



CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY

6th DECEMBER, 2016 at 7.00pm

AT CATTERALL VILLAGE HALL,
GARSTANG ROAD, CATTERALL

Present:

Councillors; *I. Brayshaw, Chairman*
J. Finch, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. S. Bulman,
R. Hill,
D. Sharples,
E. Taylor
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
Wyre Councillor Peter Murphy

2697. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. P. Bugeja, Cllr. K. O'Hanlon and Cllr. J. Houghton. County Cllr. Sandra Perkins sent apologies.

2698. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to state any interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting and are reminded that changes to their Register of Interests must be made within 28 days.

2699. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st November, 2016, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2700. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to receive information.

Including Police Report

October Crime –Four fence panels were removed by unknown offenders from the perimeter fence at a property on Toulmin Close and a male was verbally abused then slapped by an unknown offender on Garstang Road, after a road rage incident.

Anti-Social Behaviour –A female out running on Garstang Road reported being intimidated by a group of youths. There were two reports of a group of youths throwing eggs and stones at vehicles from Catterall Village Hall car park. A resident reported that her neighbours were knocking on the door and on the ceiling when her baby was crying. A resident reported a male on social media offering inappropriate sexual contact with children and young adults. A group of youths were reported to be causing nuisance at Catterall village hall.

November Crime – A female was blackmailed via Facebook, offenders stole from vehicles parked on Cock Robin Lane without causing any damage and offenders cut padlocks from storage sheds on Nightingale Way but left without taking anything. An unknown offender approached the rear of a property on Boyes Avenue smashing a glass door panel and offenders stole items from vehicles parked on Garstang Road, the Parklands and Flowerfields.

Anti-Social Behaviour- A neighbour reported an incident of nuisance in Goldfinch Drive, a resident on Baylton Drive reported that a neighbour is allowing her dog to foul the lawn and youths were reported for driving antisocially on Garstang Road.

Councillors were extremely concerned at a visible increase in incidents with open dealing on the streets in Catterall and felt that a meeting with the local Police would be advantageous. Damage on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field was raised and the consideration of CCTV with the instillation of the new play area. Also to look at low level lighting when considering the circular track as the next phase to improve the playing field.

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Perkins was thanked for getting the pavement reinstated outside the shop and will be chasing up the state of the pavement on Baylton Drive. She added that the Garstang Neighbourhood Plan was vital to the area.

Wyre Councillor's Report

Cllr. Murphy reported on progress of the Local Plan as consultations are ongoing with County. Wyre Council has finally received the reports from Lancashire County Council only to return them as they don't meet the Government criteria. Therefore the decision to submit the plan has been delayed.

Accident on Garstang Road

On Monday 14th November, at 7.00am a motorcyclist was knocked off his bike at the junction of Garstang Road and Cock Robin Lane. Tim happened to be arriving to work and stayed with the man until the road was cleared, about three hours. Councillors considered Tim needed some recognition as to his actions that morning.

The meeting was resumed.

2701. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the last meeting Cllr. Mrs. E. Thomas rang to give her resignation of Catterall Parish Council. Wyre has been informed, notices displayed in the village and the time for calling election passed, Councillors were therefore asked to nominate possible members. *No nominations were received at this meeting.*

2702. STOPPING UP OF GOOSE LANE

Following the Parish Council's objection to the stopping up of Goose Lane the Department of Transport has been in touch and the developer. Information to support the action has been provided by the developer and it includes an assumption that heavy goods vehicles using Cock Robin Lane and Joe Lane will decrease significantly.

Cllr. J. Finch, Cllr. Mrs S. Bulman and Cllr. R. Hill declared a non-pecuniary interest as they live on or just off these roads.

Councillors were concerned that the use of Cock Robin Lane especially has become habitual to the drivers and even with a new road they could continue to use the lane, to ensure and support the change, a weight restriction should be introduced.

Resolved: Catterall Parish Council will withdraw their objection when a weight restriction is placed on Cock Robin Lane and Joe Lane.

2703. COMMUNITY CONCERN AREA

Councillors may have noticed signs on Joe Lane indicating 'This is a Community Concern Area' and considered it good idea for Cock Robin Lane.

Resolved: To appeal to the Police to designate Cock Robin Lane as a Community Concern Area.

2704. YOUTH SHELTER

The walls on the Youth Shelter have been removed and this seems to have sparked a spate of damage, four of the shelter's benches have been rived out, breaking the fixing points and damaging the bolts, which have since been removed. The Sluice's information map had been removed and badly damaged after breaking the Perspex protective cover. The Sluice map will be replaced, but Councillors considered the future of the benches. The Council has additional legs so they can be replaced in the shelter or on hard ground somewhere else.

Resolved: To replace two of the benches.

