

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9th December 2008**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Jackson, J Parkinson, R Gibbons, CEC Kynch, V Williams, S Langhorn, P Marshall and Dr DB Coltman.

08/253 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors PM Quinton and M Williams and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

08/254 OPEN SESSION

The matter of Allotments in Caton was raised again. Mr Dowswell reported that there was general enthusiasm and a letter requesting the provision of Allotments was being sent to Lancaster City Council. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Lancashire County Council requesting that land in their ownership in the vicinity of the local Primary Schools be considered for use as Allotments. It may be that some form of joint use could be arranged.

08/255 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11th November 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th November were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

08/256 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There was no report.

08/257 PLANNING

Applications **received** :-

08/00915/FUL Single storey garage
M Brown, 4 Langdale, Caton

Drawings were not available

08/01277/CU Conversion of storage building to two storey dwelling
Mr & Mrs Timbrell, Old Laundry, Copy lane, Caton

Problems with size, access and remaining in keeping with the historic appearance of adjacent cottages

08/01293/FUL Erection of lean-to extension to form living space
08/01294/LB Mr K Murphy, 5 Manor Court, Caton Green

No objections

08/0096/TCA Felling of Birch Tree
Mr Tredgood, 18 Moorside Road, Brookhouse

No objections

08/0117/TCA Trimming to eleven various shrubs
Mrs D Nesbitt, 4 New Street, Brookhouse

No objections

Applications **Permitted** :-

08/01283/CU Selling of Christmas Trees
Mrs J Jones, Bull Beck Picnic Site, Caton

08/01190/FUL Extension to porch and replacement garage
Mr & Mrs Stewart, Four Winds, 151 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse

08/01224/FUL Rear Extension and solar panels
Victoria Institute, Brookhouse Road, Caton

The Clerk was asked to question the size, usage and access to the recently constructed agricultural building on Caton Green Road.

08/258 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Highway Issues were being raised at Overview & Scrutiny – will include flooding and gritting problems.

Special Expenses. These were being discussed and it was confirmed that concerns from Parish Councils regarding increases and ‘paying twice’ would be raised. A third option should be included in the report.

The City Council Budget was under discussion.

08/259 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Problems with gritting and ice on Littledale Road, including the replacement of salt bins would be reported.

There was a problem with flooding (water runoff from field ?) by Quernmore Road / Copy Lane junction.

Station Road – pot holes and white lining would be chased.

The light to the Village Toilet has been repaired by Inman’s.

08/260 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr V Williams, seconded Cllr S Langhorn and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk’s Salary Nov (incl. back pay) & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	520.29
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(Note: Salary paid gross, Tax will become Clerk’s responsibility at year end)

Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Dec	£	40.00
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Viking Direct, Stationery	£	18.79
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Victoria Institute, Framing	£	65.00
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08/261 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

It was **resolved** to Adopt the Model Scheme and operate it after 1st January 2009. The template will be completed and notices will be issued in the Link, notice boards and on the website.

08/262 NEW WIND FARM

The proposal for a new Wind Farm, adjacent to Caton Moor was raised for information. Details are sketchy and there is no Planning Application at the moment. The situation will be monitored and representation made at the appropriate time.

08/263 BENCH

It was reported that residents on Quernmore Road are adamant that they do not want the bench on their private land.

It was noted that the Bench was very 'posh' and needed to be somewhere 'safe'. It was suggested that it could be sited outside the Victoria Institute or by the new houses on Brookhouse Road. The donors would be consulted.

08/264 PARISH TRANSPORT PROJECT

There have been discussions with Lancashire County Council who say that an electronic timetable is not really suitable as it could never economically be made real time. They have suggested that the funds be used to improve transport infrastructure in the Village. It was agreed that we request them to investigate the provision of improved timetables/display (paper). The future of the Kid's Club mini-bus would also be considered.

08/265 MOOR PLATT

A brief report on the outcome of the recent Meeting was given. Progress Housing are continuing with a Planning Application and have agreed to pay for site security etc. for a year. Fencing and signs will be installed to deter trespassers. Due to the current economic climate it is unlikely that building work will start soon although everybody agreed that the proposed scheme met local needs. Progress and LCC agreed to investigate additional funding sources (Housing Corporation etc.) and defer any decisions on the site for a year. The Parish Council would keep the access agreement in abeyance until we know what is happening.

08/266 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Youth Club – A offer for the Youth Club building has been received. The Trustees have to finally decide on the terms for distributing the funds.

Twining – The Wine Tasting had been a success and the next event would be a Textile Collection on 10th January. Planning is underway for a return visit from Socx in June/July next year.

08/267 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

LALC meeting discussed the issue of Special Expenses and the LSP discussed plans for Village Halls to become local Resource Centres.

Please request from Clerk if interested

Register of Electors would be published on 1st December
Lancashire Civic Epiphany Service, Blackburn Cathedral 11th January 2009
Mayor's Reception Thursday 19th March 2009

08/268 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13th January 2009. Agenda closes 8th January 2009
Budget and Precept

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

POOR's Land Charity.

This year's distribution had been made to thirty-one applicants.

A further response will be sent to the Angling Association regarding this years Fishing Rights.

The Parish Council dinner would be arranged for 24th January at the Ship.