



CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2024 at 7:00pm at Catterall Village Hall

Present: Cllrs I Brayshaw (Chair), J Bostock, S Bulman, J Finch, S Kirkman and J Mackenzie.

In Attendance: E Millington (Clerk and RFO), Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner, Wyre Cllr Daniel Bolton and Wyre Cllr David Swift.

3926 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L Ormerod, P Perks and D Sharples and the reason accepted.

3927 Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.

3928 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

3929 Public Participation

At the request of the Chair, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

Lancashire County Cllr S Turner informed the parish council that Lancashire County Council's Public Health Team could not respond to planning application # 23/01219/FULMAJ (minute 3931 refers). This is because Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031) did not adopt policies which restrict the development of Sui Generis Hot Food Takeaways in defined areas, based on published obesity and deprivation data and proximity to secondary school boundaries.

Wyre Cllr D Bolton notified the parish council that planning application # 23/01219/FULMAJ has been 'called in'. The meeting dates hasn't been set but Wyre Cllr D Bolton will be in attendance along with a representative from Claughton-on-Brock Parish Council. There will be space at the meeting for members of the public to speak.

At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Chair, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

3930 Cock Robin Lane litter bin

There has been ongoing issue of household waste being routinely disposed of in the litter bin by the memorial garden on Cock Robin Lane. Due to this, the Clerk has been notified that Wyre Council will no longer empty this bin. Wyre have installed a new 'larger' litter bin on Garstang Road, by the bus stop, as a replacement. The Lengthsman has removed the Parish Council owned bin from Cock Robin Lane and

put it into temporary storage. Councillors **resolved** to ask Wyre Council if they would empty the bin if it was placed on Joe Lane, by the pedestrian footpath.

3931 Planning

Application # 23/01219/FULMAJ

Proposal: Proposed mixed-use development comprising of 3.no storage and distribution units (Use Class B8), 1.no office Unit (Use Class E(g)(i)) and 2.no cafe/restaurant units with drive-thru (Use Class E(b)/Sui Generis), including creation of new access and associated works

Location: Land Off Garstang Bypass Road Claughton-on-brock PR3 0PU

Councillors **resolved** to offer objections to this application. The grounds for this objection can be found in Appendix 1 (page 5-7).

Application # 23/01189/FUL

Proposal: New access to the highway with dropped kerb, following removal of frontage wall and existing tree and hedge.

Location: 83 Garstang Road Catterall Preston PR3 0HE

Councillors **resolved** to offer no objections to this application.

Application # 24/00059/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of one dwelling and associated works

Location: Land South Of 83 Garstang Road Catterall Lancashire

Councillors **resolved** to offer no objections to this application but requests that any lighting added to the front of the property does not shine towards the road, which could potentially impact drivers turning out of Joe Lane.

3932 Finance

Receipts (for noting)

None.

Payments (for approval)

Payee	Amount	Details
Amazon	£27.99	Safety equipment - earmuffs
Amazon	£38.59	Storage boxes for new Christmas lights
C&C Supplies	£34.01	Builders line and wood screws
Haldane Fisher	£33.64	Timber for fence around jubilee Oak tree
Haldane Fisher	£92.88	Timber for shelving
Haldane Fisher	£16.15	Post mix

Payments by Bank Transfer (for approval) and by Direct Debit and Standing Orders (for noting)

1. Staff Costs for January	£2,663.33
2. LCC Pension	£1,033.13
3. Towers Gornall	£68.40
4. P Hartley (expenses)	£453.74

5. EE phone contract	£22.80
6. Easy websites	£30.36
7. Charge card expenses (27/01/24)	£6.00

Investments

None.

Councillors **resolved** to note the receipts, approve the payments and to note the payments by Standing Order and Direct Debit and the reinvested investment receipt.

Statement of Accounts

Councillors **resolved** to accept the January statement and reconciliations for Unity current and Unity saver.

Transfer of Funds

Councillors **resolved** to approve a transfer of £5,000 from Unity saver to Unity current to cover payments.

Budget Monitoring

None.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**3933 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives****QEII Playing Field**

None.

LALC Wyre Area Committee

Cllr Dave Sharples who has carried out the role of LALC Area Secretary for just over 38 years has resigned owing to ill health. Catterall Parish Council wishes to pass on their thanks for his dedication and commitment to the role.

Emma Millington, Clerk to Catterall Parish Council, will take on the role of Wyre Area Secretary.

Cllr Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change at LCC, gave members an overview of some of the main areas in his portfolio.

Rebecca Huddleston, Wyre Council Chief Executive and the police were also in attendance and gave updates.

Catterall Village Hall

None.

Catterall Gala

The Gala will be held on the 1st June 2024, application to follow.

3934 Clerk's report

Councillors **noted** the information in the Clerk's report.

3935 Action Tracker

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the action tracker.

3936 SPID Report

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the December 2023 SPID report from LC48 Garstang Road (Southbound) and January 2024 SPID report from LC23 Garstang Road (Southbound).

This data has been shared with a Police Traffic Management Officer and Road Safety Analyst and has been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

3937 Questions to councillors

An update was requested about the Miyawaki micro forest project, minute 3880 refers. A funding bid was submitted in December and the parish council are still awaiting a response.

Cllr S Bulman reported that a post had been written on Facebook about the lack of daffodils along the Catterall stretch of the A6 since work commenced on the Anwyl development. Anwyl did supply 3000 bulbs, in late 2022, which were replanted along the A6 by Catterall's Lengthsman. Once the daffodils are in flower, photos will be taken and send to Anwyl with a request for more bulbs.

3938 Exclusion of the press and public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the council **resolved** to exclude the press and public to discuss contractual matters.

