

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON TUESDAY
1st DECEMBER, 2015 at 7.00pm**

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



Present: *Councillors;* *I. Brayshaw, Chairman*
S. Blanthorn-Hazell, Chairman
Mrs. P. Bugeja,
J. Finch,
J. Houghton,
D. Sharples,
E. Taylor,
Mrs. E. Thomas
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
County Councillor Sandra Perkins
Wyre Councillor Shaun Turner
One resident
Five members of the public

2563. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received for this meeting.

2564. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

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

2565. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 3rd November, 2015, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2566. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to receive information.

Police Report

Incident and Crime summary October 2014/5 was received, this included reported crimes of an assault whereby a finger was broken on Nightingale Way. Anti-social behaviour reports included a group of 20 youths causing nuisance on Goldfinch Drive, a loud party at Tricklebanks, aggressive behaviour in a dispute over a boundary fence on Garstang Bypass Road and a resident on Meadowcroft reported a number of phone calls from unknown callers which were disturbing.

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner, replied to the Parish Council letter on Government cuts in funding which could potentially leave the Police understaffed.

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Perkins reported on traffic issues raised with the number of major outline planning applications being granted in the area and the serious impact on the A6. Lancashire County Council highways had stated that the A6 will not sustain any further development, but have now changed their mind due to cash incentives offered by the developers.

She announced that both Garstang and Knott End Libraries are to close plus St. Thomas' Children's Centre and requested a letter of support from Parishes as she was to meet with Jenifer Mein at Lancashire County Council. It appears that the rural areas are not getting a fair deal, when the urban libraries are not under threat.

The Chairman raised the Parish based Transport Scheme which Lancashire County Council is consulting on and was sceptical as to how a Parish Council could run minibuses with volunteer drivers and the problems of insurance, public liability, PSV licences, storage of the bus, recruiting volunteers which would probably be older and so they may not be suitable.....

The Councillor was asked about the 2% additional Government funding for social care and would it offset the expected cuts, but this is unknown as yet. Standing water in Cock Robin Lane was raised with many walls and a hedge suffering due to splash and at the junction with the A6 the gully is blocked and flooding is occurring, despite many reports to Lancashire County Council. The recent core samples taken on Garstang Road are to establish and record the construction for the asset management looking to put forward roads for re-surfacing.

Wyre Councillor's Report

Cllr. Shaun Turner reported on the task group appointed to look at how Wyre Councillors consult with Parish Councillors and this is mostly positive, the problems appear to be with certain officer's attitudes towards Parish Councils. He was asked about the proposed £30 a year charge for green bins and why no Parish Councils have been consulted?

Calder House Lane development

Members of the public wished to address the Parish Council concerning the proposed development of a field on Calder House Lane, Bowgreave and the potential impact this could have on Catterall if this development is granted. County Cllr. Perkins is to chase up the mineral element of the site and Wyre Cllr. Turner added that it is not going to planning committee as it is presumed it will be refused on highway grounds. The Councillors, having considered the application, assured the public that they too would be against the development on grounds of highways, village creep, minerals, developing the open countryside and flooding.

Planning department in Wyre Council

The number of planning officers at Wyre Council was questioned as it seems many applications are sent to consultants outside the area. Wyre is stopping calls to planning officers and directing you to the web site.

The meeting was resumed.

2567. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Advertisements have appeared in the Catterall Crier and the Focus, but no one has come forward to date. There is one nomination outstanding and Councillors were asked to nominate for the two positions?

Resolved: To elect Rob Hill and Lawrence Taylor and inform Wyre Council of the appointments.

2568. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Information on new proposals to even up the electoral representation in each division was sent to Councillors who discussed the impact. Catterall is in Wyre Rural Central and this means that the County Cllr will represent 10,044 electors from 9,787 served at the present time. Councillors considered that the status quo was preferable, but the proposals are acceptable. It was pointed out that with so much new development this figure could rise by another 2,000 residents.

Resolved: To accept the new boundary changes pointing out the isolation of Bilsborrow from the A6 corridor parishes.

2569. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Decisions**

The following planning applications have been granted:

15/00332/FUL

Proposal: Redevelopment of existing petrol filling station to include the provision of 10 no. fuel pumps and 3 no. HGV fuelling stations with a mono-pitch canopy over, a vehicle wash area, an associated retail kiosk (372sqm) and associated parking and landscaping
Location: Churchtown Service Station 13 Garstang By Pass Road Churchtown

15/00740/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension
Location: The Gate House, Catterall Lane, Catterall

15/00807/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey side extension
Location: 54 Meadowcroft Avenue, Catterall

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

15/00924/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a detached building for use as ancillary disabled accommodation
Location: 5 Cock Robin Lane Catterall Preston

Resolved: the Parish Council has no objection to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.

