

Caton with Littledale Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Victoria Institute on
Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr Elvis, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Huddleston, Cllr Kynch, Cllr Paine (chairman) Cllr Skeldon, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Walmsley (vice – chairman).

G Mason - clerk to the parish council.

One member of the parish.

19/99 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Powell.

19/100 To consider and approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019.

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

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

19/101 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

Cllr Skeldon declared an interest in the payment to D Skeldon -war memorial maintenance contract.

19/102 Open forum.

No issues or observations were raised.

19/103 Planning applications.

19/00574/FUL 59 Broadacre Caton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 9NH.

Construction of a dormer extension to the front elevation and alteration to existing access.

The parish council has no observations.

19/00566/FUL Ball Lane Caton Lancashire.

Erection of a 2 storey dwelling with attached garage and associated access.

The parish council would like to object to this planning application:

The potential development would be outside of the village boundary, be sited on agricultural land and a flood plain. The build would be intrusive from various key view-points and will not contribute to the housing needs in the village. The access lane is very narrow and very difficult for vehicular use. Any development in the AONB has to enhance the landscape, the parish council does not think this dwelling would do so.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Thompson.

19/104 Accounts and finance.

6.1 Payments

Standing orders

Victoria Institute, administration grant (S/O) £1000.00

Bridgitte Theunissen-Hughes zipwire lockup (S/O) £50.00

Cheques

Gill Mason, clerk's wages £588.46 and expenses £61.41 £649.87

(HMRC PAYE £75.60)

D Skeldon – war memorial maintenance contract	£262.50
C Lennon- Village contractor	£332.00
LASAR water training course	£240.00
Came and Co insurance	£1246.24
Twinning Group donation	£500.00
It was resolved that the above payments be made.	
Proposed by Cllr Huddleston.	
Seconded by Cllr Walmsley.	

19/105 Public toilet locking update.

The contractor has been testing the electric / timer lock and so far, there has been no problems. Cllr Paine will ask how much the lock and labour costs will be.

19/106 Request for seating in bus shelters update.

The clerk has looked at various seating options and they range from £300-£600.

It was resolved that Cllr Walmsley will write an article in The Link asking parishioners to submit their ideas and views on bus shelter seating to the administrator at the VI or to the clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

19/107 Parish management and maintenance.

Play park inspections, repairs and maintenance and the request for the playpark grant application archive

It was resolved that Georgina Peacock Design will provide the parish council with a refurbishment design at a cost of £595.00

Proposed by Cllr Walmsley.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

It was resolve that the clerk formally write to the Fell View Playpark Action Group to request a copy of the original grant applications and the funders terms and conditions.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

Village contractor update

The contractor is currently maintaining three village benches, he has advised the clerk that there are seven benches needing maintenance.

The cost of maintaining the bus shelters will be £510.00 per bus shelter including materials.

It was resolved that the Copy Lane bus shelter be refurbished first.

Proposed by Cllr Huddleston.

Seconded by Cllr Skeldon.

Repair of the fish-stones update

It was resolved that no structural work (drilling or replacement of metal straps) to the stones will be completed. The village contractor will be asked to fill in the gaps with cement.

Proposed by Cllr Skeldon.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

Christmas tree delivery and installation

No update.

Litter bins at the playpark

The bins have not yet been replaced at the playpark or the war memorial garden.

Weeds control around the village and Kingfisher Court grass cutting

The clerk was asked to follow up the request for weed killing and also to find out who should be cutting the small areas of grass around the village.

19/108 Oak tree at The Croft maintenance update.

The clerk has received a quote from the tree surgeon to assess the tree at The Croft.

It was resolved that the tree is surveyed at a cost of £108.00.

Proposed by Cllr Gibbons.

Seconded by Cllr Elvis.

19/109 Road safety in the parish and SpID review.

The SpID will be re-sited to the post opposite Low Road. Cllr Elvis will ask the housing developers to return the SPiD plate attachment, which was removed, when they place the advertisement on the post.

19/110 Twinning group review - to consider the process of the application for grants, insurance cover and management of finances.

The clerk was asked to check the status of the group regarding insurance and grants and how it should be managed.

19/111 Purchase of defibrillator update.

The school are fundraising for a new defibrillator and are happy for it to be sited at the school. Cllr Walmsley will liaise with the headteacher on working with the parish council on fundraising opportunities.

19/112 To consider the internal auditor's payment/gift for completing the audit.

It was resolved that the parish council purchase a gift of up to £20 for the auditor.

Proposed by Cllr Elvis.

Seconded by Cllr Gibbons.

19/113 Reports and correspondence (information only).

LALC meeting - noted.

Churchyard finance information – noted.

19/114 Date and time of the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday 9th July 2018 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed **Date.....**