



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF CATTERALL

HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL, 2019

AT 7.00PM

**AT CATTERALL VILLAGE HALL, GARSTANG ROAD,
CATTERALL**

Present:

*Councillors; I. Brayshaw, Chairman,
Mrs. S. Bulman
M. Butler,
J. Finch,
R. Hill,
S. Kirkman,
K. O'Hanlon,
D. Sharples,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
County and Wyre Councillor Shaun Turner*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were sent from Cllr. Mrs. P. Bugeja.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved; That the minutes of the last meeting, held on 3rd April, 2018, having been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Parish meeting. Can I personally thank each and every one of you for the hard work and commitment you have given over the past twelve months. I would especially like to thank Gillian for her hard work and continued dedication. It has now been a few weeks since Tim retired; I spoke with him last week and he seems busier now than when he was working. I would like to thank Jonathan for settling in and he is continuing with Tim's good work and aspirations, he seems to have been welcomed by the community.

Thanks also go to Jan for the hard work needed to complete the recent facility improvements on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field; which are now getting more use than ever by our community and further afield and we all look forward to seeing the start of the next phase.

Can I also record my thanks to the Bloomers for getting through to the national awards and I'm sure we all wish them all the best for their entry into Britain in Bloom. I look forward in seeing what Netta and her team has to surprise us with again this year!

The Parish Council precept was agreed and it appears to be accepted in the parish, as always, I'm sure that residents can appreciate where their money in being spent and that

they get value for money from the Parish Council; especially with further work on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.

The recent planning developments granted in Catterall have moved on a pace and we are beginning to see an influx of new residents occupying these properties.

The drug dealing issue which blighted our village for some time seems to have died down a little but I'm confident that PC Banks will monitor any changes.

I would finally like to thank those councillors' that have decided not to stand this year for their hard work and commitment, you will be sadly missed, but please keep in touch with us, and you are always welcome at our meetings.

As the weather gets better we are not many weeks away from the festival season and I look forward to sharing an enjoyable Catterall Gala with my fellow Councillors and the good weather we had last year.

Once again thank you all very much for your support and I look forward to being able to support you and the Parish for the coming year.

Thank you, Ian Brayshaw
The report was accepted by members.

5. REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Catterall Parish Council kicked off this year with £79,184 and paid out over £334,000, Contracts and grants were fought for; netting £328,000 to finish this financial year with a balance of £71,980.45. Please remember that £30,000 was a loan from Wyre Council which hasn't been cashed to date.

The precept was increased in line with the budget recommendations to cover increased costs of the retirement of the Parish Lengthsman and induction of a replacement plus increase in project managing the new play facilities on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.

Income

The grounds maintenance contract with Kirkland Parish Council continues; Kirkland Councillors have appreciated Tim's diligence and knowledge in the workings of the parish and look forward to working with Jonathon.

The overall income has increased significantly mostly due to the successful grants applied for by Cllr. J. Finch and her one woman mission to improve play facilities in the parish, which has amounted to over £200K this year. These improvements also resulted in larger VAT claims through the year ensuring an upkeep of the working capital.

The football pitch has been used by two under 10s teams from Myerscough College who play on Sundays. The circular path is now in free use by our residents and once a month by the charity Shazzann who holds their health mile community event.

Surprise donations arrived for a new commemorative bench and from James Richards Circus who visited Catterall last July and who are pleased to return to Catterall for another visit this year.

Golden thanks are so welcome to our Catterall in Bloom Team and especially to their leading light Netta their dedication and hard work this year resulted in not only a RHS Gold Award, but entry into the prestigious Britain in Bloom large village category; carrying Catterall through to national recognition and promoting this community as somewhere very pleasing to live.

Expenditure

Expenditure is sky high this year, with the amount of work on play facilities on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, with further improvements planned in the coming year. This increased insurance payments during the year and will make an impact on next year's premium. A CCTV pole and two cameras are installed monitoring all three new play areas and a cock robin litter bin.

The costs of employing new staff is lower than initially budgeted for as there was less handover time; which followed two rounds of advertising so Jonathon did not start until January.

Equipment purchased during the year included the two commemorative benches placed on the Memorial Garden and the Peace Garden, our community defibrillator paid mostly by public subscription and a replacement mower. The Parish Council granted a loan to local writer Joe Lane enabling the second print of 'A Walk Around Catterall' introducing the history of the area; the loan has already been partially repaid with the popularity of this local publication.

Next year will see further improvements on the playing field with landscaping, sensory garden, reading corner and a picnic site, with the help of external grants of course, James Richards Circus in August, Catterall in Bloom going all out for recognition and Catterall ala in June. The future of Catterall will include many new residents from local developments who will add to the indigenous population, we hope they will enjoy and respect the area and the many facilities offered in our community.

The report was accepted by members.

6. MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

No matters were raised

7. ANNUAL REPORTS

Lancashire County Councillor Shaun Turner

Lancashire County Council's budget proposals are out for consultation; which ends 15th April. As the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio holder Cllr. Turner sits on the Primary Care Network, which brings together many organisations to produce person centred care and making resilient care for public health.

Wyre Councillor Shaun Turner

Wyre's Local Plan has in the main been accepted by the inspector, with the condition that sites without confirmed S106 agreements need to produce additional information. Phase II of the Daniel Fold development is one such site, a masterplan is necessary to show how this site connects into other developments and homes in the surrounding area. There will be tighter reviews of proposed estates looking at more facilities in the community for health and older residents. But the proposed medical centre is a definite none starter.

Report of Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils Representative

Meetings have continued quarterly and are now held in Garstang, the venue provides additional facilities and seems to have increased attendees. Garry Payne, Wyre Council chief executive attended to talk about the Local Plan and many Councillors looked forward to the outcome, but he had been legally advised not to talk, leaving the crowd disappointed.

Catterall Village Hall

Cllr. R. Hill reported on a more positive attitude by the members.

There were no matters raised by residents.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.10p.m.

Date

Chairman