

# Caton with Littledale Parish Council

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## Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Victoria Institute on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.15pm.

### **Present:**

Cllr Becket, Cllr Elvis, Cllr Hill, Cllr Paine (chairman), Cllr Skeldon, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Walmsley (vice – chairman).

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

### **18/126 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Nesbitt, Cllr Huddleston and Cllr Kynch.

### **18/127 Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and the extraordinary meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be approved and signed by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

### **18/128 Declarations of interest and dispensations.**

No interests declared.

### **18/129 Open forum.**

No parishioners attended the meeting.

### **18/130 Planning applications.**

18/01114/ OUT Outline application for the erection of a dwellinghouse (C3) with associated access. Ms Diane Hickie Address : Adjacent Springfield House, Ball Lane, Caton, Lancaster, Lancashire.

#### ***The parish council object to the planning application:***

Highway safety. Access to the site is along Station Road, which is currently heavily used as a car park, with vehicles reversing and manoeuvring in a narrow space. It then crosses the Millennium Cycleway, which is well used by pedestrians, cyclists and dog walkers during the day and in the evenings and early mornings, when it is dark. Coming into this junction from Ball Lane visibility is very poor. Ball Lane itself is a narrow private road. The inevitable HGV movements during construction will be a safety hazard, and inevitably any additional residents will mean more regular vehicle journeys.

Flood risk and surface water. Although the flood risk zones have been redrawn by the EA, and a new drainage strategy put in place, there are still huge concerns among local residents about the effect of any construction in this area on surface-water runoff on existing properties.

Impact on historic buildings. The site is close to a listed building (Ash House) and its development may be intrusive.

Damage to trees. The mature trees along the Millennium Cycleway and in gardens to its North (including Springfield House) are an important part of the setting of the village and contribute to the enjoyment of this area. Their intentional removal, or damage to their roots, would have impacts on the wider landscape of the Forest of Bowland as well as the local environment.

Not meeting local housing needs. A need for additional small homes has been identified in the emerging Caton-with-Littledale Neighbourhood Plan, but the house apparently proposed for this site will not contribute to resolving local housing needs.

LCC/2018/0044 Variation of condition 1 of permission 1/88/955 to extend the duration of the brick manufacturing operations 31<sup>st</sup> December 2036 with restoration of the site by 31st December 2037. Claughton Manor Brickworks, Hornby Road, Claughton.

***The parish council has no observations.***

LCC/2018/0045 Variation of condition 1 of permission 1/98/29 to extend the mining operations unit 31 December 2036 with site restoration by 31st December 2037. Claughton Manor Brickworks, Hornby Road, Claughton.

***The parish council has no observations.***

18/01231/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side extension. Mr And Mrs M And V Holland Address: 2 Pinewood Avenue, Brookhouse, Lancaster, Lancashire.

***The parish council has no observations.***

18/01134/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension. Construction of rear dormer and construction of porch to front elevation. Mr & Mrs J. Airey Address: 1 St Annes Close, Brookhouse, Lancaster, Lancashire.

***The parish council has no observations.***

It was resolved that the above responses be submitted to Lancaster City Council Development Control Department.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Beckett.

#### **18/131 Accounts and finance.**

##### ***Payments***

##### ***Standing orders***

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O)	£1000.00
Bridgitte Theunissen-Hughes zipwire lockup (S/O)	£50.00
B Postlethwaite public toilet lockup (S/O)	£50.00

##### ***Cheques***

Gill Mason, clerk's wages £588.46 and expenses £44.39	£632.85
Donna Skeldon – War memorial garden & planters (August)	£250.00
Victoria Institute (NP meeting)	£18.00
Bay- Tech – migrating and hosting web site fee	£220.00
Flagpole repair parts	£23.17
Victoria Institute (NP meeting)	£18.00
Victoria Institute room hire	£24.75
Victoria Institute print	£7.90
Victoria Institute print (NP)	£15.50

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Beckett.

##### ***Budget and precept 2019/20 preparation.***

Cllr Walmsley asked the councillors to put forward any projects or expenditure ideas they may want considering by the parish council, for the budget and precept 2019/20.

##### ***Zip-wire lock up back dated payment.***

It was resolved that the resident that locks- up the zipwire will receive a month's back pay of £40.00.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.  
Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

**18/132 Parish management and maintenance.**

***Play park inspections, repairs and maintenance***

The clerk has contacted Playdale, Kompan and a contractor to tender for the refurbishment of the play park timber areas with recycled plastic replacements. Playdale and Kompan do not refurbish play parks, only provide replacement equipment. The contractor said he would visit the site, but the clerk has not received any update.

To prevent any further delay in the refurbishment of the playpark, the parish council would like the clerk to contact three landscape gardeners to ask about design alternatives to replacing all the timber, as it may not be necessary or cost effective.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon  
Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

***Village contractor update***

Cllr Elvis has contacted all the interested contractors. The contractors will be asked to quote and complete trial jobs around the village.

***Repair of the fish-stones update***

Cllr Elvis and Cllr Paine reported that one of the bollards at the fish-stones has been knocked down. The clerk was asked to contact LCC Highways to report the damaged bollard.

The weeds and plants need clearing, Cllr Elvis was asked to contact one of the contractors to quote and complete the job.

The fish-stones need fixing in place as two stones have moved. Cllr Elvis had talked to an ironmonger who could make the iron prongs to secure the stones in place. The clerk was also asked to contact an ironmonger to ask for a quote for the prongs.

**18/133 War memorial wall mounted noticeboard purchase consideration.**

No update.

**18/134 Parking on Sycamore Road review.**

Cllr Walmsley informed the parish council that the parking on Sycamore Road was busy but she had not observed any parking problems near the cycle racks.

The clerk had contacted LCC Highways to ask if they would consider placing time limit parking signage on Sycamore Road. Highways have said they will review the area.

**18/135 Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.**

Cllr Walmsley asked the parish council if a representative from The Link team could read the reading in church this year as an expression of gratitude for The Link's part funding of the war memorial garden refurbishment. Mr Chris Hill will also be asked invited to join the parish council on Remembrance Sunday as a thank you for his long-term involvement in the distribution of The Link.

**18/136 Trim-trail purchase consideration.**

It was resolved that at the current time the parish council would like more information to make a decision on the purchase of a new trim-trail for the village. The parish council have concerns about the future siting, ongoing repair and maintenance and insurance costs of a new trim-trail. Until a formal proposal is submitted, the parish council cannot offer any support at this stage.

Proposed by Cllr Hill  
Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

**18/137 Reports and correspondence.**

A resident has reported that the bunting at the Ship Hotel has broken and needs to be taken down.  
A resident would like the parish council to support LCC Highways on the cutting back of the trees that are encroaching on the footpath on Sycamore Road.

**18/138 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

*The meeting closed at 8.32pm.*

**Signed .....** **Date.....**