

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14th September 2011.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, V Richards, Dr DB Coltman, D Nesbitt, CEC Kynch, V Williams, J Jackson, R Elvis and J Parkinson
PC Carl Wood attended by invitation

11/206 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors R Gibbons, S Langhorn and J Walmsley and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies

11/207 OPEN SESSION

Caton has won the Medium Village Class of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition and the Fell View Play Area has been Highly Commended in the Certificate of Merit Public Playing Fields section.

Geographic Inspector Sheralee Duckworth attended to discuss the Police consultation on possible closure of Caton Police Station. Inspector Duckworth is responsible for uniformed Officers and Community Support Officers and stress that no decision had been taken and that the public consultation period was still open. The situation with Caton Police Station is that it is deemed unnecessary for the Police in order to police the Lune Valley. The number of Officers will remain the same and with improved technology they should be out and visible for more of the time. There will be 'Response Policing' – Immediate and Planned. There is a possibility of sharing 'bases' with other public services (Victoria Institute ?)

Questions were raised with regard to the SpID's and the PACT Youth Initiative.

The Police are committed to PACT although regular meetings are no longer being held, due to lack of interest. The 'community' can talk to the Police through e-mail, Facebook, web-site etc. A final decision will be made in the autumn.

11/208 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14th July 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th July 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

11/209 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

PC Carl Wood is on restricted duties and the new local Officer will be PC Craig Irvine.

There had been three crimes reported – An assault in Brookhouse, not a local and possibly drugs related; Two teenagers in Fell View – formal warnings issued; Damage to paintwork on a vehicle. An antisocial behaviour problem by lads beside the Artlebeck has resulted in an apology.

Farmwatch is to be improved with better communication. Incidents with speeding tractors need to be reported to the Police. Cars parking on the grass verges in Brookhouse will be investigated.

Fell View will be monitored in the light of incidents with graffiti and snapped trees.

The Police are working closely with Brookhouse Methodist Church to prevent youths congregating and annoying local residents.

It was reported that Crime in the Lune Valley is down by 25% on last year.

There will be a one week Rural Crime operation across Lancashire, visiting vulnerable premises, patrolling, letters etc. A crack down on organized and opportunist thefts of copper and lead is in hand.

11/210 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

11/0094/TPO	Various tree works Old Hall Barn, Brookhouse
11/00622/VCN	Variation on application 11/00116/FULL to provide additional headroom Mr D Platts, Greenbank Farm, Cloughton
No Objections	

Applications **Approved** :-

11/00262/FUL	Hardstanding Mr S Brown, New Bungalow, Caton Green
11/00371/FUL	Construction of front and rear dormers Mr R Mews, 12 Littledale Road, Brookhouse
11/0054/TPO	Trees and hedges along boundaries to be cut back Moor Platt, Lancaster Road, Caton
11/00688/FUL	Erection of two storey extension, new porch and rear dormer Mr & Mrs Bentley, 54 Hornby Road, Caton
11/00662/FUL	Conversion of garage to accommodation Mr & Mrs Holehouse, Thurtell Lodge, Caton

Applications **Refused** :-

11/00330/CU	Retrospective application for use of holiday let for agricultural workers dwelling Mr N Brown, Deep Clough, Roeburndale Road, Littledale
11/00586/FUL	Erection of single storey extension to side M Kay, Haws House Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse
11/00305/FUL	Erection of two storey extension and new porch Mr & Mrs Bentley, 54 Hornby Road, Caton

Appeals **Received** :-

11/00024/HAS	Erection of two storey extension and new porch Applic. 11/00305/FUL Mr & Mrs Bentley, 54 Hornby Road, Caton
11/00586/FUL	Erection of single storey extension to side M Kay, Haws House Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse

11/211 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The City Council are considering moving all stallholders downstairs in the Market and are looking to lease off the upstairs.

The Boundary Commission report recommends moving the Lower Lune Valley into the Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency.

County are installing the 20 mph signs and will be constructing the temporary walkway over the bridge on the Millennium Park. Once complete the traffic signals will be removed.

11/212 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

There was some discussion regarding fencing round the whole of Fell View and the problems with trees being snapped off.

The low wall by the Pharmacy will be inspected and the damaged railings reported.

11/213 St PAUL'S CHURCH

The Parish Council **resolved** to make a grant of £ 700 to St Paul's Church towards the upkeep of the Parish Burial Ground.

11/214 FINANCE

Vat refunds received and Banked – Parish Council £ 292.77 & Parish Project £ 19,014.23
The small business rate relief has been extended and £53.25 will be refunded with respect to the Car Park.

Proposed Cllr J Parkinson, seconded Cllr V Williams 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, Sept	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking Sept	£	40.00
BT Clerks telephone, (refund to RBA)	£	65.13
Lancaster City Council, Mowing Fell View July	£	95.48
Lancaster City Council, Mowing Fell View August	£	95.48
VI, Twinning Reception & Meetings	£	33.13
VI, Meetings	£	20.63
Lancashire County Council. Rent for car park	£	120.00
Simply Clean, toilets 01.08-28.08	£	176.40
Simply Clean, toilets 29.08-25.09	£	176.40
United Utilities, Water Rates Car Park	£	50.15
St Paul's Church, Grant	£	700.00

Parish Projects

Receipts

Vat	£ 19,014.23
Lottery Final payment	£ 2,499.79

11/215 ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council agreed that the area of Broadacre is not suitable. It was agreed to withdraw the Planning Application and inform the City Council that the Parish Council no longer wishes to rent the land.

The City Council have informed us that they are unable to provide any alternative sites for Allotments.

11/216 PUBLIC TOILET

The Victoria Institute are still considering alternatives to their cleaning. The Parish Council will continue with Simply Clean for the time being.

11/217 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twinning – A thank you to the Parish Council for the reception held for the French visitors

11/218 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Local Development Framework consultations finish on 16th September – Future of Moor Platt site to be considered.

Lancashire Superfast Broadband Project - underway

BARN – Superfast Rural Broadband, Community Initiative requires people to sign up now !!

Polling District and Polling Places review - underway

11/219 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th October 2011. Agenda closes 6th October 2011
Moor Platt.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

POOR'S LAND

Further investigation will be made into the letting of Fishing Rights