

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Jackson, J Parkinson, R Gibbons, CEC Kynch, V Williams, PM Quinton, P Marshall, M Williams and Dr DB Coltman.  
PC K Collins attended by invitation.

08/235 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors S Langhorn and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

08/236 OPEN SESSION

Best Kept Village Certificates were presented to the Black Bull Pub and Caton Community Primary School. The Cups will be on display in the Ship Inn and Post Office.

The Matter of Allotments in Caton was raised again. The City Council will look into the matter but need a letter from the Allotment Group with a list of residents who wanted an Allotment. The Clerk would produce a draft and pass it to Mr Dodswell. About twenty residents had expressed an interest.

The proposed siting of the bench on Quernmore Road had prompted objections from the local residents as the land was private. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

08/237 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

08/238 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been a burglary at Bargh's Garage, sat-nav stolen and a length of decorative garden rope stolen from Chestnut Avenue. Saws and Copper had also been taken from the BT sub-station on Quernmore Road.

There had been a serious injury road traffic accident on Quernmore Road – closed for three hours.

There has been concern over door to door collectors, but they seem to be legitimate.

There had been an incidence of Anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and assault on a Police Officer with eleven cars being damaged on Brookhouse Road. There had been a meeting with residents and a note was being inserted in the Link. A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was being considered.

Youths (from Lancaster ?) have been congregating round Moor Platt. There have been problems with getting damage boarded up. This has been reported to Lancashire County Council Property Section.

Only three people attended the recent PACT Meeting.

There had been a lot of mud on the roads recently. Temporary signs had been approved and the Police are attempting to distribute them to the local Farming Community.

The problems with cars mounting the pavement on Brookhouse Road continues. PC Collins agreed to talk to Highways to try and get a solution.

#### 08/239 PLANNING

##### Applications **received** :-

08/01190/FUL Extension to porch and replacement garage  
Mr & Mrs Stewart, Four Winds, 151 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse

No objections

08/01224/FUL Rear Extension and solar panels  
Victoria Institute, Brookhouse Road, Caton

No objections

08/0107/TPO Remove Maple and reduce Ash and Beech trees  
Mr & Mrs Maddock, Tekapo, Lancaster Road, Caton

No objections

##### Applications **Permitted** :-

08/01093/FUL Demolish sun lounge and erect kitchen extension , dormer and garage  
Mr M Birkitt, 18 Quernmore Road, Caton

#### 08/240 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The City Council Budget process is underway and the deadline for the consultation on the future of Special Expenses had been extended. A response from the Parish Council would be sent.

#### 08/241 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Lengthsman budget for 2009 at £12/hr was confirmed. Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council's contribution would rise to £ 2,845.

A breakdown of the jobs the Lengthsman does in the Village would be obtained.

The County have agreed to new signage and markings at Caton Green but are not prepared to introduce a speed restriction.

The quarterly review on Council property highlighted problems with the white lines on Station Road car park; the broken bollard on the Croft; the state of the seats on Brookhouse Road and Quernmore Road and the tree and planter on Sycamore Road.

It was agreed that the report on improvements to the A683 was welcomed.

A 'mile post' opposite Bargh's Garage required painting/preservation.

#### 08/242 FINANCE

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

Clerk's Salary Oct & Travel expenses, RB. Alexander (Note: Salary paid gross, Tax will become Clerk's responsibility at year end )	£	440.21
Mr B Postlethwaite, to open/close public toilets, Nov	£	40.00
LALC Conference fee ( agreed with Chair)	£	36.00
C Kynch, Travel to Conference	£	23.80
R Elvis, Travel to BKV Presentation	£	22.00
Sign of the Times, brass plaque	£	122.67
Heather Neesham, War Memorial	£	420.00
Royal British Legion, Wreath and donation	£	30.00
Lancaster City Council, Cleaning bus shelters	£	63.45
Lancaster City Council, Maintenance Fell View Inspt	£	290.65
Viking Direct, Stationery	£	119.99
BT, Clerks telephone	£	54.02
Petty Cash Transfer	£	40.00
Blackhurst, Swainson, Goodier Solicitors, Poor's Land Title	£	40.00

#### 08/243      LAWN TENNIS CLUB SIGN

A proposed new signs for the Lawn Tennis Club to be sited on the end of Station Road was discussed and it was agreed that we had no problems with this being the subject of a Planning Application by the Tennis Club.

#### 08/244      FELL VIEW

Groundworks have informed us they are withdrawing from the project. There is no cost to the Parish Council. The sub-committee has agreed that we produce a plan based on our ideas with help from Lancashire County Council and make applications to the Aggregates Levy Fund and the Lancashire Environment Fund. There was a possibility that a design could be drawn up by the LCC Community Design Group.

We will need to consult with the Planning Dept although some replacements may be allowed under Permitted Development.

#### 08/245      FRAMING OF CERTIFICATES

It was agreed that ten Certificates would be framed at a total cost of £ 130 split 50/50 with the Victoria Institute and be mounted in the corridor. A place would be found for the Twinning Charter.

#### 08/246      PARISH TRANSPORT

The future of the 'Kid's Club' mini-bus was discussed and it was agreed to write to the Kid's Club and request that every effort should be made to ensure it remained a Village Community Asset, although the Parish Council had no wish to take it over.

## 08/247 CLERK'S SALARY

It was agreed that the Clerk's Salary be increased in line with the NALC's interim recommendations and backdated to April 2008. The Clerk would remain at the same grade.

## 08/248 MOOR PLATT

A meeting has being arranged for the 18<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 am with stake holders to discuss the current position.

Venue – Room 127, Large conference, Education Offices, White Cross, Lancaster.

The Agenda and more details will be available prior to the meeting.

## 08/249 CATON BROOKHOUSE SIGN

A suggestion that the stone sign be altered was discussed and it was agreed that it be left as it was.

## 08/250 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

**LSP Valuing People Thematic Group** – A Rural Voice, linked to the Parish Charter and the use of Village Halls as Resource Centres.

**Twinning** – Twenty-three people went on the trip to Socx. A report and pictures will be put on the web-site. Next events will be the Wine Tasting followed by a Textile Collection on 10<sup>th</sup> January. Planning is underway for a return visit from Socx in June/July next year.

## 08/251 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

#### Please request from Clerk if interested ####

Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members - Consultation  
 Future of Special Expenses and Precept – Consultation  
 LCC Parish and Town Council Conference Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November  
 Lancashire Playing Fields Association Newsletter

08/252 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Agenda closes 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

POOR's Land Charity

Response will be sent to the Angling Association.

Meeting to distribute funds Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 7.00 pm. Maureen's House.