

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 10th January 2012.**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, J Jackson, D Nesbitt, J Walmsley, V Williams, CEC
Kynch, R Gibbons, R Elvis and J Parkinson
County Councillor Mrs S Charles attended by invitation

12/101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors V Richards, Dr DB Coltman and PC C Irvine and sent their apologies

12/102 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public attended.

12/103 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13th December 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th December 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

12/104 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

A response had been received to our letter regarding the closure of the Caton Police Office. Final details have not been agreed however in the short term PC Irvine has been withdrawn back to Lancaster and PCSO Peter Woods is acting alone, until PC Carl Wood returns from sick leave, with the support of the Neighbourhood Policing team in Lancaster.

A written report was provided by PCSO Woods stating that there had been 4 incidents of criminal damage, 3 thefts and 2 burglaries within the Lune Valley 'beat'. The incidents relate mainly to the theft from sheds and garages as well as scrap metal and livestock. Any suspicious goings on can be reported directly to Lancaster on the new 101 number.

Reports of boy racers and noise on Hall Drive have been passed on to Lancaster for investigation.

12/105 PLANNING

Applications **Received** :-

11/01072/FUL Change of use and rebuilding of barn into dwelling
Mr D Fulford, Bell Hill Farm, Littledale

No objections

11/01156/FUL Replacement Garage
172 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse

No objections

11/01180/FUL Erection of rear extension to porch
Mr Winsby, 20 Greenfields, Caton

No objections

Applications **Approved** :-

111/01085/FUL Installation of solar panels
 14 Moorside Road, Brookhouse

12/106 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor Mrs S Charles reported on progress with the library site – an independent valuation should be available by mid February. The Clerk was asked to write to the County stressing the safety issues and heavy use and to request a site meeting to discuss the issues.

County are considering offers received for the sale of Moor Platt.

It was reported that the County Council had made savings and had put funding into apprenticeships etc for young people. No Library closures had been made since this administration had taken office.

City Cabinet budget meeting was taking place next week.

The potholes on Bull Beck car park have been filled in but Councillors are pressing for a permanent solution.

12/107 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue in the Lengthsman scheme but would be more pro-active in identifying jobs. Timesheets would be made available.

It was agreed to ask the County Council to look into the positioning of the bus shelter and bus stop by the Black Bull in Brookhouse.

It was agreed **not** to request changes in the 20 mph scheme in the villages.

Alternative quotes for the grass cutting on Fell View were to be obtained for consideration. The lengthsman would be asked if he could undertake the strimming in the Play Area.

Dog fouling had become a problem in the Fell View and Glen area – an item in the Link would be submitted.

12/108 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr R Gibbons seconded Cllr D Nesbitt and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary Dec & Travel expenses, RB Alexander	£	472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Jan	£	40.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking, Jan	£	40.00
Simply Clean	£	176.40
Eon, Car Park electricity	£	9.03
WH Inman, Xmas Tree Lamps (Refund R Gibbons)	£	19.06

Parish Projects

Payments

Rob Fox, Gate repair Fell View	£	100.80
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12/109 BUDGET

The draft Budget was discussed and it was agreed to make several amendments but to try to keep to the same Precept as last year. It will be debated again next month when a decision has to be made.

It was agreed that a paper detailing the background and history of the Parish Transport Project be produced.

12/110 MOOR PLATT

The possible sale and future developments were discussed. It was reported that possible planning gain funds may be available and could be spent off site but require identifying. It was agreed that extra open space, car parking, footpath and seating be put forward along with funding for Allotments and continued support of the Victoria Institute. It was stated that there is a desire to bring Moor Platt back into being at the heart of the village.

There is an on-line support group to "Keep Moor Platt for the Village". They are attempting to gather information to inform future decisions regarding the site.

12/111 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Victoria Institute –The Christmas Wine Tasting was a success raising £ 750 and the Christmas Draw raised £450! Funding for the continuation of the Administrator was agreed in principal and will be included in the budget discussions.

Twinning –The Textile Collection raised £100. The Murder Mystery Hot Pot supper is being organised for 14th January. Tickets £12.50 bring your own drinks and glasses.

Fell View Play Park – AGM Monday 20th February. Ice Cream Rounders and Tree Care sessions are being planned.

12/113 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

County letter re dangers of Flying Lanterns

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons.

Lune Valley Rural Housing Association AGM Monday 23rd January.

12/114 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th February 2012. Agenda closes 9th February 2012
Precept and SpID's

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.