Although not in Catterall; Wyre Council has asked Councillors to comment on the following planning application to Catterall?

15/00928/OULMAJ

Proposal: Outline application for residential development for up to 49 dwellings with access applied for off Calder House Lane

Location: Land Off Calder House Lane Barnacre With Bonds

Resolved: The Parish Council strongly objects to this application due to village creep, highways, flooding and potential impact on Catterall.

2570. REPORTS**Report on the public consultations for play facilities on Queen Elizabeth II Field**

The plan was presented to the Gala and Village Hall committees ahead of the two public consultations last week. Ideas were suggested for changes and additions and after meeting with the designer these are to be incorporated in to a new design. As the Parish Council has permitted rights under planning; planning permission will not be required, providing nothing is above 4 metres high.

Report of the representative on Catterall Village Hall

The renovations are taking place with the replacement of the windows, doors and extending the kitchen, but at all meetings the state of the car park is raised. The committee is hoping to start trying to raise funds to re-surface the car park.

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

The new Chairman, elected at the last meeting, is Cllr. Jan Finch. Police Inspector Jonathon Smith addressed the Parishes on funding cuts and how they are to manage. Wyre Council gave a presentation on their 5 year budget plan.

2571. FINANCE

Budget 2016 – 2017

A suggested budget is presented to be filled in by Councillors. Any projects the Parish Council is to take on in the next financial year will need to be costed before Councillors are able to consider the project. The final precept will be resolved at the January meeting.

Budget Proposals:

1. New litter bin at the Memorial Garden, being close to the seat it becomes smelly in Summer now that it is used for dog poo? About £150.
2. Improvements to Keepers Wood Open Space? Grass cutting, benches, trees?
3. Replace some of the old wooden benches with recycled vandal resistant ones and add some extra ones? About £600 each, depending on length.
4. Upgrade a clever SID to record speeds in the village?
5. Sponsor a planter/flowerbed for Bloom in Catterall?
6. Work with the Gala, Village Hall and Bloom by making donations? Cllr. Jan Finch expanded on this by suggesting Catterall is too small for organisations not to be working together and in order to assist she suggested the Parish Council makes a financial offer to the Gala and the Village Hall. She proposed £3,000 donation towards the Village Hall car park fund. All three of the organisations would need to be involved in a fundraising group with a separate bank account to accumulate seed funding. Also to looking into providing a hearing loop for the Village Hall.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to include the above in the budget for 2016 – 2017.

Resolved: To approach Catterall Village Hall and Catterall Gala Committee to consider setting up a car park fund.

Donation

Councillors are asked to consider a donation towards the continuing work of the Royal British Legion.

Resolved: To donate £50.

The following payments have been received;

1. Defibrillator donation	£ 20.00	G. Dagger
2. Pilling Parish Council	£ 16.91	
3. Defibrillator donation	£ 10.00	J. Mackenzie
4. Defibrillator donation	£ 10.00	Cash
5. Garstang Lions – Defibrillator	£100.00	

Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£138.07	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£297.92	
3. Pilling Parish Council – Lengthsman	£159.44	working in Catterall
4. C and C Supplies	£ 3.38	
5. Grosvenor Estate	£166.80	

6. Garstang Timber	£ 11.93	
7. Harrison Drury Solicitors	£180.00	Keepers Wood Way
8. R. R. Kippax	£734.40	
9. G. E. Nickson – Garden Angel	£442.00	
10. Mrs. A. Parker – Bloom in Catterall	£ 96.16	
11. Royal British Legion	£ 50.00	

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

PlusNet	£ 6.00
BT	£ 36.25
Staff costs	£1,400.00
Pension	£297.62
CPRE	£ 3.00
Easy-web-sites	£ 24.00

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 15th November, 2015.

2572. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**Calder Bridge footpath**

Cllr. Houghton raised the width of the footpath on Calder Bridge and County Cllr Perkins is to ask in County.

RHS Neighbourhood Award

Stones Lane neighbours were awarded Level 3 – Developing in the recent Wyre in Bloom for the neatness of the lane and floral displays by residents.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Date

Chairman