

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th February 2008**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, PM Quinton, J Jackson,
J Parkinson, R Gibbons, CEC Kynch, and S Langhorn.
County Councillor Mrs S Charles and PC K Collins attended by invitation.

08/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Williams, M Williams, P Marshall and Dr DB Coltman sent their apologies.

08/115 OPEN SESSION

No members of the Public attended

08/116 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2007

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th January were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

08/117 MATTERS ARISING

07/159 County Cllr Atkinson has put forward a request for £ 750 funding for the Victoria Institute CCTV system. Final confirmation is expected.

07/159 Brookhouse Road. County are still insisting they can do nothing. However they will monitor the situation. A report is available. It was agreed to liase with the Police and press for some action. A letter to Mrs Smith would be sent explaining the present position..

07/ County are proposing bollards along the pavement at the side of the Zebra Crossing. It was agreed that we request railings as previously agreed through the Lancashire Locals.

07/165 Highway Matters. Zebra Crossing/Pelican request and corroded light unit have been passed to appropriate sections for action. Brookhouse Road will be properly repaired when the weather improves along with the repainting of the Zebra Crossing markings. Repairs to the Croft will be undertaken and Littledale Road will be completed.

07/167 Youth Club Questionnaire has been sent out.

08/118 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had six instances of criminal damage (4 detected) and one instance of stealing from a vehicle.

There had been four cases of juvenile nuisance reported, two at Broadacre. The CCTV system at school seems to have worked and they are considering purchasing their own. The CCTV will now be tried at the Victoria Institute. Local children are now to be seen in groups of 4/5 rather than the ten/twelve as previously. There have been complaints of youths round then Glen and they have found a way of temporarily switching off street lamps.

08/119 PLANNING

Cllr S Langhorn declared an interest and left the meeting.

The Following Applications had been **Received** :-

07/01420/FUL Retrospective Application for garden excavation
Mr & Mrs Bruce, 3 Hawthorn Close, Brookhouse
Concerns regarding structural implications, drainage, flooding and landslip.
Clarification will be sought regarding Planning Applications for garden excavations

08/00091/PAM Erection of replacement telegraph pole
BT - 5 Langdale, Caton

No objections

08/00092/PAM Erection of replacement telegraph pole
BT - 9 Broadacre, Caton

No objections

08/00093/PAM Erection of replacement telegraph pole
BT - 13 Vicarage Avenue, Brookhouse

No objections

The Following Applications had been **Granted** :-

07/01075/FUL Erection of single storey front extension
Mr N Hewitt, 49 Low Mill, Lancaster Road, Caton

07/01094/ADV Road Safety Display Board
Lancs Constab. Bull Beck Car Park

07/01136/FUL Installation of two roof lights
Mr & Mrs Brown, Deep Clough, Roeburndale Road, Brookhouse

07/01211/LB Erection of a single storey rear extension
Dr S Wetherell, Moorgate Barn, Brookhouse

07/01200/FUL Erection of conservatory, dormer and garage
Mr P Gardner, 18 Hall Drive, Caton

07/01250/FUL Replacement of conservatory and new rear extension
Mr & Mrs A Woodcock, 53 Moorside Road, Brookhouse

07/01538/FUL Erection of side extension and porch
Mrs J Woods, 3 Roman Crescent, Caton

07/01592/FUL Replacement of conservatory and garage
Mr R Woodruff, 41 Hornby Road, Caton

08/120 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Cllr S Charles agreed to chase the railings for the Zebra Crossing and reported on the Approval of the Northern By pass by the Secretary of State. Assuming final detail Approvals work should commence in 2010 with completion in 2012.

District :- Budget increase provisionally 4.5%.

The Working Party would present evidence regarding the proposed closures of a number of Post Offices.

A final decision on Skerton and Hornby High Schools would be made shortly – likely to be a combined Governing Body and Head working between the two sites. A report was being compiled regarding the Community Swimming Pool at Hornby.

The City Council had received a ‘Good Council’ verdict after a recent Audit Report - an improvement on last time.

For any Areas requiring a Deep Clean the City Council can be called upon.

Volunteering Opportunities – Meeting Town Hall Tuesday Feb 26th 1.00-3.00 pm.

Ideas for combating litter – Primary Schools can enter for a £1,000 prize. Contact Michael Hill 582041.

08/121 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with City Contract Services for the Grass Cutting contract for 2008. City Council quotation £ 1,518 (4 % increase) Inspection of Fell View Play equipment £ 183 (reduction !).

The Clerk was asked to chase the Bollard at the Fish Stones and Planters outside the Co-op Shop. Street signs for Sycamore Crescent and elsewhere were on order.

The Lengthsman would be away for a month at Easter.

The Council would again organise Hanging Baskets from the City Contract Services.

08/122 FINANCE

Inland Revenue Tax refund of £ 150 for on-line filing and the Insurance payment (bench) has been received and Banked

Proposed Cllr J Jackson, seconded Cllr J Parkinson and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk’s Salary Jan, back pay & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander (Note £ 43.13 Tax has been deducted, adjusted for over deductions and payable annually to the Inland Revenue)	£ 548.75
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, February	£ 40.00
LAPTC Courses (refund to RB Alexander)	£ 40.00
Lancaster City Council, Cleaning Bus Shelters	£ 60.35
Lancashire County Council, Rent for Car park	£ 117.50
BT, Clerk’s Telephone	£ 47.92
PWLB, Loan repayment	£ 637.70
Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc. Subscription	£ 15.00

08/123 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute were proceeding with quotes for CCTV provision.

Twinning – Thirty five attended the event. The visit is going ahead on the weekend 11/12th April and there would be a signing ceremony.

Boxing Club – The old Scout Hut has been brought back into good condition. The Building still belongs to the Church. Ian Johnston would be asked to update the Parish Council on the plans.

Meeting regarding the future of the Youth Centre would be held on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30 pm.

08/124 LAPTC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

Parish and Rural input is required for the Local Strategic Partnership
 Forest of Bowland AONB Management Plan
 Lancs Fire and Rescue Service Risk Management Plan
 Mayor's Reception Monday 25th February 7.00 Town Hall, Lancaster
 Climate Change Event – Thursday 6th March VI 7.30 pm.
 Name of Volunteers for the Standards Board to LAPTC Please.

08/125 PARISH METING

Date Thursday 1st May - Venue this year Victoria Institute.
 Community Awards and 'Land of the Lune' presentation ?

08/126 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th March 2008. Agenda closes 6th March 2008

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm.