expressed concerns/requests regarding open space, trees, access, building façade and an open dialogue between parties. An early meeting with the developers was suggested.

13/135 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th February 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th February 2013 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13/136 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There was no report, however Councillors expressed concerns over the lack of Policing in the village especially in the light of incidents at St Paul's Church and Caton Community School. Concern was also expressed at the increased level of anti-social behaviour, because(?) the youths know there will be no Police in the area.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for a Police presence at future meetings, for the Parish Council to be kept informed and to invite the Chief Superintendent to the Parish Assembly.

13/137 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

13/00062/FUL Demolition and erection of new storage building
159 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse

No objections

13/00033/FUL Erection of dormer to rear
16 Hawthorn Close, Brookhouse

Although large there were no objections

13/00021/CU Change of use of 4 bedroom house to one single bed and one three bed
house
27-31 Brookhouse Road, Caton

No objections

Applications **Permitted** :-

12/01191/FUL Rear Dormer
7 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

13/00017/CU Change of use to residential
Old Police House, Hornby Road, Caton

13/00056/FUL New roof to existing extension
19 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

13/00071/FUL Construction of dormers to side
31 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse

13/138 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Lancashire County Council. County Council tax will be cut by 2%. Bowgrave Rise Home is being used for dementia sufferers and for training. Additional funding is being given to Highways. Four additional PCSO's are being funded for 3 years in the Lancaster district. City Council. Toilets at Bull Beck have been closed but may be rebuilt (Funding is in this year's Capital plan).

There will be a Public Meeting in the Town Hall on the 'Future of the NHS'. This has been called for by the Unions.

13/139 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

People are parking on a Keep Clear road marking on Artlebeck Road.

Dog mess is a problem in the Play Area, the Millennium Park and Holme Lane. To be brought to the Dog Warden and Lengthsman's attention. A note will be put in the Link.

United Utilities have fixed the leak at the junction of Quernmore Road and Lancaster Road.

Quernmore Road to Postern Gate - bad potholes to be reported.

The gravel road off Moorside Road has been improved.

The repair works to the Bridge over the Lune on the Millennium Park are due to start shortly.

13/140 BKV COMPETITION

It was agreed that we enter again. The same as last year

13/141 FINANCE

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

Clerk's Salary Feb & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	465.10
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, March	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, March	£	40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings Feb	£	23.38
BKV Entry fee	£	40.00
Twining Grant, Quiz	£	100.00

13/142 TWINNING GROUP

The Small Grant Application from the Twinning Group for £100 to fund the room hire at the VI for the 'International Quiz' was approved. This was for 'pump priming' and there was no commitment for ongoing funding.

Cllrs Kynch, Gibbons and Pritchard abstained

13/143 ALLOTMENTS

An area has been identified as suitable for Allotments and the City Council is prepared to enter into an agreement with the Parish Council who can then let it off to an Allotment Group. It was agreed to proceed and get details of the proposed lease from the City Council.

13/144 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twininging – The Parish Council agreed to host a Reception on the Visitors arrival at 5.00 on Thursday 25th April.

Web Site – Work is continuing.

LALC Meeting – 4th Monday of month next at Arkholme 25th March.

13/145 CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

13/146 PARISH ASSEMBLY

To be held Thursday 16th May at 7.30 pm in the Victoria Institute, Caton. Chief Superintendent R Bayly will be invited to attend.

13/147 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9th April 2013. Agenda closes 4th April 2013.

Moor Platt

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.