

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14th October 2008**

PRESENT: Councillors J Pritchard, R Elvis, J Jackson, J Parkinson,
R Gibbons, CEC Kynch, V Williams and Dr DB Coltman.
PC I Johnston attended by invitation.

08/218 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors S Langhorn, PM Quinton, P Marshall and M Williams and County Councillor Mrs S Charles sent their apologies.

08/219 OPEN SESSION

Mr Bob Horrocks and Mr Dodswell attended to request information regarding the provision of Allotments in Caton. The history was outlined and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write again to the City Council to see what could be done. Mr Horrocks agreed to provide the Parish Council with a list of residents who wanted an Allotment.

08/220 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th September 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th September were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

08/221 POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT).

There had been ladders stolen from a house on Brookhouse Road and a serious attack on Bank House Fly-fishery which is still being investigated.
Following the Glen Open Meeting the issue of 'youth disturbance' was discussed. PC Johnston stated that there had been four instances reported. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to residents who attended the meeting and invite them to the next Pact Meeting to be held on Monday 10th November 7.00 at the Police House. Again residents are reminded to report all incidents to the Police on Lancaster 63333 where calls will be logged and will provide a better picture of activity in the area. The local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator would be invited to attend the meeting.

08/222 PLANNING

Applications **received** :-

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

No Objections

08/01159/FUL

Erection of lean-to store

Mr C Holl, Lane Foot Cottage, Hornby Road, Claughton

No Objections

Applications **Permitted** :-

08/00771/CU	Extension and Alteration and Change of use of part of paddock Mr & Mrs T Middleton, The Hollies, Ball Lane, Caton
08/00798/FUL	Erection of first floor extension Mr P Gaskell, 70 Artlebeck Road, Caton
08/00819/FUL	Erection of front and rear extensions Mr D Fozzard, Willowcroft, New Street, Brookhouse
08/01071/FUL	Erection of conservatory Mr H Gott, 59 Caton Green Road, Brookhouse

08/223 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was reported that the City Council had £ 6 million deposited in an Icelandic Bank due to mature in 2009. They were investigating the return of this money but it was not envisaged that it would impact on 'Service Provision' in the short term.

Outline Planning Approval was given for the Centros Millar development on the Canal Corridor, Lancaster, which will include affordable rental accommodation.

Local Democracy Week starts 20th October with district wide activities.

08/224 LENGTHSMAN, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

A683 Draft Accident Investigation Study Report was presented. Details of planned improvements will be studied by 'sub-committee' and comments made. At this stage these are proposals and there is no funding to date.

The Clerk was asked to look into the following :- New speed advisory sign at Gresgarth Hall (Change from 30 to 20 mph), Street lights at the Croft and Ball Lane, the number of For Sale signs at the entrance to Low Mill and to obtain a quote for the repainting of the white lines at Station Lane car park

08/225 GRANT APPLICATION

Application withdrawn prior to the meeting

08/226 FINANCE

Proposed Cllr V Williams, seconded Cllr R Gibbons and **resolved** that the following payments be made:-

Clerk's Salary Sept & 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, Oct	£	40.00
Caton Community Library Trust, Grant	£	700.00
Lancaster City Council, Grounds maintenance September	£	254.81

08/227 VILLAGE INFORMATION SIGNS

The proposed new signs were put on display and it was agreed that we go with them subject to some minor amendments.

08/228 FELL VIEW

No contact had been received from Groundworks to date but it was agreed that we make an application to the Aggregates Levy Fund and to the Lancashire Environment Fund. A meeting will be held with the New Projects sub-committee.

08/229 GLEN OPEN SPACE

Following the Public Open Meeting it was agreed that we should not pursue the plans for the Glen Open Space for the time being due to the overwhelming level of objections. The City Council would be asked to maintain the area as present and keep it clear of debris etc.

08/230 COMMEMORATIVE SEAT

Following a request from the donors of the seat it was agreed that we resite it on the 'green' at the crescent on Quernmore Road where Mr & Mrs Wakefield lived. Mr Wakefield planted and mowed this piece of grass for over forty years !

08/231 MOOR PLATT

Latest information is that Progress Housing has withdrawn the Planning Application and are not proceeding with the purchase of the site.

A meeting is being arranged for 10.00 am on 18th November with stake holders to discuss the way forward. Agenda and more details will hopefully be available for the next meeting.

08/232 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Best Kept Village Competition – Certificates would be presented at the start of the November Parish Council Meeting. The question of where the Two Cups should be kept (for the year) was discussed.

Victoria Institute – The framing of photographs and Certificates was discussed and a full cost was to be obtained before final agreement.

Twinning – Twenty-five people have booked for the trip to Socx.

08/233 LALC AND CORRESPONDANCE

Please request from Clerk if interested

LALC Newsletter

Freedom of Information Act

Lancashire County Council – Parish and Town Council Conference Sat 29th November

LCC 'Neighbourhood Engagement Framework & Parish Charter' Mtg. Wed 22nd October
2008 Countryside Alliance Awards
Consultation on Precept/Special Expenses
Making and Enforcement of By-laws – consultation
NW England – Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021

08/234 ITEMS / DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th November 2008. Agenda
closes 6th November 2008

Framing of Certificates; Planning and Conference Reports

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.