

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 12th July 2011.**

PRESENT: Councillors Dr DB Coltman, D Nesbitt, CEC Kynch, R Gibbons, V Williams (arrived late), J Jackson, R Elvis, S Langhorn, J Parkinson and J Walmsley

11/192 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors J Pritchard, V Richards and County Councillor Mrs S Charles and PC Carl Wood sent their apologies

11/193 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present

11/194 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14th June 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th June 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

11/195 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

The Police are consulting on proposal to shut and sell off Caton Police Station. Officers would work out of Lancaster or Carnforth and there would be no 'base' for the Lune Valley. Councillors were concerned that we would lose our local Police Officer, his local knowledge and relations built up with members of the public, especially local youths. Further details were requested for the September meeting.

The Clerk was asked to report to the Police incidents involving youth in gardens at St Anne's Close and Brookhouse Methodist Church in the early hours and on Copy Lane.

11/196 PLANNING

Cllr Mrs J Walmsley declared an interest.

Heysham-M6 Link Road Consultation documents available for inspection at the Victoria Institute

Applications **Received** :-

11/00357/FUL Amendment to 10/00824/FUL to include dormer with veranda
Mr S Brown, New Bungalow, Caton Green

No objections

11/00539/LB Replacement of all windows and photovoltaic array to garage roof
Mr D Walmsley, Moorlands, Moorside Road, Brookhouse

No objections

11/00586/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side
 M Kay, Haws House Barn, Littledale Road, Brookhouse
 No objections; the original conversion had been sensitively handled and this should be in keeping.
 11/00536/LB Temporary elevated walkway
 Crook O'Lune Bridge
 No objections In principle but questioned how temporary.

Applications **Approved** :-

11/00497/FUL Erection of rear dormers
 Mr A Richards, 4 Greenfields, Caton

It was agreed to send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate setting out the Council's agreed comments on the Appeal by Community Windpower against the non-determination of the Application.

11/197 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Review of waste collection depots has recommended that Salt Ayre and Carnforth stay in operation as now.

Plans have been put forward for developments at Williamson's Park.

County are proposing selling off the old Library building and site in Caton. The Parish Council will write and express an interest in retaining the car park (purchase or lease) and will discuss the matter with the Health Centre.

11/198 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Proposals for new 20 mph and 30 mph limits in Caton and Brookhouse have been put forward. Although in general agreement the Clerk was asked to make suggestions for extending the limit up Caton Green Road and along Moorside Road and Littledale Road perhaps to form a 'Green Lane'.

It was agreed to get the carved letters on the gate stoop sign painted in black to highlight them.

The Police would be asked to investigate cars parking on the grass verges on Brookhouse Road.

Residents would be asked to cut back any hedges encroaching over the pavements.

A-board signs outside the Black Bull Pub were a problem – a letter would be sent requesting that they be kept nearer the building walls.

11/199 St PAUL'S CHURCH

A request for funding towards the upkeep of the Parish Burial Ground had been received however the Parish Council required more information before deciding.

Responsibility for repairing the pot holes on the lane up to the Church Hall was not the Parish Council's. If the road is adopted then it is the responsibility of the Highways Authority.

11/200 FINANCE

Additional refund from unused Lengthsmans hours last year £ 113.80 bringing the total to £426.75.

The Fee for maintaining the Village Toilet of £ 2,048 has been received from Lancaster City Council and banked

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

Clerk's Salary June & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander	£	472.31
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, July/Aug	£	80.00
S Ireland, Fell View zip wire locking Jul/Aug	£	80.00
Lancaster City Council, Mowing Fell View June	£	95.48
Heather Neesham, War Mem Gardens first instalment	£	475.00
Lancaster City Council, Cleaning bus shelters	£	66.60
Simply Clean, toilets 04.07-31.07	£	176.40
Eon, car park electricity	£	9.03
PWLB, loan repayment	£	637.68

Parish Projects

Payments

G Peacock, Design fee	£	1875.00
-----------------------	---	---------

11/201 MOOR PLATT

The County Council's response to our comments with regard to their plans to sell off the site were presented. The site will go to Auction Sept/October

11/202 ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that there will be major restrictions to the area which can be used for allotments- probably only 50% because of the root protection zone for the trees which are subject to Tree Protection Orders. Formation of paths etc. will also be a problem. It was agreed to go back to the City Council and to get the feelings of the Allotment group.

The costs associated with this piece of land were escalating and the PC was not prepared to incur further expense.

The City Council is to be asked to sort out the tree problem and find an alternative site.

11/203 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Play Park Action Group – They will seek advice on possibilities of a By Law.

Victoria Institute – The VI are considering their existing Cleaning contract and the possibility of employing their own cleaner. The cleaning of the Public Toilet could be incorporated into the new contract. The Parish Council agreed to consider alternative proposals.

11/204 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested ####
Heysham M6 Link Consultation
LALC Newsletter
Consultation on Waste Recycling Centres

11/205 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13th September 2011. Agenda
closes 9th September 2011

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.