



CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY
5th JANUARY, 2016 at 7.00pm

AT CATTERALL VILLAGE HALL,
GARSTANG ROAD, CATTERALL

Present:

Councillors; I. Brayshaw, Chairman
S. Blanthorn-Hazell, Chairman
J. Finch,
R. Hill,
J. Houghton,
D. Sharples,
E. Taylor,
L. Taylor,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
County Councillor Sandra Perkins
Wyre Councillor Pete Murphy

2573. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. P. Bugeja and Cllr. Mrs. E. Thomas for this meeting.

2574. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to state any interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting and reminded that changes to their Register of Interests must be made within 28 days.

2575. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 1st December, 2015, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2576. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to receive information.

Wyre Councillor's Report

Cllr. Murphy reported on the granted planning applications for the 300+ houses between Catterall and Claughton, although the MP had called the two applications the Secretary of State will not be supporting this. He added that Glenn Robinson, Lancashire County Council highways has stated that no other major applications will be considered following these two and the major application at Nateby.

Cllr. Murphy was asked about Wyre Council's Revenue Support Grant, yes the amount is known, but the ramifications have not been worked out to date. Shaping Your Neighbourhood should be along the same lines as last year.

Cllr. R. Hill was disappointed with the planning committee meeting which made the decision to allow the major housing applications when Lancashire County Council highways go money for road improvements, as NO improvements were explained to the public present.

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Perkins reported on a complaint received concerning LCC highways decisions on the A6 and the officer in charge of those decisions. Lancashire County Council is experiencing numerous flooding problems, it was pointed out that building yet more houses will mean there is less space available for water!! Flooding problems on Cock Robin Lane were raised and, although Lancashire County Council are to get around to investigate, this is what Councillors were told 12 months ago and NO progress or work has been carried out. Cllr. Mrs. Perkins will raise the matter with officers.

An e-petition has been set up concerning Garstang Library on the Lancashire County Council web site and voting to save the library has opened. The Councillor asked the Parish Council to vote and send a letter of support. Jen Mein, Chief Executive, Lancashire County Council has stated there is no decision as to whether Garstang or Knott End Library will close. It was suggested that Garstang Town Council should list the library as a community asset.

There will be elections for the office of Police Commission on this May; Cllr. E. Taylor raised the absence of helicopter cover over Christmas as the machine was in for service and there is no alternative.

The meeting was resumed.

2577. FURTHER DRAINAGE PROBLEMS ON COCK ROBIN LANE

During the recent inclement weather it has been seen that parts of Cock Robin Lane are flooding and this standing water is encroaching into private drives. Some of the gullies are not draining away as quickly as others, the one at the junction with the A6 being highlighted. Cllr. Perkins reported that highways are to carry out gully cleaning, but there are other location priorities.

Resolved; That Cllr. Mrs. S. Perkins will contact the officer in charge to chase up previous complaints not acted upon in the past year.

2578. LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED BUDGET OPTIONS

Lancashire County Council is consulting on the cabinet's proposed budget options. Comments can only be made on-line and Councillors were asked to give their individual reply. This information and the withdrawal of local bus subsidies in April, 2016 were sent by e-mail. Councillors discussed the budget options and how each influences another. The Revenue Support Grant from Government is known, but 70% is already allocated to certain services and the rest is shrinking as the demand increases.

Resolved: The Parish Councillors commented on the withdrawal of bus subsidies leaving rural communities isolated, closure of Garstang library, nearest one Fulwood/Poulton, forcing more traffic onto the road system, more new houses (800+ in Garstang area making for more residents).

2579. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Decisions

The following planning applications have been granted:

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,

To note the following non material application:

15/00504/NONMAT

Proposal: Non material amendment to planning application 15/00504/FUL

Location: 16 Old Lancaster Road Catterall

Planning Enforcement

15/00275/NEW

Alleged breach of planning control: Erection of a new building

Location: Highfield, Stones Lane, Catterall

Councillors made comment on the following planning applications;

15/00971/FUL

Proposal: First floor side extension

Location: 6 Stone Cross Gardens Catterall

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

2580. REPORTS

Report on the public consultations for play facilities on Queen Elizabeth II Field

Cllr. J. Finch reported on the redesign of the play facilities on the field; a number of site visits from play ground companies are arranged. It was decided to start improvements with the play areas. An expression of interested has been submitted to the LEAF fund. A press release will be formulated and information is to be published on the web site.

2581. FINANCE

Budget 2016 – 2017

Budget resolutions from last month have been included in the final draft. The councillors were made aware of the increase in the number of homes paying council tax and this has been taken into consideration in the final figures.

Precept 2016 – 2017

Councillors set the precept figure from the budget above as Wyre Council needs the information before 15th January.

Resolved: Catterall Parish Council precept for 2016 – 2017 is £57,000 and Wyre Council will be informed.

The following payments have been received;

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| 1. Pilling Parish Council | £ 16.91 | |
| 2. Garstang Lions | £100.00 | |
| 3. Regenda – Bloom in Catterall | £100.00 | |
| 4. Lancashire County Council – PRoW | £170.00 | Bridleway no. 14 |

Direct Debit Credit

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| 1. Kirkland Parish Council | £716.00 |
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Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

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| 1. Clerk's Salary and expenses | £111.35 |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses | £ 47.46 |

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| 3. C and C Supplies | £ 24.24 | |
| 4. C and C Supplies | £190.80 | |
| 5. C and C Supplies | £ 38.38 | (£253.42) |
| 6. Amberol – barrels for Bloom in Catterall | £316.92 | |
| 7. Viking – stationery | £323.23 | |
| 8. Catterall Village Hall – energy costs | £550.00 | to March, 2016 |
| 9. G. Benson – Chairman’s Allowance | £ 83.13 | |
| 10. Lancs County Training Partnership | £189.00 | New Councillors course |
| 11. Jon Cuff Electrical Ltd | £ 60.00 | Christmas Trees |
| 12. HM Revenue and Customs | £1,788.07 | 3 rd Quarter |

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

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| PlusNet | £ 6.00 |
| BT | £ 35.30 |
| Staff costs | £1,400.00 |
| Pension | £297.62 |
| CPRE | £ 3.00 |
| Easy-web-sites | £ 24.00 |
| Siemens – Pavement Sweeper HP | £210.63 |

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 15th December, 2015.

2582. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**River Calder eroding**

A number of Councillors have noted that the river bank at the potato field and the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field is eroding. Responsibility is to be established from the Environment Agency; the state of the public footpath reported to Lancashire County Council and inform United Utilities of the eroding outlet drain into the River.

Bridleway number 14

As the use of the bridleway by motorised vehicles increasing a legible sign is needed to warn drivers this is illegal.

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

Date

Chairman