

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD ON TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER, 2014, At 7.30pm

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



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

2408. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. I. Brayshaw. County Cllr. Sandra Perkins also sent apologies.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman took the chair.

2409. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

2410. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

2411. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

County Councillor's Report

County Cllr. Perkins confirmed that the Claughton Household Tip is on schedule to open in April, 2015. The Memory café will be in the library tomorrow morning for carers of and those with dementia.

Wyre Councillor's Report

Cllr. D. Swift reported on the proposed unitary status of Wyre, seemingly Chorley is pushing for the status and Wyre want too follow as they calculate to be underfunded by £3.6million. He has been contacted by residents of Lodge Park looking to recycle the fallen leaves from Wyre's open space for which they are not provided with green bins.

The meeting was resumed.

2412. PARKING SPACES ON CALDER DRIVE

Following enquiries to Lancashire County Council concerning the possibility of creating parking spaces on Calder Drive, County replied that unfortunately there was no funding for such projects on their budgets.

Resolved: Cllr. J. Houghton will approach the residents to suggest starting a residents association and therefore seek funding.

2413. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS PLANS

County is carrying out a consultation ahead of improvements to the Public Rights of Way. Do councillors wish to make representations to County who are required to assess;

- The extent to which local rights of way meet the present and future needs of the public
- The opportunities presented by local rights of way for exercise and other forms of open air recreation and enjoyment of the authority's area with particular emphasis on footpaths, cycle tracks, bridleways and restricted byways
- The accessibility of the local rights of way network to blind and partially sighted persons and others with mobility problems.

Resolved: The public footpaths through Catterall are well used and an asset to the Parish. They do contribute to the health and well being of residents and the Parish Council supports their continuation and maintenance of signposting and clearing as necessary.

2414. REQUEST FOR A MEMORIAL TREE

Following the recent death of Audrey, who organised many social events in Catterall Village Hall, her friends would like to fund the planting of a tree on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field. Councillors considered this request with the location and tree species to be sorted out in time.

Resolved: To allow the planting of a memorial tree on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.

2415. CCTV

The link to the CCTV on Garstang Road is having difficulties sometimes and can't always connect, therefore losing the picture and so the recording. Nortech, the installers, has suggested linking it to the internet for remote access to reset the system. Councillors considered the upgrade to the system to ensure incidents are not missed.

Resolved: To upgrade the CCTV on Garstang Road to allow for remote access if the connection is lost in the Village Hall.

2416. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been refused:

14/00559/FUL

Proposal: Proposed front and rear porch

Location: 2 Calder Terrace, Bruna Hill, Barnacre

Planning Committee

Wyre's planning committee will meet on 5th November to consider:

14/00575/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for two dwellings

Location: Land Off Old Lancaster Road Old Lancaster Road Catterall

Recommendation: Refuse

No planning applications were received for this meeting.

2417. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Kirkland Memorial Hall**

The Trustees held the AGM recently and the serving officers were re-elected.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Meeting held on Thursday 30th October, 2014. Wyre Council will NOT be commuting the Government payment of the localised council tax to the Parish Councils in Wyre yet again and the Police Chief Constable was informed of the concern over staffing levels in rural Wyre. Cllr. C. Derelli, Lancashire County Council Parish Champion, spoke on her fund, digital inclusion and super fibre in rural areas.

Philippa Davis, Wyre Council, outlined Wyre's medium term financial plan. Karen Cassar, Lancashire County Council, referred to the current gritting routes, which are to remain the same as last year. County has produced a TAMP document based on prevention of highway deterioration rather than repair. All roads in Lancashire will be assessed to compile the worst as opposed to each district working within itself. Windy Harbour is to be improved shortly, will take some time to complete and cause disruption.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils has met with Garry Payne to agree on a workable Parish Charter, his suggestion was to dovetail with Shaping Your Neighbourhood. Mr. Payne is to draw up some criteria to discuss.

Traffic Reports within planning applications

It was noted that the quality of the traffic reports submitted with larger developments are poor to the point of inaccuracy, but do Wyre Council planners read all these? It is understood that reliability is put on County highways to thoroughly examine these reports, but this must put strain on the department with the numbers being submitted at present. Councillors felt that Jo Turton is asked to confirm Lancashire County Council's approach to these reports.

Finance Committee

Resolved: Councillors accepted the minutes of the finance committee meeting held 28th October, which signed off the second quarter's accounts and financial statement against budget.

2418. FINANCE**Donation**

Councillors are asked to consider a donation to the Royal British Legion at this time of the year? The poppy wreaths are reused at both of the ceremonies at St. Helen's Church and the Memorial Garden.

Resolved: To donate £100 being the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

The following payments have been received;

1. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 671.00	Grounds Main.
2. Pilling Parish Council	£ 17.24	Telephone/internet costs
3. Pilling Parish Council	£117.93	
Work by the Parish Lengthsman in Pilling		
4. Green Partnership Award	£400.00	
Daffodils bulbs planted at Stone Cross Garden		
5. Lancashire County Council	£198.36	
Amenity Grass Cutting 2014 in Catterall		

Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£107.56
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£342.26
3. Nortech Security Systems	£ 96.00
4. B and H Pest Control	£ 30.00
5. Olive Branch Landscapes	£312.00
6. Royal British Legion	£100.00
7. Pilling Parish Council	£144.92
Work by Pilling's Parish Lengthsman in Catterall	
8. Houghtons Filling Station	£ 48.00
9. Sue White Secretarial Services	£ 68.40

Direct Debits

BT	£ 31.96
PlusNet	£ 18.00
Staff costs	£1,400.00
Pension	£279.49

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 15th October, and the financial statement to 15th September, 2014.

Budget 2015 – 2016

Councillors were presented with a statement of accounts for the first half of the year, with comparison to the past two year's spending against a possible budget for the next financial year. Councillors considered the budget for the coming year and are to incorporate £5,000 for work on the Stone Cross Garden project.

Memorial Gate

The Parish Council has produced an illustrated information leaflet about the creation of the Memorial Gate from idea to completion including the three men from Catterall who lost their lives in the Great War. Copies were distributed to Councillors and will be available at the Remembrance Service at the Memorial Garden on Sunday.

2419. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**Overhanging Tree**

A tree in a garden on Garstang Road is overhanging the street light and needs cutting back.

Open Space at Summerdowns

This green area is not being maintained and despite approaches to the owners the grass is not cut or maintained.

Play Equipment for Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

The Councillors have not made any decision on the type of play equipment, but it was suggested to visit Kepple Lane play area and discuss their equipment with the committee.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Date

Chairman