

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Jackson (Chair), J Walmsley, J Parkinson, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons, P Woolgar, R Paine, D Nesbitt and R Elvis

14/262 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Richards, J Pritchard and V Williams and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

14/263 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record, with two amendments.

14/256 Added 'Mrs Sarney is the Forage Officer for Lancaster Bee Keepers.

Parental concern has been expressed over the possible siting of the Native Meadows.'

14/258 Added 'and agreed'

14/264 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

14/265 OPEN SESSION

Mr Nick Osborne, Site Access and AONB Manager, Lancashire County Council gave a short presentation on the status and management of the Millennium Park. Main concerns from the public were dog bins, hedgerows and grass areas and the felling of large trees. He told the meeting that there was to be a 50% reduction in the budget and they were looking at ways of 'doing things differently'. The Ranger service would be cut back with the loss of the local Ranger but this would be covered at weekends by a Ranger based at Beacon Fell.

The amount and frequency of grass cutting will reduce. This was a 'balancing act' but verges here would be cut for safety reasons and native meadow planting was being considered.

The Life for a Life area provides a contribution to grass cutting and the amenity area would be retained. The Park caters for a wide variety of users some visiting from far afield.

Mr Osborne then answered questions relating to the reinstatement of dog bins, Volunteering initiatives and the possible extension of the park further up the Lune Valley.

All issues and problems on the park should be reported to Mr Osborne.

14/266 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There was no report.

## 14/267 COUNTY &amp; DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was reported that the Planning Application for housing on the Bargh's site had been refused at committee because they had not adequately addressed the possible uses for employment.

There had not been a full Council meeting recently.

The Mayor's Wine Tasting evening in aid of local Charities will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## 14/268 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

14/0132/TPO Removal of one sycamore and one ash tree  
9 Broadacre, Caton

No Objection

14/0138/TPO Removal of 2 willows and pruning sycamore  
12 Kingfisher Court, Caton

No Objection

14/01148/FUL Construction of front and rear Dormers  
11 St Paul's Drive, Brookhouse

No Objection

14/01106/FUL Erection of a conservatory  
12 Moor Platt, Caton

No objection

Applications **Permitted** :-

14/0113/TPO Tree Works  
Forge Mill, Caton

14/00976/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension  
71 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse

14/00916/FUL Replacement of existing windows  
Moorgate Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse

14/00981/FUL Retrospective Application for conservatory and decking  
4 Broadacre, Caton

## Initial Responses from City Council sent

14/00128/DIS Discharge of conditions

14/00129/DIS Moor Platt, Caton

The following Application was deemed invalid

14/00964/CU Office, Undertakers and 1 bed flat  
Former Youth Club, Copy Lane, Caton

Lancaster City Council are holding a **Neighbourhood Planning Event on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

There is one place reserved for Caton-with-Littledale Parish Councillors. Cllr Kynch was nominated to attend and Cllr Woolgar if another place could be obtained.

## 14/269 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Following the presentation attended by three Councillors a feedback report was presented and discussed.

It was noted that a Neighbourhood Plan would have Statutory Powers but would cost money to prepare. Some felt there was enough information already gathered for previous reports but that it would need reviewing.

It was agreed that a Working Group, Cllrs Kynch, Walmsley, Woolgar and Nesbit, would provide a briefing note identifying the main questions and implications including costs for the next meeting when a decision would be made on how to go forward

## 14/270 HIGHWAYS &amp; FOOTPATHS

The County Council have informed us of a lane closure that they are installing at Kirk Beck Bridge on C488 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse. The bridge crosses Kirk Beck near St Paul's Church.

Due to the bridge spandrel masonry wall leaning to an extent to which it is no longer considered safe to run traffic adjacent, a lane closure will have to be imposed using temporary traffic lights.

## 14/271 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The following were reported for attention:-

The hedge between St Paul's Church and Scout Hut required cutting

The verge down towards Kingfisher Court require cutting and

The bench on Lancaster Road required some new slats.

The Parish Council would attempt to identify a person/s who was willing do these jobs as and when they were identified.

The footpath sign in Littledale which had fallen down would be reported.

## 14/272 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Clerk's Salary Oct & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	469.48
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, November	£	40.00
Ms J Hudson-Mather, Fell View zip wire locking, November	£	40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings October	£	24.75
Lancaster City Council, Fell View Grass Cutting Aug	£	74.65
Lancaster City Council, Fell View Grass Cutting Sept	£	223.96
Heather McNaught, War Memorial Gardens	£	560.00
Travel expenses, P Woolgar ( £ 20.30 + £11.55)	£	31.85
Lune Valley Rural Housing Association, Shareholder application	£	1.00
Royal British Legion, Contribution for Poppy Wreath	£	40.00
St Paul's Church, Hire of Hall for SpID's Training	£	12.50
Steve Smithson, Web site hosting	£	120.00
BT, Clerks Telephone	£	71.93
C Kynch, Expenses	£	5.55

## 14/273 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was agreed that there were enough lights for the tree this year. It will be put up on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, with carols and 'switch on' on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 4.30 and 5.30pm. Children from the Schools would be involved. Details will be put in the Link.

## 14/274 ELECTRICITY NORTHWEST

Electricity Northwest wish to formalise existing wayleaves on Station Road and may require permission to connect a low voltage supply to the new BT cabinet which I understand is through the duct dug by BT. They will pay a fee of £ 100 to the Parish Council. It was agreed that this should be signed and progressed.

## 14/275 POST BOX

It was agreed to send a request to the Royal Mail to install a new Posting Box near the new Post Office at Brookhouse.

## 14/276 BUDGET

It was agreed that a sum be included in next year's budget to enable the Council to seek further information before deciding on whether to proceed in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

## 14/277 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

LALC – AGM. Items discussed included a pilot bus scheme, a call to reinstate 'drainage pumping' and to oppose all Planning Applications relating to Fracking. It was agreed to support the 'Green Belts' with the AONB a priority.

There would be an increase in subscriptions for next year.

Victoria Institute – The new Kitchen ah been officially opened. It was hoped that the kitchen would attract new users and events to the Institute.

Twinning Group – Jumble Sale, Caton Community School Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November.

French Exchange Quiz Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am. Review 24<sup>th</sup> January and the French Invasion will be between 9-12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 !

Play Park Action Group – Agreed that they were against any ramps and that the 'cushionfall' should be refilled to provide level access. More information and costings were requested for the next meeting.

## 14/278 NEW CLERK

Following the resignation of the Clerk a Working Group ( Cllrs Jackson, Woolgar, Parkinson and Elvis) was set up to advertise and make a recommendation on the appointment of a new Clerk which will need to be ratified by the Parish Council.

14/279 CORRESPONDANCE

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

Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Community involvement – Consultation available at websites :-

<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/responses/response.asp?ID=256>

<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/responses/response.asp?ID=257>

LALC AGM 8<sup>th</sup> November at County Hall, Preston

Request for Board members of Lune Valley Rural Housing Association

14/280 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Agenda closes 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

The Poor's Land Meeting to distribute Funds would be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 at Cllr Nesbitt's house.