

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th April 2013.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, J Walmsley, V Richards, CEC Kynch, J Jackson, J Parkinson, D Nesbitt, V Williams, P Woolgar and R Elvis.

13/148 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors R Gibbons, R Paine and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies

13/149 OPEN SESSION

Several members of the public were present and expressed concerns about the Planning Application for ten wind turbines on Claughton Fell. A letter from Mr JD Foster was read to the meeting. They urged the Parish Council to restate their previous objection to the Wind Farm as nothing significant had changed with this current proposal.

Mr Dowsell attended to hear about the proposals for Allotments behind the houses on Artlebeck Close.

13/150 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th March 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th March 2013 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13/151 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

A written report detailing crimes in the area was read out. Several burglaries had taken place in Brookhouse and criminal damage had occurred in Caton along with incidences of anti-social behaviour. Councillors were of the view that there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour since the reduction in Police presence in the villages.

13/152 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

13/00128/FUL Erection of 10 Wind Turbines
Land at Claughton Quarry, Farleton

A strong letter of objection will be sent. The Clerk will draft one for Councillors comments before being sent

13/00119/FUL Installation of doors to porch
St Paul's Church, Brookhouse

No objections and will increase security

13/00261/FUL Demolition of sheds and erection of side extension
49 Low Mill, Caton

No objections

Applications **Permitted** :-

13/00033/FUL	Erection of dormer to rear 16 Hawthorn Close, Brookhouse
12/01124/FUL	Replacement field shelter Bell Hill Barn, Littledale

13/153 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Lancashire County Council elections are to be held 6th May.

Contamination of Bull Beck was reported and may be due to the landslip at the rear of properties on Moorside Road. Contractors are underpinning the banking to the beck.

13/154 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed to the continuation of Lengthsman Scheme for current year including opting into the County Council scheme. There have been some hours not used last year and a refund will be made.

13/155 TWINNING GRANT

A Grant Application from the Twinning Group for funding towards the visit of the French was discussed. There had been a shortfall in the groups fund raising activities and the French were sending a large party of 49. It was agreed to the request for £500 however the Parish Council wished to discuss future arrangements at another meeting.

13/156 FINANCE

This year's Precept from the City Council had been received as had the grant towards the opening of the Village Toilet for public use.

Proposed Cllr C Kynch seconded Cllr V Williams and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary March & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	465.10
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, April	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, April	£	40.00
Victoria Institute, Meetings March	£	23.38
Balassa Electrics, Toilet light	£	33.00
LALC, Subscriptions	£	519.67
Chairman's Allowance	£	100.00
Eon, Car park electricity	£	8.90
Caton & Brookhouse Twinning Group, Grant	£	500.00
Parish Projects Account		
Bus Shelter	£	4,183.80
MA Howarth, Mosaic Fell View Play Area	£	1,582.00

13/157 ALLOTMENTS

Draft details of Lease are to be drawn up. It is proposed that there will be five half size allotments run by an Allotment Association. The Parish Council will sub let the land to them.
An information letter will be sent to residents to let them know the situation.

13/158 CO-OP DELIVERIES

The Co-op have requested we consider allowing them to use Hornby Road Car park in early hours for deliveries to the rear of their store to alleviate problems with the Station Road entrance. The Parish Council decided that they would not allow this for a number of reasons due to safety, blocking access and possible damage to the surface.

13/159 MOOR PLATT

It was agreed to invite the Developers of the Moor Platt site to put forward their plans and enter a discussion at a future Parish Council meeting.

13/160 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Twinning – Finding accommodation for the large number of visitors was proving a challenge. They arrive on Thursday 25th April.
Victoria Institute – The Fundraising Wine Tasting and Auction is being organised for 12th October.

13/161 CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested #####
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13/162 PARISH ASSEMBLY

To be held Thursday 16th May at 7.30 pm in the Victoria Institute, Caton. Chief Superintendent R Bayly will attend. It was proposed there should be a short presentation followed by questions.

13/163 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th May 2013. Agenda closes 9th May 2013

Appointment of Chair and members of Committees

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.