

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Parkinson, S Langhorn, V Williams, M Williams, R Gibbons, P Marshall, Dr DB Coltman and PM Quinton.  
County Councillor Mrs S Charles and PC Carl Wood attended by invitation.

09/167 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors CEC Kynch and J Jackson sent their apologies.

09/168 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor S Langhorn was elected as Chairman.

09/169 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor Dr DB Coltman was confirmed as Vice-Chairman.

09/170 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUB-COMMITTEES &  
OUTSIDE BODIES:

A detailed list with current membership is attached.

09/171 APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER:

Confirmed as the Clerk.

09/172 SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN etc.

After some discussion it was agreed that the current system for electing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would continue to be used.

09/173 OPEN SESSION

No members of the Public attended

09/174 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## 09/175 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

Two crimes had been recorded – an assault outside the Station Hotel and a theft from Rock M’Jock. There had been logs of juvenile nuisance, speeding cars and motor cycles. The SPID speed display unit had been sited on Caton Green Road.

Members expressed concern at the traffic chaos whilst surfacing work was undertaken on Lancaster Road. They urged in future that better co-ordination between the Police and Contractors be instigated.

## 09/176 PLANNING

Councillor Mrs P Quinton declared an interest regarding Application 09/00372/FUL

Applications **received** :-

09/00327/FUL	Erection of two storey extension and extension to existing dormers Mr & Mrs Bollard, 5 Sycamore Crescent, Brookhouse
No objections	subject to neighbours agreement
09/00362/FUL	Erection of Dormer to rear Mr & Mrs Humphrey, 12 Hawthorn Drive, Brookhouse
No objections	
09/00372/FUL	Extension to rear 51 Moorside Road, Brookhouse
No objections	
01/09/0315	Change of use of former Library building to Offices Lancashire County Council, Hornby Road, Caton
No objections	
09/0038/TCA	Remove 1 No Cherry Tree Ms C Bowker, 5 Beckside, Caton
No objections	

Applications **Approved** :-

01/09/0199	Erection of materials storage building Lancashire County Council, Hornby Road depot, Caton
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## 09/177 COUNTY &amp; DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor Mrs S Charles reported that she sat on the County Planning Committee and had agreed to the Building on the Hornby Road depot.

Lancaster City Council had agreed to back the Winter Gardens Project in Morecambe, with no financial commitment, although there could be conflict with the ‘Platform’ which may compromise the business plan.

## 09/178 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS &amp; FOOTPATHS

The Lengthsman's Job List was discussed and it was agreed it would be available at the meetings and copied to Cllr D Coltman.

The seat by the lay-by on Quernmore Road had been removed and the litter bin by the Station Hotel required repair.

The condition of the Footpath by Hole House Farm would be looked at. There is a hedge overhanging the pavement by Parker's Farm on Quernmore Road.

## 09/179 FINANCE

The Audit has been set for 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Mrs P Creswell has agreed to act as Internal Auditor once again.

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

Clerk's Salary April & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	456.09
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, May	£	40.00
E-on, Car Park Electricity	£	9.04
Allianz, Insurance	£	1,341.52
BT, Clerk's telephone	£	63.30
S Smithson, Web site registration	£	11.50

Approval was given for using NJC Car Allowances 2009/10 for Clerk's mileage allowance. Increasing from 58.7 to 60.1p/mile.

## 09/180 FELL VIEW

It was reported that first meeting had taken place and three possible concepts had been tabled. There had been a good turn out from villagers who were keen to become involved. Lancashire Environmental Projects Team would now appoint a designer to develop the plan for Fell View and help with fund raising applications.

The Parish Council gave its commitment to the project and agreed to provide some funding.

## 09/181 FAIR TRADE PARISH

It was reported that the Annual Parish Meeting resolved that the Parish Council be asked to consider setting up a Fair Trade Committee for Caton and Brookhouse.

The Parish Council agreed to back the proposal and provide support as required. A local Committee to oversee the project would be set up.

## 09/182 WAR MEMORIAL

It was agreed to accept the quote for painting the War Memorial railings from Fairclough Woodruff at a total price of £ 280.

## 09/183 ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Lancaster City Council had informed us that they cannot provide Allotments in an area covered by a Parish Council. They are able to help identify possible sites and help regarding Planning, Leases etc. One suggestion was that private land owners may wish to provide 'private allotments'.

One possible site, owned by the City Council, has been identified. This may be suitable for up to five allotments. It was a possibility that an 'Allotment Group' could lease this from the City Council.

## 09/185 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

**Victoria Institute** – Concert by 'Chuck and Albert' well attended. The Parish Council photographs etc. would be hung shortly. A request was made to have them in the Tea Room.

**Library** – A revised model for the opening of the Community and County Library was being discussed with the Institute. The Institute was now open more regularly during the day.

**Twinning** – The Games Evening had raised £ 97. There will be a stall at Caton Gala selling 'Strawberries and Cream'.

## 09/186 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

At a recent LALC meeting re Lancaster City Council abolition of Special Expenses, it was agreed to ask LCC to justify its decision and that 'Overview & Scrutiny' be asked to examine the advice given and progress a review prior to the next budget setting round.

##### Please request from Clerk if interested #####

Lancaster City Council Planning Core Strategy, Adopted July 2008.  
 Public Sector Equality Duties  
 Lune Rivers Trust Habitat Herald  
 Mayor's Sunday Service, 17<sup>th</sup> May Priory Church, Lancaster 11.00 am  
 Ramblers Walks Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May Caton Area  
 'Power of Well-being' Workshop 9<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm  
 Planning Workshop 25<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm

09/187 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Agenda closes 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.