

**CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014, At 7.30pm**

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



**QUALITY  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

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

**2285. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Akin and the reason accepted.

**2286. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were asked to state their pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

**2287. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**2288. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Affordable Housing in Catterall**

A resident asked about the support the affordable housing got from the Parish Council and it was explained that although the land in question was outside the settlement boundary it is deemed an exception site and suitable only for affordable housing. There were no planning reasons to object to the site, which will accommodate the 16 houses. She stated that at the planning committee at Wyre an officer stated that the rest of the land has been released for housing. The Councillors were unaware of this reported statement, but will raise it with the Wyre Councillor when he arrives.

Reply from Wyre Council 'Baylton Drive – this area is not allocated as housing in the adopted Local Plan. If an application was to come in for housing in the future for the land surrounding where the application on last committee was approved it will be considered in light of planning policies that are relevant at the time of the application.'

**Report from County Cllr. S. Perkins**

It has been confirmed that Garstang Household Waste Recycling Centre will re-open later this year or early next year. Councillors were pleased to hear that this valuable facility will again serve the area and thanks should go to the Councillor.

**Reporting vehicles parked on the pavement**

Last month P C Jones told Councillors to ring 101 to report obstructing vehicles, but when this was carried out the Police were not that interested. However, Sgt Freaney supports P C Jones information and if a vehicle is causing an obstruction of the highway/pavement and the person who is obstructed wants to make a complaint, it has to be phoned through to 101 for an on duty traffic officer or any other available officer (including the CBMs) to deal with the offending vehicle.

The meeting was resumed.

**2289. ROADSIDE FENCE TO THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD**

Councillors considered the state of the low fence, put in to mark the extent of the Parish Council's land at the time of Taylor Woodrow's planning application for Nightingale Way, as it is starting to rot. Councillors felt it should be maintained to stop vehicles running onto the grass verge.

*Resolved: To cost the maintenance work needed to retain the roadside fence at the Village Hall.*

**2290. PLAY PROVISION FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD, CATTERALL**

Councillors had met with Mark Billington, Wyre Council, to discuss various play provisions for the playing field and followed this with a visit to Wrea Green to view Street Snooker as an example of what could be used and accepted by Wyre. Wyre Council is to send recognition that the money is available for Catterall Parish Council to use and this will be used to access grant funding to purchase equipment. Councillors considered the Street Snooker as phase one to the play facilities and others can be added later.

*Resolved: That Street Snooker is accepted in principle for phase one of the play facilities and a suitable location will be sought.*

**2291. RWE – CUCKOO WOOD WIND FARM**

RWE invite Catterall Parish Council to meet them to discuss Cuckoo Wood Wind Farm.

*Resolved: Whilst the Councillors were reticent at the meeting they will support Kirkland Parish Council when they attend.*

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Wyre Councillor D. Swift**

Cllr. Swift reported that Wyre Council came fifth in the Loo of the Year and that they have created more jobs than any other council. Wyre Council opposes the proposed Halite development and opposes the Police Commissioner's increase in the council tax as there was over £5million left in their budget for this year.

He was told of the planning officer's statement concerning the affordable housing and asked to make enquiries.

The meeting was resumed.

**2292. RISK ASSESSMENT**

*Resolved: Councillors reviewed and accepted the risk assessment for Catterall Parish Council 2013 – 2014*

**2293. CATTERALL CRIER**

Articles are urgently needed for the next publication of the Catterall Crier. Councillors can e-mail articles to the clerk for inclusion.

**2294. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

The Environment Committee have reviewed the inspection report carried out through Wyre Council and recommended the removal of the quarter pipe, due to age and condition.

*Resolved: That the quarter pipe on the car park will be removed.*

**2295. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was granted:

13/00755/FUL

Proposal: Substitution of house types to plots 16-22 including formerly plots 16-18 and 18-31 inclusive

Location: Land At Nightingale Way, Catterall

**Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to consider, but it was noted that the planning application for land north of Nightingale Way lacks an environmental report from Wyre Council on noise assessment and is there any intention for Wyre to carry this out?

**2296. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2014

Lancashire County Council: The Government has lowered the grant to County by 10% and that the budget is to be lowered and this will result in substantial cuts to services. There is a move to change the highway reporting line to a 0300 number and potholes can be reported on the website.

Wyre Council: Although the Government is sure that district councils will passport on the Localised Council Tax Grant to Parish Councils, Wyre will not be doing this. It is rolled up in so many other cuts that it is impossible to segregate out. The calculations for the tax base were explained to arrive at a Band D property.

Police: Reported that there is to be no change in the number of Police officers in Garstang and Garstang Police Station will remain. The annual crime figures were presented.

**Catterall Gala**

Cllr. Mrs P. Hofstetter volunteered to attend the Gala meetings the first being on Thursday at the Golf Club.

**2297. FINANCE****Finance Committee Report**

The Finance Committee met on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and signed off the third quarter accounts and recommended not changing the Standing Orders, Financial Orders and the Asset Register.

*Resolved: The following are accepted:*

*Standing Orders, without change*

*Financial Orders, without change and*

*Asset Register, updated to 2014.*

**Donation Appeal**

St. Helen's Parochial Church Council is appealing for a donation towards the upkeep of the graveyard. Councillors questioned what the donation would cover?

*Resolved: To ask for a breakdown of what the upkeep of the graveyard entails?*

The following payments have been received;

1. Pilling Parish Council	£ 19.41	Telephone/internet costs
2. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 40.00	Christmas Tree
3. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 42.50	Christmas Tree
4. Kirkland Parish Council	£653.00	
5. Lancashire County Council	£300.00	

(Green Partnership Award towards the rebuilding of the Mill Sluice)

Councillors are asked to consider paying the following invoices received:

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£142.90
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£156.56
3. B and H Pest Control	£ 30.00
4. C and C Supplies, New lock/chain for barrier	£ 27.66
5. Catterall Village Hall, Bin rental	£ 39.00
6. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 76.55

#### **Direct Debits**

BT	£ 34.72
PlusNet	£ 18.00
Staff costs	£1,160.00
Pension	£214.96
ICO Data Protection registration – renewal	£ 35.00

#### **Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement**

*Resolved: The bank reconciliation and the Financial Statement to 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 were accepted by members.*

#### **Summer League**

The Catforth Summer League 2014 is wishing to confirm that Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall will be available for playing games. The Councillors were informed that the team using the field last year still have not paid.

*Resolved: To ask for payment before considering this year's availability.*

#### **2298. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

##### **State of a business on Tan Yard Road**

Councillors raised the state of a business on Tan Yard Road piled high with scrap cars just rusting away it is the cause of an eyesore and is the land dedicated for this use?

##### **Memorial Gate**

Cllr. D. Harvey asked the Councillors to consider a plaque to mark the investiture of the Memorial Gate by Catterall Parish Council and to provide some wording to that effect?

##### **Re-surfacing of Stones Lane**

Councillors discussed the vastly improved state of Stones Lane now that it has been re-laid with stone. The Parish Council staff were greatly assisted by Richard Eccles who provided plant and labour to get the job done swiftly with the minimum inconvenience to those using the public footpath. He is to be thanked.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.*

Date .....

Chairman .....