

# Caton with Littledale Parish Council

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## Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 7pm at Victoria Institute, Caton

**Present** Cllr Boland, Cllr Carter, Cllr Heywood (Chair), Cllr Powell, Cllr Rei (Part), Cllr Walmsley, Cllr Wright  
County Councillor Crimmins, Lancaster City Cllr Pritchard, Cllr Peter Jones

### 92/25 Open Forum

An open discussion around road safety measures and the report recently published. Clerk to share report and responses with County Councillor Crimmins.

### 93/25 To receive apologies for absence

None

### 94/25 To consider and approve the minutes of the meetings held Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

It was resolved that minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley

Seconded by Cllr Powell

### 95/25 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllr Carter declared an interest in any item regarding Lune Valley Community Land Trust as a member of the steering group.

Cllr Powell declared an interest in any item regarding Caton Primary School as a volunteer.

Cllr Rei declared an interest in any item regarding Lune Valley Community Land Trust as a director.

Cllr Walmsley declared an interest in any item regarding the Victoria Institute as a trustee and any item regarding Caton Primary School as Governor.

Cllr Wright declared an interest in any item regarding Caton Primary School as Governor

### 96/25 To consider planning applications and matters

#### 25/00599/FUL - Erection of a single storey side extension

Property address - Caton Baptist Church Artlebeck Road Caton Lancaster LA2 9RQ

The Parish Council has no observations

#### 25/0100/TPO – Fell 2 x Ash Trees suffering from ash die-back

Property address - Woodland Adjacent 17 Broadacre View Caton/The Glen

The Parish Council has no observations

Status of Over Lune Barn demolition/damage

The Parish Council has no observations

### 97/25 Accounts and finance

#### Payments

Chris Lennon (Rebuild stile)	£90.00
Chris Lennon (Rebuild wall on Greenway)	£150.00
Chris Lennon (Playpark sleeper removal & groundworks)	£2,500.00

#### Regular Payments

Easyweb website hosting (S/O) (June)	£43.56
Victoria Institute (Contribution June)	£800.00
Victoria Institute (Room Hire Caton Gala prep)	£10.35
Clerks Wages (June)	£683.62
Clerk Expenses (May – inc VI lock & gala exp)	£84.08

**Receipts**

None

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley

Seconded by Cllr Powell

**Balance at end of May 2025**

Co-Op Bank £0

Unity Bank £86,940.97

Total £86,940.97

- To consider any grant applications received

It was agreed in principle that upon receipt of a completed grant application form (already supplied), a contribution of £50 per child who resides in the parish of Caton-with-Littledale would be issued.

Proposed by Cllr Heywood

Seconded by Cllr Walmsley

It was confirmed that the VAT payment of £7,532.05 had not been received but due imminently. The clerk will inform the council once received.

**98/25 To consider the update on the Fell View playpark repair and maintenance.**

- To consider update on the progress of sleeper removal.

It was highlighted that the area was being vandalised and more destruction being caused. Clerk to speak with Chris Lennon to see how repair to banking could be expedited. Incidents to be reported to the police and highlighted on social media.

- To consider repair/replace of roundabout/sandpit walling/containment

Quote received in November 2024 for £2,272.50 plus VAT in for repair and since been quoted £4,500 to repair and approx. £10,000 for new, both from Kompan. Clerk has asked for updated quotes and for the modification of the sandpit to reduce future migration of the sand to break the roundabout.

*The repair of the self-closing gate has been chased up again since reporting in March. Cllr Pritchard and Clerk to chase Public Realm respectively.*

*Rubber flooring around offset roundabout is damaged. Clerk to request Public Realm to repair.*

- To consider next schedule of cushionfall raking.

Littledale Hall Residents will rake the cushionfall before the end of term ready for the summer break.

- To consider LEF funding

£1,550 had been received prior to the meeting. Cllr Walmsley would request funding to support the discussed repairs and replacement of roundabout including deadlines as these do fulfil the requirements of the grant.

- Continue to report anti-social behaviour on playpark to police.

**99/25 To consider any highways and/or footpath matters.**

- To consider footpath review actions

Greenway – Tim Blythe, County Countryside Services Manager, advised that five trees on the Greenway by the Parklands had been assessed as unsafe following unauthorised crown lifting. Tree felling and mitigation planting are to be discussed with the developer.

- Arbor Ace have not trimmed the trees towards the Bullbeck end of the greenway on the side of the A683. Clerk to chase.

- To consider road condition/safety

This was discussed in the Open Forum and the new County Councillor to be updated on report and responses to recommendations.

There had been a report of potential giant hogweed at Caton Green, clerk reported to City Council and now County Council following response.

- Cllr Boland had highlighted poor road markings and pot holes at Quernmore Road at the junction with Lancaster Road and also the junction with Copy Lane. Clerk had reported these on LoveCleanStreets app.

**100/25 To consider any parish management and maintenance matters.**

- To consider update on Oak Tree Copy Lane restoration

Chris Lennon quoted £100 to repoint in November so checking price and with Mr Webster.

- To consider planter refresh at Co-Op

Cllr Walmsley to consult Gardening Club as they plant-up the planters and then contact the Co-op to see if they will repair or replace the wooden surrounds on the five planters, which they own.

**101/25 To consider any parish management relating to Victoria Institute.**

- To consider public convenience extended hours opening

Cllr Walmsley reported that the increased usage has not resulted in any damage or substantial cleaning and the arrangements for cleaning and locking up was working well.

**102/25 To consider the Caton Gala 2025 comments/potential actions**

Several items highlighted including street lighting on the Greenway. Further work required on the responses but a good working document/spreadsheet created with items raised.

**103/25 To consider the North West Stages Rally 2026 proposal**

No objections

**104/25 To consider an update on the passive housing development/Lune Valley Community Land Trust**

Survey is about to be distributed and posters in several shops and in the Link. Distribution points to collect paper versions at several locations including primary schools and Londis – these are due back by 14<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Crimmins to be invited to meeting and details of Lune Walk development shared.

**105/25 To consider update on provision for young people of the parish inc. engagement Activities**

Pastor Wadsworth and New minister at Brookhouse Methodist Church were working on youth engagement opportunities ...more news to follow in due course.

**106/25 To receive items for consideration for a future agenda and Any Other Business**

[54/00423/FUL](#) – Construction of a dormer extension with Juliet balcony to the rear elevation and the installation of two roof lights to the front.

Property address - 54 Sycamore Road, Brookhouse, Lancaster. LA2 9RB

Planning notification received at day of meeting and consultation period expires prior to July meeting.

The Parish Council made no observations.

**107/25 Date and time of the next parish council meetings.**

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 – LVMH

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

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