



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF CATTERALL

HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd APRIL, 2018

AT 7.00PM

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

Present:

*Councillors; I. Brayshaw, Chairman,
Mrs. P. Bugeja,
M. Butler,
R. Hill,
S. Kirkman,
D. Sharples,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
County Councillor Shaun Turner
Wyre Councillor Shaun Turner
One resident*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were sent from Cllr. Mrs. S. Bulman, Cllr. J. Finch, Cllr. K. O'Hanlon and Cllr. E. Taylor. Wyre Cllr. P. Murphy sent apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved; That the minutes of the last meeting, held on 4th April, 2017, having been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the 2018 Annual Parish meeting and welcome to Mark and I hope you are not regretting your decision to become a councillor? Can I personally thank each and every one of you for the hard work and commitment you have given over the last twelve months. I would especially like to thank Gillian and Tim for their hard work and commitment they continue to do this year and also pass my thanks also to Graham from Pilling in again helping Tim out. Thanks to Jan for the dedicated work she did in securing the funding for the next phase of the Queen Elizabeth II field with additional sports facilities.

We have yet again managed to remain solvent under very severe cuts that are being forced upon us, the precept has been agreed and accepted by everyone and I'm sure that residents will appreciate they are getting value for money when the next phase of improvements to the Queen Elizabeth II playing field begins.

The banking of the River Calder has received remedial work in the past week at the water's edge and trees planted to strengthen the upper bank, it is hoped they flourish and protect houses against possible flooding. I wish to express my thanks to those councillors who gave their time in undertaking this work.

The weather has not been on our side up to now with the continual visit from the Beast of the East, eating away at rivers and roads, but I hope that the much-needed summer is not that far away.

I'm looking forward to Netta and her team of 'In Bloomers' making the village look brighter this year by planting some borders around the area. Hopefully we will be able to show our support to the Catterall bloomers again this year and help them to a gold award!

Planning remains one of our most contentious issues and we are now seeing the start of some major building work in the village, which is already impacting on our daily lives.

The persistent drug dealing issue continues to be a problem even though we are assured that the Police are dealing with the matter, but we seem to be suffering some wilful damage and vandalism which in my personal opinion IS linked. As you are all fully aware I have suffered personally as a result of this ongoing problem.

We are all saddened by the loss of former Councillor John Houghton who had served Catterall for a very long time, not only through the Parish Council but was a leading light in Catterall Gala. We hope to make a lasting memorial in his name in the village.

We look forward to the coming festival season and enjoying Catterall Gala in particular with some good weather.

Once again thank you all very much for your support and I look forward to being able to support you and the Parish for the coming year.

Thank you, Ian Brayshaw
The report was accepted by members.

5. REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Catterall Parish Council began this financial year with £67,353 finishing with a balance of £79,184, an increase on last year to ensure cash flow restrictions will not jeopardise the future improvements to Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, now that the Parish Council has been awarded a substantial grant to provide play equipment on the field.

The Councillors increased the precept by £8,000 against inflation for the jobs undertaken and those which often transpire during the year. When setting the budget the Councillors were concerned that capping Parish Councils continues to roll on and the principal authorities unable to maintain service levels.

Income: Day to day costs of the Parish Council's duties remain static and the Parish Lengthsman contract continues with Kirkland Parish Council who is most appreciative of the diligence shown by Tim in the parish

Although the overall income has reduced there was a significant increase with a Lancashire Environmental Fund and the amount of VAT claimed both due to the instillation of the new Junior and Toddler Play Area.

Thanks must be expressed to the 'Bloomers' and especially to their leading light Netta for their dedication and hard work in continuing to plant up the village and were rewarded last year with a silver gilt by the RHS. The volunteers also planted a coppice on Keepers Wood Way land.

The football pitch has again not been used this year, but Myerscough Juniors are to start this year. A residents' appeal completed recently has provided for Catterall's first public defibrillator to be located at the Memorial Garden.

Expenditure: The expenditure is down on last year, with lower parish and grounds maintenance costs. Again the Parish Lengthsman at Pilling was called upon to assist Tim in the bigger projects and continue his duties during sick leave.

The final payment on the new Toddler and Junior Play Area was made and this has increased the insurance. The costs of the CCTV have increased due to call outs as the system played up. The Parish Council was hoping to assist in the resurfacing of the Village Hall's car park but the committee appear unable to progress.

Looking to the future for the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field; the next phases include a circular track with exercise stations, wheeled play and older children's play area. CCTV is to be installed at the Whitewell Close end of the field to protect the new play areas. A robin litter bin is waiting to be installed on the play area shortly and two commemorative benches to mark the cessation of WWI.

The report was accepted by members.

6. MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

No matters were raised

7. ANNUAL REPORTS

Lancashire County Councillor Shaun Turner

County have contracted 6 wagons and men to repair the potholes and rough roads in the area. The wagons have the ability to blow out holes, dry and apply adhesive and lay new cold tarmac, which is rolled before leaving the site. Lancashire County Council staff will continue to respond to the larger repairs.

Wyre Councillor Shaun Turner

Cllr. Turner reported on the Wyre Local Plan to be put before the inspector at the Examination in Public to hear the representations from residents. A query about the new access road from Joe Lane was raised to be brought to the notice of planning.

Report of Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils Representative

Cllr. D. Sharples reported the adoption of a new strategy for guest speakers to improve attendances. Speakers have included highway officers and doctors. Dr. Naughton chief of the Fylde and Wyre Trust will be attending the next meeting as the Garstang doctors have moved governing bodies.

There were no matters raised by residents.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35p.m.

Date

Chairman