MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 13th November 2012.

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, J Walmsley, V Williams, CEC Kynch, J Parkinson, J

Jackson, R Gibbons and R Elvis.

12/243 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors D Nesbitt, V Richards and R Paine and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies

12/244 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

It was noted that not many Councillors were present at the Remembrance Sunday Service and that the National Anthem was not sung.

12/245 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th October 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th October 2012 were confirmed and signed as a correct record, with a minor amendment.

12/246 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There was a written report stating there had been a break in at Brookhouse Church with mowers etc stolen, a stone had been thrown through a window at Brookhouse School and there had been damage to a lock at Brookhouse Parish Hall.

The meeting was informed that the Bull Beck toilets had been closed and City Councillors were pressing for them to be reopened or replaced. The hedge to the lay-by maybe removed to open up the site.

12/247 PLANNING

Applications Received:-

12/00998/CCC Security Fencing

LCC Depot, Hornby Road, Caton

Height of fence would be considered

12/00161/DIS Discharge of conditions 1-8. Application 12/00591/FUL

Bell Hill Barn, Littledale

No Objections

12/0104/TPO Felling of a Red Pine tree

Mrs E Sutcliffe, 9 Low Mill, Caton

No Objections

Applications Approved :-

12/0076/TCA Felling of an Elder and Damson tree

New Street, Brookhouse

12/248 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

City Councillors will be debating the Living Wage proposal and Lancaster becoming a Business Improvement District, where larger businesses will pay an additional levy on the Business rate to be invested in the City Centre.

Lancashire County Council have agreed to repair the second bridge at the Crook O'Lune which will result in the return to traffic restrictions on the bridge. Public Health will now become part of the County Council remit. Details of the County Councillors Code of Practice have been finalised.

12/249 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was reported that leaves were causing a problem in the gutters on Brookhouse Road. City would be asked to do a road sweep.

A price for sorting the road surface on Station Road car park would be obtained.

Flooding on the Millennium Park at Ball Lane would be reported along with blocked drains on the A683 and flooding by Bull Beck picnic area.

The Lengthsman would be asked to look into repainting line on the Hornby Road car park

12/250 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr V Williams seconded Cllr J Jackson and <u>resolved</u> that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary Oct & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	465.10
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Nov	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, Nov	£	40.00
United Utilities, car park water rates	£	53.59
S Smithson, Village web site hosting 1 year	£	120.00
BT, Clerks telephone	£	61.59
Heather McNaught, War Memorial Gardens	£	575.00
Royal British Legion, Poppy Wreath including donation	£	40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£	23.38
Victoria Institute, Toilet cleaning Sept	£	8.13
Victoria Institute, Toilet cleaning Oct	£	142.00

Approval was given to set up a Standing Order for the Toilet cleaning monthly charge of £142.00

12/251 VILLAGE WEB SITE

Cllr C Kynch agreed to join the group, Ruth Gibbons would be asked and a meeting would be arranged.

12/252 ELECRICITY NORTHWEST SURVEY

It was agreed that Cllr R Gibbon complete the survey following discussion in the meeting. It was agreed that it was important that all customers be treated in the same way.

12/253 CATON GREEN BUS SHELTER

There has been a request for a bus shelter outside 47 Caton Green Road. There are no grants for this however money is available in the Parish Projects A/c. It was agreed to consult with neighbours, obtain permissions and investigate costs.

12/254 CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed to purchase a tree for last year's supplier and erect it on Friday 30th November.

12/255 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twinning Group – The Caton Review was a great success. There will be a Textile Collection once again in January and the Murder Mystery -007 Theme- is planned for 19th January. Victoria Institute –The K Shoes Male Voice Choir Concert was excellent.

12/256 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

LALC – Neighbourhood Planning could be costly and time consuming but should be included within the Local Development Framework.

The Millennium Park was being extended out towards Hornby.

Councils were urged to take up the Community Payback Scheme. A list of white railings which would benefit from painting will be compiled.

Please request from Clerk if interested

Preparations for a new Local Development Plan

12/257 COUNCILLORS

The meeting was informed that the Parish Council is able to fill the vacancy by co-option. An request for suitable candidates would be placed in the Link.

12/258 AIRCRAFT

The concerns expressed over helicopters and other aircraft flying over the village were discussed and it was agreed that this be left to the appropriate authorities unless they become a bigger nuisance in which case they would be looked into further.

12/259 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th December 2012. Agenda closes 6th December 2012

Andrew Halliwell from LCC will attend to give an update on the County Broadband Project.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.