3939 Contractual arrangements for grass cutting

Councillors considered quotes for the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field grass cutting contract, minute 3916 refers. Councillors **resolved** to award the contract to S2s Enterprises Ltd.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

Appendix 1 - Planning application response – minute 3931**Application Number:** 23/01219/FULMAJ**Proposal:** Proposed mixed-use development comprising of 3.no storage and distribution units (Use Class B8), 1.no office Unit (Use Class E(g)(i)) and 2.no cafe/restaurant units with drive-thru (Use Class E(b)/Sui Generis), including creation of new access and associated works**Location:** Land Off Garstang Bypass Road Claughton-on-brock Lancashire PR3 0PU**Grid Ref:** SD350189 442102

Catterall Parish Council considered this application at its meeting on 6 February 2024 and agreed to object to the proposals on the following grounds:

The Parish Council accepts that this land is allocated in the Local Plan for employment and has had an expectation that development would take place at some point. The outline planning application for the site (20/00988/OUTMAJ) started the development process. Catterall Parish Council was not consulted on the application as the location falls into the neighbouring parish of Claughton-on-Brock. Neither was the parish council consulted on the subsequent application 22/00366/REMAJ.

Catterall Parish Council became aware of more detailed plans for the site when some residents received a leaflet through the post in the summer of 2023. The leaflet contained the proposals for the site to include a McDonalds, a Starbucks and a Screwfix. A number of parish councillors attended the subsequent public exhibition where they had the opportunity to question the developer's agent on the detail and learned that a full application would be submitted in due course.

The proposals were significantly different in some regards with a smaller number of buildings on the site but the addition of two high volume businesses (McDonalds and Starbucks).

The view of the parish council is that this is simply the wrong site for such businesses, particularly as there are sites along the A6 once used for food businesses which are now closed. Whilst acknowledging that there are many residents who support the proposals, there is significant local concern over adding two businesses which are likely to generate a high traffic count into and out of the site.

The entrance and exit is via a new junction onto the A6 between Westfield Road and the junction with the B6430. With the increase in new housing along the A6 corridor and in the adjacent town and villages the A6 is already a very busy road and it has become increasingly difficult to turn out of Catterall Lane, Cock Robin Lane and Joe Lane. The speed limit on this part of the A6 is 50mph and waiting for a suitable gap in the two way traffic to pull out is leading to some drivers taking risks and there have been a number of near misses, of which the parish council is aware.

When the M6 motorway is shut, which is a regular occurrence, the A6 becomes gridlocked and local people become, in effect, prisoners in their homes. This development will only add to the current problems as these fast food businesses are likely to generate additional journeys simply to visit the site.

This will also have an adverse effect on air pollution and does nothing to lessen carbon emissions.

Further, the parish council is of the view that the two fast food businesses will generate noise both from users arriving in vehicles, from deliveries and from plant and machinery. The noise impact assessment acknowledges these risks but puts forward mitigation measures which they feel will not lead to an unacceptable impact on residential amenity.

It would be fair to say that this will depend, to a large degree on staff, delivery drivers and users being “good neighbours” but we know that this is not always the case. There is some confusion over opening hours for McDonalds in that paragraph 2.8 of the Noise Impact Assessment conducted by Hepworth Acoustics shows the proposed trading hours as 24 hours per day (with Starbucks as 0600 to 2300 and the storage and distribution units as 0600 to 2100. The document also proposes restrictions on delivery hours so that deliveries must take place between 0500 and 2300.

The parish council is of the view that these hours are simply too long for this rural location.

Restricting deliveries is a positive step but the proposed hours only give local residents respite of six hours per day (between 2300 and 0500). There is no 24 hour economy in the local area with other local food outlets closing at a much earlier time.

The odour assessment acknowledges that there is a high potential odour risk but, again, mitigation measures would ensure there is no adverse impact on surrounding properties. The same applies to lighting.

Litter generated by the two fast food businesses is of particular concern. The parish council acknowledges that McDonalds has stated that their staff will conduct a minimum of three litter picks each day which is admirable. However, these are drive through businesses and the parish council is more concerned at those users who drive off the site and simply discard their litter from the moving car when they have finished their meal or drink. Local people already pay for additional street and roadside litter clearance as part of the town and parish council precepts and it would seem unfair that local people are burdened further in this regard. Food abandoned in discarded litter will inevitably attract rodents.

Illuminated signage is not mentioned in the application and the parish council is aware that this would need to be the subject of a further application but, despite the building of a significant number of new homes in the last few years, this remains a rural location and any signage should be suitable to this location.

The parish council has real concerns over contractor parking given that the site is bounded by the already busy A6 and the B6430. Parking on the A6 is not an option as the volume of traffic and the proximity of the site entrance to both Westfield Road and the A6/B6430 would create a significant hazard. The B6430 is quite narrow along the site edge and that road is already used by wagons and other large vehicles accessing the industrial area.

The parish council is concerned that there will not be sufficient parking on the site once it is operational. As mentioned above, there isn't any safe additional on-road parking in the vicinity of the proposed site. The plans states that there will be 120 parking spaces. With employees at six units, a McDonalds with 79 covers and a

Starbucks with an unstated number of covers. At busy times 120 parking spaces doesn't seem insufficient.

If this application is permitted the parish council asks for a number of conditions to be attached to the permission.

An ongoing and index linked contribution to Myerscough and Bilsborrow, Claughton-on-Brock, Catterall and Kirkland Parish Councils to support the additional costs of litter collection.

Restrictions on trading hours as well as delivery hours to lessen the nuisance to neighbours.

The site to be closed by barrier to prevent anti-social behaviour on the site when closed.

Contractor parking to be restricted to on-site to prevent congestion and the creation of traffic hazards.

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