

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 7th APRIL, 2015
Following the Annual Parish Meeting



AT CATTERALL VILLAGE HALL,
GARSTANG ROAD, CATTERALL

Present: *Councillors;* *I. Brayshaw, Chairman,*
S. Blanthorn-Hazell, Vice-Chairman,
Mrs. P. Bugeja,
Miss J. Finch,
J. Houghton,
D. Sharples,
E. Taylor,
E. Thomas
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
County Cllr. S. Perkins
Wyre Cllr. D. Swift,

2470. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Harvey and Cllr. Mrs P. Hofstetter.

2471. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to declare any pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

2472. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

2473. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to receive information.

Police Report

The latest Police figures were discussed.

County Councillor Mrs. Sandra Perkins

The Councillor had met with Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, accompanied by Cllr. E. Taylor to ask him about a growing number of concerns for residents. Wyre Council is the only one to have pulled out of support for PCSOs by cutting their grant as a result Wyre area now has only one PCSO. It was also raised that PCSOs were dispatched to code 1 incidents, with no risk assessments and unable to respond as an officer. The commissioner has no experience of Police work or procedure and no influence over the operational staff. He was asked about the loss of officers, support staff and Police stations in Wyre, but had no knowledge of this. The Police precept has been increased, but the nearest cover for Catterall is over 10 or 17 miles away and this would take valuable time to get to an incident.

The Traffic/Motorway Police cover is 160 officers from Cheshire, Lancashire and Cumbria forces to cover 180 miles of motorway, but they each have regular duties as part of their job. The removal of air support was discussed with the commissioner stating that he was fighting this, if introduced areas north of Preston to the Scottish borders will have no usable cover. The Councillor thanked Cllr. Taylor for his assistance and knowledge during the meeting. The question of the Commissioners expenses saga was raised and answered that the matter is finished and he has been cleared by the crime panel. He is willing to attend a Garstang Town Council meeting in order to meet residents in the area.

Wyre Councillor David Swift

The Councillor will be attending the planning committee meeting tomorrow to speak on the Higher Silcock Farm application.

The meeting was resumed.

2474. DATE OF MAY MEETING

The General election will be held on Thursday 7th May; also taking place on this day will be the Wyre Councillors elections and Parish Councillors elections.

Councillors are asked to note that due to these elections the date of the May meeting will need to be after Election Day.

Resolved: The day of the next meeting will be 12th May

Resolved: Future meetings will start at 7.00pm.

2475. ADOPT A KIOSK

The phone box on Cock Robin Lane may be available for the Parish Council to adopt for the cost of £1. BT has sold many rural phone boxes to communities to avoid their removal and these have been adapted, as the phone is removed, and re-used. Councillors discussed as to what use it could be put or that it may become an eyesore.

Resolved: To check the availability for adoption.

2476. HIRE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD

The Brockholes Arms FC is requesting the use of Catterall Playing field for their Summer League matches, starting 27th April, although they wish to play a number of friendlies before that. Councillors considered the request and set the cost per match.

Resolved; To allow Brockholes Arms FC to play on the field at £28 per match, with a proviso that should improvements start before the end of the season the team would be asked to move.

2477. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Decisions

The following planning application has been granted:

14/00896/FUL

Proposal: Extension of existing front dormer

Location: 6 Conway Close, Catterall,

Planning Committee

The Committee meets on 8th April and will consider:

14/00939/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural storage building and the creation of new 6m high earth bund around the building

Location: Higher Silcock Farm, Catterall Lane, Catterall

Councillors considered the following planning applications**15/00070/FUL**

Proposal: *Extension of property to rear at ground and roof level and provision of two dormers in the rear plane of the existing roof and raising of ridge height to create an additional floor of accommodation and front porch*

Location: *The Haven, 35, Cock Robin Lane, Catterall*

Resolved: *The Parish Council has no objections to the amendments to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.*

