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Chairman's Report

I'm sure it's not too late to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas. Whilst mentioning Christmas it was very nice to see so many residents turn out with their children for the lighting of the Catterall Christmas Tree lights. A lot of us walked to Churchtown for the lighting of their tree, but it was a shame that the walk was marred by the amount of dog mess that needed negotiating on Cock Robin Lane and, unfortunately, some of the children didn't avoid it!! This, along with other complaints, left us no alternative but to report the matter to the dog warden who is actively pursuing attempts to locate offending dog owners in the village. This causes all dog walkers to be tarnished in the same way when we know the majority are responsible and do pick up their dog's mess

I ask whoever is responsible for leaving behind their dog's mess on the pavement to be more considerate for everyone that walks around Catterall.

PICK IT UP OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES

If anyone witnesses a dog fouling the pavement please contact Wyre Council and report the matter to the dog warden on 01253 891000.

As you are no doubt aware the area is being subject to a number of large scale planning applications submitted to Wyre. Please be assured we are monitoring these applications and will carefully consider any large scale building application accordingly. If residents have concerns over planning applications all the current applications can be found on Wyre's web site and should you wish to comment please send your views to Wyre Council.

Once again the Parish Council has set the annual Precept. We have managed to keep the rise within the standard rate of inflation this year. As every year, this money will be used to the best value by Catterall Parish Council in Catterall.

We are currently looking at rejuvenating the play equipment on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field and it has been suggested that we could build a play area similar to the one on Kepple Lane at Garstang. Parish Council members have visited the site in Garstang, spoken to the organisers of that project and are now looking at various funding streams including sponsorships to create our own area.

As spring is here with buds just starting to show, it would seem a good time to mention the Bloom in Catterall and the new Catterall Gardening Club. Bloom in Catterall is assisting on a number of projects the Parish Council is undertaking including improving the grass verge at the junction of Cock Robin Lane and Stone Cross Gardens to produce a

community vegetable garden and a Remembrance Garden at the side of the Memorial Gate at the playing field where poppies can be planted to help us remember those from Catterall who gave their lives for us. The new gardening club will operate along side Bloom in Catterall and hopefully some members will get involved in these projects.

This leaves me only to hope that we have a wonderful summer and wish you all well.

Ian Brayshaw,

Chairman to Catterall Parish Council

Catterall
Parish Meeting
Will be held on
Tuesday 7th April, 2015
At 7.30pm
At Catterall Village Hall
Everyone welcome

Stone Cross Garden

The grass verge at the junction of Cock Robin Lane and Stone Cross Gardens is about to be improved with an ambitious scheme which will see the development of a meandering path through the site, connecting the Parish Council notice board, a seating area, flower beds and a community vegetable garden for residents to help themselves from the produce.

The notice board is in place but getting to read it is precarious over the mud track. From the end of March stone is to be laid and consolidated before Indian stone flags are laid to form the path. At present the daffodils planted as part of a Green Partnership Award are coming into flower and these will not be disturbed during construction.

Bloom in Catterall is working with Catterall Parish Council on this project and on creating a Remembrance Garden next to the Memorial Gate on the playing field.

New Facilities for Catterall?

The Parish Council is hoping to provide new facilities at the playing field but we need your ideas.



We have a large expanse of open space that isn't well used and we are hoping that we can secure funding over the next couple of years to provide facilities that will meet the needs of all ages.

We have some ideas of our own – planted and seating areas, facilities for young children and teenagers and a fitness trail – but we need to know what our residents would like to see.

When we have the various ideas that we are sure will come forward Lancashire County Council will help us to draw up a detailed development plan which we will use to apply for grants and other funding. We will phase the development so that we can get on with things once we have enough money for that phase.

One thing you can be sure of is that any plans will ensure that the Gala will be able to continue using the playing field.

There will be plenty of opportunity for you to tell us what you would like to see happen at the playing field. We will be writing to those residents whose property is adjacent to the playing field and holding public meetings in late March/early April but there's no need to wait.

Why not get in touch now.

You can email the Parish Council at clerk@parishes.org.uk or phone on 600689. Alternatively you can fill in the slip below and pass it to either the Clerk, Tim the Lengthsman or any of the parish councillors. Contact details can be found in this newsletter.

Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall Improvements to facilities

Name
Address
Telephone
E-mail Address
What do you want to see provided for Catterall Playing ield?
PARISH

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Catterall Village Hall at 7.30 pm. and residents are always welcome. Future Parish Council meetings will be held on; Tuesday 7^{th} April, 2015 and Tuesday 19^{th} May, 2015

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Election - Thursday 7th May
Voting will take place for MP's
Wyre Councillors and Parish Councillors
Are you registered to vote?

Catterall Gala Saturday 30th May, 2015 Procession from Catterall Playing Field At 1.30pm

Fairground and children's games on the field.

Further information or to volunteer your help on the day contact Marc on 605975 or 07500565655

Wednesday Social Club

For the older members of our community – male and female

Catterall Village Hall Committee warmly welcomes you to our 'Wednesday Social Club' which takes place on the last Wednesday of each month – come along and meet new friends, play a few games or just sit and chat ©



These events are free of charge; refreshments are provided – so come along and have some fun.

Catterall Gardening Club



This is a new Gardening Club for Catterall and district and is for anyone who takes pleasure in seeing plants grow and thrive. Some gardeners will have greener fingers than others but don't feel that you have to be a Monty Don to join! The club is for all gardening

enthusiasts. We will meet at Catterall Village Hall on the third Tuesday of every month starting on 17th March 2015, from 7pm - 9pm and refreshments are included. Our programme for 2015 is:

March 17

Sue Redmayne from W. Robinson & Son Ltd. Home of the Mammoth Onion. Award winning vegetables and plants for Spring.

April 21

Andrew Thompson from The Barn, Scorton.
Planting up colourful pots and baskets for Summer.

May 19

Norah Hoyles MBE.

The History of Garstang in Bloom and how the town became RHS champions.

June 16

Alan Wallbank - Trees for smaller gardens.

An experienced tree officer shares his ideas on the varieties available.

July 21

Tim Smith from Lytham - Demystifying your garden. Tim is a member of the Cottage Garden Society.

August 18

Les Foden from Morecambe - Gardening for Everyone. He is a well-known, amusing and entertaining speaker.

September 15

Tim Smith returning! - Looking forward to Spring in September. Hints and tips for getting ready for 2016.

October 20

Supper Special! - This is our end of term social event celebrating our first season as a Gardening Club.

There will be an annual membership fee of £15 or visitors can attend a particular meeting at a cost of £3. We will also have a plant sale at each meeting for Club funds and we are hoping that members and visitors will bring along spare plants to sell.

For more information please contact Jan on 01995 604771 or Netta on 01995 605385 EVERYONE WELCOME!