2705. POSSIBLE CAPPING OF PARISH COUNCILS

Councillors discussed contacting Ben Wallace MP to put pressure on the Government NOT to cap Parish Councils. Parish Council are picking up the services in villages and towns that other authorities are unable to undertake and therefore their precepts rise.

Resolved: To ask Ben Wallace MP to lobby Parliament not to cap Parish Councils

2706. MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION

At the last meeting it was agreed to dedicate the Memorial Garden to Cllr. Don Harvey. Taking opinion from a local stone mason it appears the walls are too deeply cut to take inscriptions and being made from Yorkshire stone any inscription would be lost over time. However, an inscribed granite plaque could be bonded to the edge of the coping stones. Councillors were shown a mock of the possibilities and agreed.

Resolved: To order a plaque to place on the edge of a coping stone.

2707. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been granted:

16/00845/FUL

Proposal: Front dormer and roof lights, first floor roof extension, extension to existing rear dormer, creation of rear balcony and alterations to existing openings (amendments to application 15/00504/FUL) (part retrospective)

Location: 16 Old Lancaster Road Catterall

Planning applications

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

16/00955/OULMAJ

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of an industrial building for use within class B2 (general industrial) with associated parking and landscaping and access taken from the existing main access into the existing industrial site (all other matters reserved).

Location: Collinson Plc Tanyard Road Catterall Gates Lane Catterall

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objection in principle to this planning application, but has highway concerns with access and suitability of Tan Yard Road

16/00987/REMAJ

Proposal: Reserved matters application seeking to agree the matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for the erection of up to 117 dwellings houses as approved under application ref; 14/00681/OUTMAJ

Location: Daniel Fold Farm, Daniel Fold Lane, Catterall

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Conditions should include the houses behind the Residential Park are no more than two storeys high to preserve privacy.

2708. FINANCE**Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field Improvements**

Playdale, the selected contractor for the play area requires, a deposit to the work starting in February, 2017. £18,832.85 as 25% of the overall cost is payable with the order, a further 25% once the equipment is on site with the balance, £37,665.67, on completion of the work.

Resolved: To send deposit with order.

Trimming of the trees on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

Mr. Ellison has submitted an invoice which includes a considerable discount as a community donation therefore reducing the costs to the Parish Council.

The following payments have been received;

1. Pilling Parish Council	£ 21.16	Telephone
2. Kirkland Parish Council	£722.00	Grounds Main.
3. Inglewhite Church	£100.00	Defibrillator

Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

1. Parish Clerk – Hire of skip for demolition of Youth Shelter, which needed a credit card payment	£234.00	
2. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£152.66	
3. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£316.54	
4. Garstang Timber	£679.01	Fencing wood
5. C and C Supplies	£ 7.52	
6. Pilling Parish Council – Parish Lengthsman	£480.87	Fence/Shelter
7. R R Kippax	£840.00	Grounds Main.
8. Gary Ellison – Trees on Playing Field	£580.00	
9. Grosvenor Estate	£165.00	17' Christmas Tree
10. Playdale Playgrounds Ltd.	£18,832.85	Deposit for play area
11. B and H Pest Control	£ 30.00	
12. Viking – stationery and inks	£479.16	
13. Mrs. A. Parker	£ 8.00	Catterall in Bloom
14. Forsyth and Steele – sluice map replacement	£ 44.40	

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

1. PlusNet	£ 12.00
2. BT	£ 42.58
3. Staff costs	£1,440.00
4. Pension	£312.03
5. Easy-web-sites	£ 24.00

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliations to 15th November, 2016.

Draft Budget

The budget is used to determine the precept for next year, information presented shows the position of the Parish Council's finances to 15th December, 2016. Councillor's suggestions for works/budget next year included,

1. Circular track on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field,
2. Increase insurance to cover new play area,
3. CCTV on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field overlooking the new play area,
4. Bank on River Calder, to protect against flooding Meadowcroft Ave, etc.
5. Upgrade access to and the canal towpath.

Final budget and therefore precept figure sent to Wyre Council in January.

The Pensions Regulator

Catterall Parish Council has completed a declaration of compliance under the Pensions Act 2008 with the Pensions Regulator.

2709. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Defibrillator

There was concern over the possible removal of the telephone kiosk and locating a defibrillator, as it had been considered to place it on the outside. After two years of appealing the fund stands at £370, a long way from the £1,400 needed and until interest is shown and funds raised the location cannot be fixed.

River Calder Bank

Councillors are very concerned that the Environment Agency has said Parish Council has to stand the full costs of the reinstatement of the river bank and will be appealing to Ben Wallace MP. Collapse of this part of the banking could lead to the flooding of houses on Meadowcroft Avenue, Whitewell Close and Summerdowns estate.

Christmas Tree Switch-on

The Chairman raised the increased turn out each year for the switch-on, but people were spilling into the road and this could be a potential problem should the event attract more. He suggested moving the location of the tree to the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field roadside verge and left Councillors to think it over.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Date

Chairman