Caton with Littledale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7pm.

Due to the Covid 19 virus and social distancing rules this meeting was

held remotely by video communication.

**Present**:

Cllr Boland, Cllr Elvis, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Powell, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Walmsley (vice – chairman).

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

One member of the public.

**Open forum**

The member of the public that attended the meeting enquired whether the parish council had instructed for the birthday banner to be taken off the railings at the war memorial which had caused distress to the family**.**

***Cllr Skeldon chaired the meeting.***

**21/1 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Kynch and Cllr Heywood.

**21/2 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2020.**

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and will be signed by Cllr Skeldon at the next physical meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

**21/3 To consider and resolve to fill the casual vacancy with the applicant Mr M Wright by cooption.**

It was resolved that Mr Michael Wright be coopted onto the parish council.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.

Seconded by Cllr Walmlsey.

**21/4 Declarations of interests and dispensations.**

Cllr Gibbons declared an interest in any item regarding the Victoria Institute as a trustee.

**21/5 Planning matters and applications.**

20/01404/AD Grid Ref: 355320,464010 Proposal : Agricultural determination for erection of a storage building. Lots House Farm, Quarry Road, Brookhouse, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The application has already been approved.

**21/6 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 £632.01

St Paul’s Chuchyard maintenance grant £600.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

**21/7 Highways and footpaths.**

***To receive an update on the SpID battery replacement.***

Cllr Gibbons reported that the new batteries lasted two days in the SpId before they need recharging. They are easy to remove and recharge. It was resolved that two more batteries be bought up to a cost of £100.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Thompson

***To consider action to progress the reinstatement of the footpath along Artlebeck between Brookhouse Road and the A683.***

Cllr Walmsley had received advice that it would not be in the parish council’s interest to purchase the land near the river due to the legal responsibility that would come with the purchase and reinstatement of the footpath.

***To consider enquiring with LCC Highways about the progress on the planned 50mph limit on the A683 from J34 to Kirby Lonsdale.***

The clerk was asked to contact LCC.

***To consider enquiring with LCC Highways if there is a permanent solution to the accident black spot at the bridge near the Bull Beck Car park.***

The clerk was asked to contact LCC.

**21/8 Parish management and maintenance.**

***Hornby Rd car park – to consider the tenders for improving the gravel verge between the car park and Boots wall and the update on the tree roots that are lifting up the tarmac.***

Lancashire County Council have asked their building surveyor to look at the damage and will report back.

***To consider what action is required for the Beckside ash die back.***

A quote has been received and the clerk has contacted two more contractors to give advice on the ash die back and quote on the works that would be needed.

***To consider the complaints of council bins not being emptied.***

The clerk was asked to contact Lancaster City Council Public Realm to ask for the bins to be emptied.

***To consider the issue of banners and notices on the war memorial railings.***

Cllr Walmsley will write an article for the Link to explain that it wasn’t the parish council that took down the birthday banner. It was resolved that residents should not hang any banners or adverts on the railings. The residents will be asked where in the village could banners and adverts be displayed.

**21/9 To consider the request for a skate / scooter track at Fell View.**

The Fell View residents will have to be consulted on the track and measurements and costs need to be sought.

**21/10 Training – To consider online training and induction for new councillors.**

Cllr Walmsley had contacted LALC regarding training but has not received a reply.

**21/11 Lengthsman’s update.**

The lengthsman will complete the works list when the weather improves.

**21/12 Emergency preparedness: To consider the request for a contribution towards the cost of new radio mast for Caton Depot.**

Cllr Walmsley will find out what benefit the new mast will bring to Caton parish before the parish council decide to consider the request.

**21/13 To receive the update of the donations for local workers.**

Cllr Walmsley reported that £960 had been raised in total and each worker had received £40 each.

**21/14 Reports and correspondence (information only).**

Victoria Institute grant information and accounts.

**21/15 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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