

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th September 2008**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, PM Quinton, J Jackson, J Parkinson,
R Gibbons, CEC Kynch, V Williams, P Marshall, S Langhorn, M Williams and
Dr DB Coltman.
PCSO P Woods attended by invitation.

08/202 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor Mrs S Charles

08/203 OPEN SESSION

No members of the Public were present.

The recent success in the Best Kept Village Competition was commented upon with Caton Runner up and Brookhouse third in the Medium Village Class. Caton also scooped the Most Improved Medium Village Award. Certificates of Merit (Highly Commended) were also awarded to Caton Community Primary School, Caton Post Office and the Black Bull Inn, Brookhouse

08/204 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th July 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th July were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

08/205 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been a number of minor road traffic accidents due to poor weather conditions. The Public were urged to telephone the Police on Lancaster 63333 and not to use Officers mobiles. Calls to Lancaster will be logged and give a better picture of activity in the area. This will help ensure Officers are not moved out of the area to patrol elsewhere. Graffiti in the Village may not be due to locals. 'The Tags' have been seen on the Vale. The Police are investigating.

08/206 PLANNING

Applications **received** :-

08/00771/CU Extension and Alteration and Change of use of part of paddock
Mr & Mrs T Middleton, The Hollies, Ball Lane, Caton

No Objections

08/00798/FUL Erection of first floor extension
Mr P Gaskell, 70 Artlebeck Road, Caton

No Objections

08/00819/FUL Erection of front and rear extensions
 Mr D Fozzard, Willowcroft, New Street, Brookhouse
 No Objections, subject to agreement from neighbours
 08/01071/FUL Erection of conservatory
 Mr H Gott, 59 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
 No Objections

Applications Permitted :-

08/00151/FUL Removal of pitched roof etc.
 Mr & Mrs Howard, 49 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse
 08/00625/FUL Additional internal room
 Greenfields Yard, Copy Lane, Caton
 08/00576/FUL Extension
 55 Copy Lane, Caton
 08/00790/FUL Erection of two storey extension to side
 Mr S Brown, The New Bungalow, Caton Green, Brookhouse
 08/0050/TCA Remove branches or fell Silver Birch
 2 New Street, Brookhouse
 08/0053/TPO Fell 2 No Willow Trees
 8 Kingfisher Court, Caton

08/207 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The future development of Moor Platt was discussed and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Lancashire County Council requesting an update. It was noted that there had been no elderly care for 5 years, the need still existed, the property was empty and there was the chance of attracting vagrants.

There had been a progress report to Lancashire Locals and a LCC Scrutiny Report. There was also some question of the funding of a similar scheme in Ormskirk.

It was reported that Parking Fees and Fines were no to be pooled throughout Lancashire and in future would not be spent on local Road Safety Schemes.

The Lancs Local Climate Change Grants can fund up to 75% of schemes to reduce carbon emissions. Cllr Langhorn agreed to work up a project for 'Electricity Consumption Monitors' (owls) for the Parish Council to consider.

08/208 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

A request for additional Funding to cover increased transport costs £ 134 was agreed
 There had been a meeting re road safety audit on the A683. A final report and recommendations will be produced for comments.

The Garden Competition winners had been chosen and it was suggested that the Best Commercial Premises Category be widened to include other Public Buildings etc. Cllr Ray Elvis agreed to present the prizes at the Gardening Club Meeting.

A number of items would be reported to/taken up with the relevant authorities :-

Smell on Millennium Park emanating from Bargh's Garage
 Nettles encroaching on footpath at Bull Beck
 Painting of the Zebra Crossing
 Drains on Littledale Road and pruning of tree on Sycamore Road

08/209 AUDIT

The Audit has been completed successfully and there were no issues to report. The Council resolved to approve and accept the Audit. Notices will be displayed by the Clerk.

08/210 FINANCE

£ 500 Grant Monies from Green Partnership Awards received and banked

Proposed Cllr J Jackson, seconded Cllr J Parkinson and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary July/Aug & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	878.08
(Note: Salary paid gross, Tax will become Clerk's responsibility at year end)		
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Aug/Sept	£	80.00
Lancaster City Council, Fell View Insp. April, June	£	71.68
Lancaster City Council, Grounds maint. April, May, June, July	£	1,019.24
Lancaster City Council, Clean Bus Shelters April-June	£	63.45
Lancaster City Council, Grounds maint. & Fell View insp. Aug	£	290.65
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, Audit Fee	£	158.63
Lancashire County Council, Car Park Rent	£	117.50
Heather Neesham, War Memorial Gardens	£	420.00
BT, Clerks Telephone (refund to RBA)	£	61.12
Chris Batty, Installation of Sign	£	80.00
Petty Cash Transfer	£	40.00
United Utilities, Water Rates Car Park	£	25.15

08/211 LIBRARY PLAN

Cllrs Langhorn, Gibbons and Quinton declared an interest.

The updated Business Plan was discussed and would be presented at the AGM. The Community Library had plenty of books and was valued by the Villagers. The County Library were operating a Book Order and Drop Off Service which was proving successful. The Victoria Institute were positive about the Library and level of support continues.

The Parish Council agreed to support the Library with a Grant of £ 700 towards the rental of the premises from the Victoria Institute and to write to the County Council in support of the 'Drop Off' scheme and to ask if they could provide any financial support.

The Mobile Library still visited.

The Lancaster Guardian were to publish a feature on the Caton Community Library.

08/212 TWINNING

Authority was given to the purchase of a plaque for presentation to Socx at the visit in October. Cost about £ 100 and for 'Twinned with Socx' Signs on village entrances. Costs £ 80 total.

08/213 BUS SHELTER

We have got to the top of the queue for funding for a bus shelter from County. It was agreed that we suggest to the County Council that it be sited at Caton Green, outside the entrance to Manor Close, in the direction towards Lancaster.

08/214 COMMEMORATIVE SEAT

The Parish Council has been offered a seat in memory of George and Joan Wakefield. It was agreed that it could be used to replace the bench by the lay-by on Quernmore Road.

08/215 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute – The framing of photographs and Certificates was discussed and a full cost was to be obtained before final agreement. A CCTV system was now in operation.

Leisure Club – Fifty members attended the anniversary luncheon

Kids Club – The AGM has agreed that they remain based at the Victoria Institute and they are going forward with a new Committee.

Twinning – Name and deposits required for the upcoming trip to Socx.

08/216 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

LALC Newsletter

Parish Charter - comments from Pat Quinton

Lancashire Police Authority Dialogue magazine

Lancaster City Council – Inspection Strategy for Contaminated Land

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service – Performance Report and Action Plan

08/217 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th October 2008. Agenda closes 9th October 2008

Fell View- Funding and Deadlines ?

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

POOR'S LAND

Response to Lancaster & District Angling Association. It was agreed that we now withdraw our objections to their registration and press for a formal lease.