

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th November 2010.**

PRESENT: Councillors Dr DB Coltman (Chair), V Williams, J Parkinson, R Elvis, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons & PM Quinton. & J Jackson,
PC Carl Wood attended by invitation

10/254 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors S Langhorn, P Marshall, J Pritchard and M Williams and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

10/255 OPEN SESSION

Eight members of the public attended to question the response of the Parish Council to the Planning Application for the Claughton Moor Wind Farm Project and why the Parish Council had not 'formally objected'. The position was explained and it was agreed that the Parish Council would take advice and then call an extra meeting to further discuss the matter. Comments on the Appeal had to be submitted by 24th November.

10/256 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th October 2010

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

10/257 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

PC Wood reported that there had been a domestic incident (drugs related) and a male had been arrested. There had been an incident of egg throwing at a property on Quernmore Road and paint being poured over a vehicle in Artlebeck Road. The bullying of a resident on Fell View has resulted in a formal warning being given and Lead has been stolen off the roof of the Victoria Institute.

Crime in the whole Lune Valley is up by 50% over the last three months, mostly burglaries from farms. Speeding in the area is being targeted with the use of the laser gun on authorised sites. Security on the building site on Fell View was highlighted.

Cuts to the Police budget could result in the loss of Community Support Officers and the Parish Council was urged to write to the Chief Constable expressing concern.

10/258 PLANNING

Lancaster Planning and Housing Policy Rural Consultation. It was agreed that the Planning sub-committee complete the questionnaires. A meeting with the Planning Officer will be arranged.

Applications **Received** :-

10/00877/FUL (amendment) No objections	Single storey extension and new porch Mr M Smith, 4 Broadacre View, Caton
10/01073/FUL No objections	Retrospective for creation of hard standing Mr S Brown, New Bungalow, Caton Green
10/0091/TCA No objections	Pruning of Willow Tree St Paul's Church, Brookhouse

Applications **Approved** :-

10/00926/FUL	Erection of single storey rear extension Mr & Mrs I Whitaker, 26 Sycamore Road, Brookhouse
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10/259 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The City and County Council are working together on the Winter Gritting Programme. Cuts to services are still to be finalised but it is likely PCSO's will be halved throughout Lancashire.

10/260 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported that the Lancashire County Council Amenity Grass cutting system will change under 'delegated services' and looks likely that Lancaster City will take over responsibility in this district. Areas to be cut will be identified on maps which the Parish Council would like to see. It should not make a big difference to Caton/Brookhouse but the Parish Council were keen to maintain the same standard of service which we have arranged in the past.

It was agreed to tarmac the potholes on Station Road Carpark (£ 320), but delay the Double Yellow and White lines to Hornby Road (£ 400 minimum charge).

Replacement glass for Bus shelter will be arranged through Morecambe Bay Glass (£165).

It was agreed that we accept the offer of crocuses for the green at Beckside.

Bus timetables – It was confirmed the new timetable be sited by the shelter in Brookhouse.

It was agreed to purchase a 15 ft tree (cost £180) for the War Memorial Gardens. The Play Park Action Group will organize an event to switch on the lights Saturday 4th December.

10/261 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr R Elvis, seconded Cllr PM Quinton and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Replacement for chq no 101500 (lost and cancelled)	
Clerk's Salary October & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£ 472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, November	£ 40.00

Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet 25.10.10-21.11.10	£	164.50
Lancaster City Council, Grounds maintenance Sept, Oct	£	496.18
Lancaster City Council, Bus shelters July, Aug, Sept	£	65.21
Victoria Institute, Meetings Oct	£	17.88
Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings Oct	£	65.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings Nov	£	17.88
Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings Nov	£	52.00
Heather Neesham, War Mem maintenance	£	455.00
Viking Direct, stationery	£	115.34
Eon, Car Park electricity	£	9.03
Lancaster City Council, Planning fee	£	167.50
Royal British Legion, Wreath (min donation £ 16)	£	32.00

10/262 FELL VIEW

An order has been placed with Pennine Playgrounds and they plan to make a start on site mid November.

Play Builders Funding which was withheld in the summer has been reinstated which means we can include more equipment. Discussions are underway to extend the contract.

The project requires a CDM co-ordinator (Health & Safety legislation) to be appointed by the Client (us!). Chris Knowles, a local consultant has been approached and confirmation was given for his appointment. Cost £ 2,000 plus Vat to be included in the project costs.

Council agreed to the automatic transfer of funds to Pennine Playgrounds to pay their invoices. This is necessary as we will be working on a tight timescale from receipt of invoice, claiming of funds from others and paying the invoice (30 days). The paid invoices etc. will be reported to each Parish Council meeting.

As from next year Lancaster City Council will be undertaking four inspections per annum and will perform up to £ 100 worth of repairs at no cost to the Parish Councils.

10/263 ALLOTMENTS

Planning application for change of use will be submitted shortly.

10/264 VICTORIA INSTITUTE

The Institute have produced a Job Description for the 'Administrator'.

As this is the role the Parish Council has agreed to help fund next year, it was agreed that we consider this at our next meeting.

10/265 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

VI – Wine Tasting and Auction 16th October raised over £ 1,473. Painting and decorating of the Institute is being undertaken by Chris & Eileen Hill and gang.

Twinning – Talent Show 20th November tickets £ 5 each. Jim Bowen has agreed to compare and there is a full programme of 'Acts'.

10/266 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Consultation on expansion of Bowerham Primary School – event 11th November
Food waste collections. Road Shows Caton Wednesday 1st December
Sustainable Communities Act – Request to write to Minister to deal with proposals.
‘Living near a Wind Farm’ - Local author would like to talk to residents.

10/267 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th December 2010. Agenda closes
9th December 2010

Poor’s Land. Distribution Meeting – Thursday 9th December

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Additional Meeting held on Wednesday 17th November at 7.30 pm

Present Councillors S Langhorn, P Marshall, M Williams, V Williams, J Parkinson, R Elvis,
CEC Kynch, R Gibbons, PM Quinton & J Jackson and Twenty-two members of the
public.

10/268 PLANNING

Discussion relating to the Appeal by Community Windpower to the refusal of permission for 20
turbines etc.(Application 09/01068/FUL)

Following an introduction by the Chair, Members of the Public presented their case for the Parish
Council to reconsider the matter and unanimously urged the Parish Council to ‘Formally Object’
to the scheme.

Parish Councillors replied to the points raised and the resolution ‘To Strongly Object to the
proposal for the reasons previously stated’ was carried by a majority.

The Clerk forwarded the decision to Lancaster City Council Planning Dept and to the Planning
Inspectorate.