

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014.**

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

**14/243 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

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

The Parish Council accepted that Cllr V Williams' absence of over six months, due to prolonged illness, is a valid reason to enable Cllr V Williams to continue as a Parish Councillor

**14/244 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**14/245 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

**14/246 OPEN SESSION**

Mr B Standing, from Ashcroft Close attended to request the Parish Council comment on the Planning Application from Persimmon Homes for the pumping station associated with the Moor Platt development. He was concerned at the late timing of the application, the screening and the access from Ashcroft Close. He felt that the access should be from the Moor Platt development which it serves. The Parish Council would take his views on board when they considered the application later in the meeting.

Mrs Erica Sarney also spoke on the planting of native wild flower meadows in the village. Following the success of the area planted off Station Road she had been asked to consider other areas which might benefit. Several were suggested and would be considered later in the meeting. Fencing the areas was not necessary and there were funding opportunities available from Kew Gardens 'Grow Wild' for larger projects/areas. Mrs Sarney was thanked for her and Lancaster Bee Keepers efforts in regard to this project.

**14/247 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).**

A written report was provided covering the period to 7<sup>th</sup> September. There had been a number of opportunist thefts of bicycles from gardens in Caton. Owners were advised to lock up their bikes and have them marked and put on the Cycle Register which is a good deterrent. This is a free service from the Police.

PC Massingham would inform the Parish Council of the dates of PACT Meetings once they had been organised.

## 14/248 COUNTY &amp; DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Housing Needs report has been referred back to the consultants to revisit in the light of new population statistics. Enough 'Commercial' space had been identified. There had been an estimate that there needed to be 890 houses built per year to meet demand.

## 14/249 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

14/0113/TPO	Tree Works Forge Mill, Caton
No comments	
14/00976/FUL	Erection of single storey rear extension 71 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse
No objections	
14/00981/FUL	Retrospective Application for conservatory and decking 4 Broadacre, Caton
No comments	
14/00939/FUL	Foul waste pumping station and compound Moor Platt, Caton

The PC would request that this application go before the Planning Committee, that access should only be through the Moor Platt development, that it should be fully screened and noise levels monitored. The operators should be asked to provide a statement of how often access will be required once the system had been fully commissioned

14/00128/DIS	Discharge of conditions
14/00129/DIS	Moor Platt, Caton

Details would be passed to Cllr C Kynch for information

14/00964/CU	Office, Undertakers and 1 bed flat Former Youth Club, Copy Lane, Caton
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Declared invalid after the meeting – Comments be reconsidered at a later date.

Applications **Permitted** :-

14/00882/FUL	Demolition of garage and erection of extension etc 25 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
14/00811/CU	Change of use of shop to Vets Branch Surgery Butchers Shop, Hornby Road, Caton
14/00825/FUL	Two storey extension to side and rear 15 Moorside Road, Brookhouse
14/00810/FUL	Installation of oil tank Bell Hill Barn, Littledale

Lancaster City Council are holding a **Neighbourhood Planning Event on 29 October 2014 – 6.30 to 8.30pm (registration and refreshments from 6pm) at Lancaster Library.**

There are two places reserved for Caton-with-Littledale Parish Councillors. Cllrs C Kynch and J Walmsley would attend along with Cllr P Woolgar, if a third place was available.

## 14/250 HIGHWAYS &amp; FOOTPATHS

The seat on Lancaster Road was being shaded by trees from the hedgerow behind. The back requires some attention.

There is a 'muddy patch' under the Kissing gate on the river footpath – this will be reported. Cllrs R Gibbons and R Elvis had been trained as SpID installers. The Parish Council would consider a proposal for 'payments' and a ladder at a future meeting.

It was noted that the cobbles at the 'Fishstones' had been weeded by Mr M Jackson and Cllr R Elvis.

## 14/ 251 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr D Nesbitt seconded Cllr J Walmsley and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary Sept & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	469.48
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, October	£	40.00
Ms J Hudson-Mather, Fell View zip wire locking, October	£	40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings September	£	24.75
Eon, Car Park electricity	£	9.10
Dickinson & Whitaker Ltd, Repairs to Village Toilet	£	150.00

## 14/252 FELL VIEW PLAY AREA

The building of three access ramps into the safety surface for wheelchairs and buggies would be referred to the Play Park Action Group for their views. These ramps would mean that the requirement for 'topping up' with 'Cushionfall' would be reduced. A quotation of £559.00 plus Vat has been obtained from Lancaster City Council.

The requirement to rake over the 'Cushionfall' especially under the swings will be considered by the Action Group.

The repairs to the zip wire and timber edging to the RAB were authorised. Cost is included in the annual inspection agreement with Lancaster City Council.

## 14/253 WAR MEMORIAL

Two quotes have been obtained. There was no response from the local contact.

IMI. Cleaning £ 1750. Additional costs for repointing etc not itemised. Wax sealer £100.

Kenneth A Fraser Cleaning £ 1050, Securing all pebbles £ 250 repointing steps £ 185. A sealer could be applied after cleaning at a cost of £ 325.

It was agreed that the Parish Council proceed with the work from Kenneth A Fraser as soon as possible.

The proposal to purchase ceramic poppies from the 'Tower of London Artwork' was rejected.

## 14/254 LUNE VALLEY RURAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION

An Invitation to become a Shareholding Member at a cost of £1 has been received. It was agreed that the Parish Council become members. Payment would be raised at the next meeting.

## 14/255 REPAIRS Etc.

It was agreed that a list of jobs be prepared and these would be actioned as necessary using contractors.

## 14/ 256 NATIVE MEADOWS

The Parish Council agreed in principal that they would support the planting of more native meadows following the success of the one at the side of the Millennium Park.

The first area agreed was the strip of land in the verge bordering the Telephone Exchange. There would be no cost to the Parish Council.

Mrs Sarney would approach BT about the grassed area at the Exchange. She would also negotiate with the County Council and Catholic Church with regard to the possible area on the Millennium Park.

Several other areas were considered and a decision would be made at a future meeting.

Mrs Sarney is the Forage Officer for Lancaster Bee Keepers.

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

## 14/257 GRANT FUNDING REVIEW

The Criteria for providing grant funding would be considered by the Finance Working Group and they would report back.

## 14/258 FEEDBACK NEW COUNCILLORS COURSE

A second report from Cllrs P Woolgar and J Walmsley on the course they attended was discussed. Several recommendations were made, considered and agreed:-

Formal consideration of the following year's budget be started early and the Finance Working group meetings be timetabled.

A sum for training courses be incorporated and the Clerk flag up training opportunities as they become available.

Standing Orders be reconsidered

To set up a Group to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that minutes be circulated (electronically) as soon as practicable after the meetings and any amendments required be brought up at the meeting.

## 14/259 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

LALC – Three Tier Forum. A number of issues discussed were highlighted including the Transport plan, access to Warton Sands, pylons in the Quernmore Valley, Housing Policy Developments and Neighbourhood Plans being incorporated into Planning Policy.

Village Website – Well used with over 7,700 visits between May and September. More businesses would be encouraged to post and advertise. Churches and Schools should add their information regularly.

Twinning – There will be a meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct to discuss fundraising All welcome.

Jumble Sale 15<sup>th</sup> November and the Victoria Institute had been booked for the ‘Review’ 24<sup>th</sup> January.

14/260      CORRESPONDANCE

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

LALC Note of Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

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

Remembrance Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November Service Caton Methodist Church Time 10.15

14/261      ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Agenda closes 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Native Meadows  
Items for budget

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.