15/00173/FUL

Proposal: *Single storey side/rear extension and conversion of existing garage to ancillary living accommodation*

Location: *25 Nightingale Way Catterall*

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this application, too intrusive on the street scene, on street parking on an estate road, impact on neighbours.*

15/00193/REMAJ

Proposal: *Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 44 dwellings (outline planning permission 14/00353/OUTMAJ)*

Location: *Land at Stubbins Lane, Claughton-On-Brock*

Resolved: *The Parish Council noted the application, but did not comment, as this is not in Catterall Parish.*

15/00207/HPN

Proposal: *Single Storey rear extension - The enlarged part of the dwelling house (the extension will extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house by 5.5 metres. The maximum height of the enlarged part of the dwelling house will be 2.6 metres. The height of the eaves of the enlarged part of the dwelling house will be 2.1 metres*

Location: *4 Chapelside Close Catterall*

Resolved: *The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.*

15/00248/OULMAJ

Proposal: *Outline application with all matters reserved other than access for mixed-use development comprising of up to 200 dwellings, up to 42 no. 1 bed independent living retirement apartments (Use Class C3), employment development, new village centre and a family pub, incorporating a new roundabout access on Joe Lane and an alternative link road between the A6 and Garstang Road (internal access roads indicative only and for subsequent approval) (resubmission of 14/00561/OULMAJ)*

Location: *Land Bounded By Garstang Road, Preston Lancaster New Road and Joe Lane Catterall*

Resolved: *The Parish Council objects to this application on the same objections as the last application with emphases on traffic grounds, as it does not answer the specification set by Lancashire County Council on the last application.*

15/00259/FUL

Proposal: *Single storey side extension to include two garages*

Location: *Woodside Farm Catterall Lane Catterall*

Resolved: *The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.*

2478. FINANCE

The following payments have been received;

1. Pilling Parish Council	£ 19.94	Telephone/internet costs
2. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 33.34	Christmas Tree
3. Kirkland Parish Council	£671.00	
4. Bank Interest	£ 60.41	
5. Wyre Council – Precept	£54,000.00	

Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£ 89.46	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£274.84	
3. C and C Supplies	£251.92	Stone Cross Garden
4. Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£384.37	Subscriptions
5. Sue White Secretarial Services	£257.13	Catterall Crier
6. E-On – Christmas Tree	£ 2.50	
7. J M Services – Feeder Pillar	£1,002.00	
8. Olive Branch Landscapes	£312.00	

Direct Debits

BT	£ 35.88
PlusNet	£ 18.00
Staff costs	£1,400.00
Pension	£285.75
Siemens – Pavement Sweeper	£210.63

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 15th and 31st March, 2015 and the financial statement for the last quarter

Grounds Maintenance Contract

Kirkland Parish Council has agreed to the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2015 – 2016 as presented.

Bloom in Catterall

It was raised that now that the Parish Council is working in partnership with Bloom in Catterall the account could be incorporated into the Parish Council accounts to assist with VAT refunds and attract funding streams. Councillors agreed to this in the new financial year.

2479. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

The newly formed Catterall Gardening Club held its inaugural meeting in Catterall Village Hall attended by 40 persons and looks set to continue successfully.

Kirkland and Catterall St. Helen's C of E Primary School Bus

A number of residents are experiencing problems with the school bus, when it is parked on Catterall Gates Lane picking up and setting down pupils, with the parent's vehicles which are bringing the traffic to a stand still. It also reverses down Greenway and this may be damaging the kerb. It was suggested to contact the school and ask if the bus could pick up from the bus stop on Garstang Road. For the safety of the children, the Village Hall car park can be used for parking the parents/carers vehicles.

Advertising Banner on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field fence

Stagecoach Theatre Arts is looking to display a banner on the fence outside the Village Hall; however Councillors were most concerned that it would act as a distraction to drivers approaching the hazard of a narrow bridge on a road carrying double white lines.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Date

Chairman