



CATTERALL **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD VIRTUALLY ON
TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2022
AT 7.00PM**

Present:

*Councillors; I. Brayshaw, Chairman,
J. Finch, Vice Chairman,
Mrs. S. Bulman
S. Kirkman,
Mrs. J. Makenzie,
D. Sharples,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were sent from Cllr. Mrs. E. Webster.

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 6th April 2021, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Parish meeting.

We seem to be getting back to a more normal way of working and living and I am glad to see that the children's Gala is to return this year.

As usual 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 welcome the new members of the council.

I would especially like to thank Gillian for her hard work and commitment she has continued to do this year and it is with a heavy heart that this year will be her final annual meeting with us. Can I ask that you join me in wishing her well for the future and thank her for her commitment, dedication and hard work over the last 21 years that she has been in office.

Can I record our thanks to Paul also for his continued commitment and hard work he has done around the village this year.

I would also like to record my thanks to the new Village hall committee that is pushing ahead with changes and bringing the village hall into its own.

The Bloomers have continued with their hard work, and we are now seeing some changes to the 'beds' in and around the Queen Elizabeth II field, their continued commitment through the last year does not go unnoticed.

Planning continues to move on a pace with new applications and we are beginning to see more and more new residents occupying these properties. We have seen a start in the change of Policing style from the New Chief Constable and the New Policing and Crime commissioner, let's hope their commitment to addressing anti-social behaviour will have a positive step in the area.

It is with some sadness that the Circus has decided not to return this year, but I do understand their thought process and look forward to seeing them next year. We look forward to the extra bank holiday this year in celebrations of the queen's jubilee and hopefully we will see some activates planned around then taking place. Hopefully, we will be able to make use of the new flagpole in place to show our support and celebrate the jubilee in a traditional way.

We still have a couple of vacancies on the Parish Council so please keep looking and we can get up to full numbers again.

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.

I would like to present this report to the Council for your approval.

Members accepted the report.

5. REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER **REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER** **Year Ending 31st March 2022**

Catterall Parish Council carried forward £91,251.24

Precept £82,000

Receipts £75,126.92

Staff Costs £37,266.81

Payments £32,984.71

Giving a balance of £178,126.64 to carry forward to 2022 - 2023

Precept: When setting the precept the Parish Council took into consideration, not only budget recommendations, but the impact Covid 19 continues to make on our resident's income and only increased by 1.23% over last year.

Receipts: Whilst bank interest decreases with each year, investment in CCLA has already made £12.37. VAT reclaims halved as fewer projects were carried out, but that will change so much next year!

Two S106 payments will enable an upgrade of the Multi Use Games Area, £65,748. Hire of the field increased with a fun event and increased donation from the circus. A grant from county Parish Champion paid towards the new flagpole, used daily, wind permitted, for the Green Flag Award, Catterall crest and others.

Paul has been busy with public footpaths in the Parish including the excellent work on the bridleway taking down brambles, nettles and overhanging hedge, making full use of the Parish Lengthsman grant from County.

Catterall in Bloom has attracted more sponsorship and extended the many floral areas in the village, next year the team will be looking to replanting the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field beds to ensure a great display and should bring a sense of pride where we live.

Staff Costs: Costs have increased slightly due to a pay award back dated to April 2021.

Payments: Following a review of assets the insurance decreased, as did subscriptions, but audit cost slightly increased.

With reference to the Year End figures many of previous budget headings were amalgamated. Parish/Maintenance costs include items purchased for use in the village, PPE, playground repairs and Microsoft 365 annual costs.

Administration includes legal challenge, phone and broadband, web site rental, stationery, waste carriers' licence, parish office energy and the Health and Safety Audit.

Christmas tree costs include trees for this and last year. Councillors took advantage of the new training courses by Lancashire Association of Local Councils.

Catterall in Bloom increased their costs required for maintenance, new tubs and container gifts from Collinson's. Donations were made to St. Helen's Church for graveyard maintenance, Royal British Legion and Garstang Christmas Lights.

The Parish Council can look forward to many improvements on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field including the revamped Multi Use Games Area, car park resurfacing, improved pedestrian entrance and resurfaced accesses to the playing field.

Gillian Benson, Responsible Financial Officer
Members accepted the report.

6. ANNUAL REPORTS

Report of Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils Representative

This year saw a welcome return to "normal" meetings now held in the Garstang Best Western Hotel. Mark Billington, Corporate Director for Environment at Wyre Council, attended the July meeting where the main item on the agenda was planning enforcement problems. Despite the fact that the Secretary had notified Wyre's Chief Executive that the meeting would be focused on planning enforcement, this does not come under Mark Billington's control, and he was unable to answer many of the questions put to him. However, he was able to give Wyre Council a detailed report of the many concerns and frustrations expressed by town and parish council representatives and swift action was taken by Wyre Council to take on additional staff to deal with the long backlog of complaints.

We welcomed the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Andrew Snowden, to our October meeting. Andrew gave a presentation on his draft Policing Plan and his intention to tackle those issues which affected many members of the public such as anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving. He offered to come back in a year's time to report on the implementation of the Policing Plan and we look forward to his update.

Having learned that there was a new Police Divisional Commander for West Division, Chief Superintendent Karen Edwards and Temporary Chief Inspector Cara Leadbetter attended the January meeting. The Chief Superintendent spoke of her emphasis on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and welcomed opportunities to build relationships with town and parish councils.

The April meeting's guest speaker is Andy Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and Chair of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership. As the April meeting has not taken place at the time of writing a short verbal update will be made to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Jan Finch
Chair, Wyre Area Committee

Report of the Catterall Village Hall Representative

It has been a productive year with a change to the booking system. The committee appreciate the Parish Council resurfacing the car park and acknowledge work carried out by the Parish Lengthsman Paul for the Village Hall.

7. MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

No matters were raised

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15p.m.

Date

Chairman