

Caton with Littledale Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7pm.
Due to the Covid 19 virus and social distancing rules this meeting was
held remotely by video communication.**

Present:

Cllr Elvis, Cllr Heywood, Cllr Kynch, Cllr Paine (chairman), Cllr Powell, Cllr Skeldon, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Walmsley (vice – chairman).

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

Nine members of the public.

20/77 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Huddleston and Cllr Gibbons.

20/78 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2020.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the chairman at the next meeting after the following amendments: Cllr Skeldon declared an interest in the war memorial garden maintenance payment and the double yellow line request was for the Crook O' Lune.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.

20/79 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Powell and Cllr Paine declared an interest in any agenda item referring to the Victoria Institute as trustees.

Cllr Skeldon declared an interest in any agenda item referring to the war memorial garden maintenance.

20/80 Open forum.

The residents from Hornby Rd attended the meeting to discuss the fence that has been erected around the Station Rd playing field. The residents have access rights from their property on to the field. They are not legally obliged to agree to access through the locked gate, which they have been given the combination code for.

The residents find that the reasons that were given for the fence being erected are unsatisfactory.

The community should be able to use the field. There has been no planning permission or notification with any resident regarding the fence.

A resident did want the Hornby Rd residents to work more closely with the Caton Sports Association as they do not have to help with the upkeep of the field etc.

The spokesperson for the Caton Sports Association explained that part of their lease was to fence the field. There are problems with dog walkers and fouling and the potential for travellers to encamp on the field. The gates are 4.2metres wide so it will not restrict any vehicle wanting to go on the field including vehicles for the gala.

Cllr Kynch joined the meeting at 7.12pm.

20/81 Accounts and finance.

Payments

Standing orders

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

Cheques

Gill Mason, clerk's wages and expenses	£632.49
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D Skeldon war memorial garden maintenance	£235.71
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Waterplus – waste water bill	£378.28

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Heywood.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

Receipts

Public right of way grant	£500.00
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20/82 Highways and footpaths.

To consider the cost of maintenance to the tree on Station Road

The clerk has received a quote for £300 to prune the tree and £500 to remove the tree. Councillors were asked to forward their tree surgeon contacts to the clerk to tender for more quotes.

To review the maintenance and repair to the styles on public footpaths.

The clerk has applied and received a £500 public rights of way grant to help maintain stiles and footpaths around the village. This grant can also be used to replace stiles with kissing gates or make the paths stile free. LCC Planning and Countryside will offer advice on how the parish council can use the grant.

20/83 Parish management and maintenance.

The clerk will contact LCC Councillor Susie Charles to ask for support in the request for double yellow lines at the Crook O Lune as Highways are not willing to consider the extension of the lines for safety.

20/84 To consider areas for pollination patches in the village.

It was resolved that a pollinator patch working group be formed to look for potential sites and costs for planting pollinator seeds. The councillors on the group are: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Powell, Cllr Heywood and Cllr Elvis.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Paine.

20/85 To consider and agree to pay £550 to Bay Tech for the work on the website providing the grant is received.

The parish council have received the grant from the Cottam Trust to pay for the upgrade of the website.

It was resolved that the payment of £550 for the website upgrade can be paid over the summer once the invoice has been received.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

20/86 To discuss the fencing that has been erected on the sports field.

The clerk will enquire whether there is a public right of way on Station Rd field and liaise with a resident to look at the information on the deeds of the houses on Hornby Rd which have access rights to the field.

20/87 Reports and correspondence (information only).

No reports.

20/88 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed **Date.....**