

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14th September 2010.**

PRESENT: Councillors S Langhorn, Dr DB Coltman, V Williams, M Williams, J Parkinson, R Elvis, CEC Kynch, J Pritchard, R Gibbons, PM Quinton & J Jackson.
PC Carl Wood attended by invitation.

10/224 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor P Marshall and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

10/225 OPEN SESSION

Allan Dowswell and Martin attended to ask about progress with the possible Allotments site off Broadacre. They wish to proceed and are in discussions regarding fencing etc. All awaiting Lancaster City Council sorting out the access to the land etc.

10/226 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13th July 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th July were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10/227 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

The Police reported that there had been 9 crimes – Theft of fuel from vehicle, dealt with by Courts. Vehicle broken into at the Wind Farm; Neighbour dispute – resolved. Bicycle stolen from Leslie Avenue; Theft of Champagne from the Co-op – visitors from Liverpool ? Dispute between resident and kids on Fell View; Baptist Church youth using catapult on windows. Bull Beck – egg throwing at vehicles and kids camping out over weekends. Persons offering to cut trees and then harassing them for money.

10/228 PLANNING

Applications Received :-

10/00674/FUL New covered outdoor Play Area
Caton Community Primary School

No Objections

10/00813/AD Excavation, levelling and agricultural Building
10/00819/AD Mr S Hey, Trouslmire Barn, Higher Hollinghead

No Objections but prior approval is required.

10/00824/FUL Demolition of garage, erection of new garage, living, kitchen and porch extension
Mr S Brown, New Bungalow, Caton Green Road, Brookhouse

Large but no Objections

10/00862/FUL Erection of porch to front
Mrs P Batty, Stauvin's Farm, Littledale

No Objections

10/00877/FUL Erection of two storey extension, raising the roof and new porch
Mr M Smith, 4 Broadacre, Caton

No Objections

10/00881/FUL Erection of single storey extension
Mr & Mrs W Huddleston, 11 Sycamore Road, Brookhouse No

No Objections

10/0059/TCA Work to various trees
Mrs P Atkinson, 12 Moorside Road, Brookhouse

No Objections

Applications Approved :-

10/00512/FUL Erection of dormer windows front and rear
Mr Huddleston, 8 St Paul's Drive, Brookhouse

10/00650/FUL Erection of single storey outbuilding
Mr A Muirhead, 6 Langdale, Caton

10/00657/FUL New windows
Caton Baptist Church, Caton

10/00733/FUL Creation of dormer windows front and rear
Mr & Mrs I Barker, 14 Artlebeck Road, Caton

Applications Refused :-

10/00750/FUL Construction of dormer to the front
Mr & Mrs E Wallace, 3 Broadacre, Caton

The recent Tree Preservation Order for Low Mill was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write and request clarification on a number of points. Low Mill residents are also objecting to the Order.

10/229 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The footpath on Hornby Road through to Bull Beck is being tidied up by the County. Discussions are underway on Locality and Partnership Working. People are waiting to find out how little money will be available once the spending review is announced.

10/230 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed to proceed with Tree pruning at the War memorial at a cost £ 270.00 plus Vat and to get the tree on Sycamore road pruned at the same time.

Lancs County Council – Winter Service. It was agreed that we request two locked salt bins sited at the shops in Brookhouse and Caton. The shopkeepers with the help from the Lengthsman would be responsible.

It was agreed that we accept Bulky Matters offer to have a collection point in Caton for a day. They would tell us when.

The trees alongside the path between Roman Crescent and Beckside require cutting back.

Geoff Roberts, the Lengthsman, is off work at the moment following an accident to his daughter.

10/231 AUDIT

The Audit has been successfully completed and there are no issues to report. Notices have been displayed as required. The Audit has been presented to Council and has been approved and accepted.

10/232 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr J Pritchard, seconded Cllr C Kynch and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary July & Aug & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	901.35
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, August & Sept	£	80.00
Lancaster City Council, Grounds Maintenance July	£	259.84
Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet 02.08.10-29.08.10	£	164.50
Simply Clean, Cleaning of Public Toilet 30.08.10-26.09.10	£	164.50
BT, Clerk's Telephone (refund RB Alexander)	£	61.13
Lancashire County Council, Car Park rental	£	117.50
Eon, Car park electricity	£	9.03
United Utilities, Car park Water Rates	£	48.36
Victoria Institute, Meetings	£	17.88
Victoria Institute, Coffee Mornings	£	65.00
BDO LLP, Audit Fee	£	334.88
Petty Cash Transfer	£	50.00
Lancaster Trophy Centre, Garden Comp	£	43.00
Fasthosts, Website Domain Registration (refund S Smithson)	£	6.93

10/233 FELL VIEW

Tender documents have been received back and discussions are underway with two preferred tenders to see how and where costs can be reduced. Play Builders funding (£60,000) has been withdrawn subject to a review by Government. Final decision expected mid Sept. Lottery funding has been confirmed and others look secure. Definitely have £ 106,000 to spend and placing of contracts will go ahead as scheduled. Discussions are underway with contractors on savings and what we can get within the budget.

It has been confirmed by HMR&C that Vat can be reclaimed if the Parish Council places the order, pays for it and retains ownership regardless of where the funds come from.

A new Lease has been drawn up and is ready for signature. This has been signed and returned.

Reports of dogs on the play ground are to be forwarded to the Dog Wardens.

Comments have been received on the positioning of the gates on the new playground design and have been noted.

10/234 FISH STONES

Mr Dobson, from Bank House Fishery, has no objections to cleaning out the beck and replanting as long as there is no major disturbance to water quality. £ 200 cost estimate to clean out weeds etc. Replanting costs will be in addition. It was agreed to go ahead.

10/235 ALLOTMENTS

Broadacre site – Access alongside the beck is being negotiated by City Property Group. A small area of un-adopted path/roadway is causing the delay.
 Cost of Planning Application £ 167.50 (includes 50% Parish Council discount) but this may not be required. LCC are investigating.
 Community Windpower are receptive to funding the fencing.
 Other pieces of land are still required for Allotments

10/236 COUNCIL TAX

Council Tax Capping and effect on Parish Precepts. Consultation is underway.
 Submissions have been made by LALC

10/237 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

VI – Wine Tasting and Auction 16th October tickets £ 7.50
 Twinning – Talent Show 20th November tickets £ 5 each.

10/238 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Healthy Villages. Ribble Valley LSP. Caton keen to show an interest

Please request from Clerk if interested

LALC Legal Briefing. The independence of PC's Internal Audit
 Lancaster City licensing Act 2003 – Review of statement of Licensing Policy
 Lune Valley Rural Housing Assoc. – a Presentation on their work will be requested
 Lancaster Local Starategic Partnership – Community Engagement Framework
 Lancs Fire & Rescue – Performance Report and Action Plan 2010-09-08
 Galloway's Newsletter Summer 2010-09-08
 Vitalise – request for support

10/239 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 12th October 2010. Agenda closes 7th October 2010

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.