



CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY
2nd AUGUST, 2016 at 7.00pm

AT CATTERALL VILLAGE HALL,
GARSTANG ROAD, CATTERALL

Present:

Councillors; I. Brayshaw, Chairman
Mrs. P. Bugeja
J. Finch
R. Hill,
J. Houghton,
D. Sharples,
E. Taylor,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
County Councillor Mrs. Sandra Perkins
Wyre Councillor Shaun Turner
Two members of the public

2650. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. E. Thomas and Cllr. L. Taylor for this meeting.

2651. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

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

2652. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th July, 2016, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2653. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to receive information.

Road works on Cock Robin Lane

It was raised that there had been no warnings or information when North West Electricity erected traffic lights on Cock Robin Lane and proceeded to dig up the road. Three properties in particular were barricaded in their homes for over a week unable to get out of the drive due to cones, lights or excavation holes. To ascertain the Lancashire County Council policy on informing residents to highway excavations.

Construction work at the Pickerings Site

Councillors are concerned with the thoughtless parking by the workmen's van on Garstang Road outside the Pickerings site rather than on site. Vans are now parking either side of the entrance to Stones Lane making visibility dangerous and the vans are parked on the footpath causing an obstruction for pedestrians. To send evidence to Baxter Homes asking for courteous parking, the Police for obstruction and County highways for the danger. It was also raised that staff on site are abusive and condescending towards residents who point out the problems.

Mud is travelling from the site onto Garstang Road, Cock Robin Lane and the A6; although a sweeper is used in the afternoon the mud is on the road from early morning. Previous investigations by Wyre Council's EHO insisted that wheels were to be washed before leaving the site. There was also concern as to the turnpike wall which surrounds around the Pickerings site as to preservation and wished it to be included in the deeds when the houses are sold. County Cllr. Perkins added that she will visit the site and talk to the manager.

County Councillor Sandra Perkins

The Councillor is to attend Wyre Council planning tomorrow to speak against a planning application at the top of Bowgreave Hill. Discussions on the road safety issues this application raises were discussed and Councillors requested that Neil Stevens is invited to explain why it was considered necessary to narrow the road for two houses? She also reported that wagons wishing to access the A6 were trying to negotiate the toll bar exit, but being such an acute junction they were tearing up the grass verge and some were using the single track Goose Lane.

Wyre Councillor's Report

Cllr. Turner reported he was unable to attend the planning committee, but acknowledged that the Wyre Councillors were well aware of the problems on the Bowgreave application and would be visiting the site before making a decision.

The draft Wyre Local Plan is evidence based and it is showing that housing needs, set by the Government, cannot be met in Wyre. The capacity of the A6 being a big issue, Lancashire County Council state there is no more capacity for traffic in the Garstang area going south, but may consider north towards Lancaster. Therefore a stop will be put on large scale developments in Garstang/Catterall.

He reported on progress with the Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding for improving the canal towpath through the rural Parishes. A prepared plan will be drawn up to attract funding with the Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding being used as seeding. The work is to be carried out using local contractors although the canal trust has offered their surveyor for free. Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding is still available for rural parish projects.

The meeting was resumed.

2654. CASUAL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The date for an election request passed on 31st May and Councillors nominated an eligible person for co-option.

Resolved: To co-opt Mr. Kevin O'Hanlon to Catterall Parish Council and inform Wyre Council.

2655. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

The Environment Committee having read through the recent play equipment inspection document some members consider removing the free standing basketball poles due to their condition. Councillors considered this removal and its impact on the playing field.

Resolved: To remove the free standing basketball nets as soon as possible.

2656. PARISH COUNCIL LAPTOP

The laptop crashed and many of the facilities were lost, it was repaired by inserting a new hard drive and the email access was eventually restored. Councillors considered a replacement as the present laptop is 9 years old. A corrupted hard drive caused the problems and, although the replacement has restored basic facilities, there is no operating system, hence NO windows, which is proving problematic in accessing spreadsheet calculations. Councillors considered not only the replacement but to ensure that systems are upgraded with a 5 year plan to review for replacement.

Resolved: To replace the laptop, with the approval of the partnership, as the cost will be split between the three Parish Councils.

5657. TREE OFFERED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There was concern at the last meeting about identifying the species of the tree given to commemorate the Battle of the Somme. Cllr. Hill took a leaf to Barton Grange and their experts said it is a Poplar likely to reach 65 foot and needs to be planted away from other plants and trees. The Chairman suggested it is planted on Keepers Wood Way Land and Councillors considered this.

Resolved: To plant the Poplar near to the boundary on Keepers Wood Way Field.

2658. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been granted:

16/00431/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 2 additional dwellings (Plots 11 & 12)

Location: The Pickerings, Garstang Road, Catterall

16/00519/FUL

Proposal: Substitution of house type on plot 4 of planning permission 14/00754/FUL

Location: Pickering Hotel, Garstang Road, Catterall

16/00451/FUL

Proposal: Proposed sheet lift tower to existing building

Location: Collinson Plc, Tanyard Road, Catterall Gates Lane, Catterall

16/00470/FUL

Proposal: Single storey front and side extension

Location: 1 Catterall Lane, Catterall

Planning Enforcement

Case Ref: 16/00130/COND

Alleged breach of planning control: Mud being deposited on road by plant vehicles leaving the site in breach of condition 6 of planning permission for 13/00882

Location: Pickering Hotel, Garstang Road, Catterall

Planning Applications

Councillors commented on the following planning applications:

16/00600/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey flat roofed side/front extension and parking area to front including dropped kerb

Location: 69, Hamers Wood Drive, Catterall

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification. Over intensive for site, interrupts the street scene and materials to be used are not permeable and could worsen the seasonal flooding.

Bowgreave Planning Application

Residents in Bowgreave are fighting the planning application 16/00226/OUT for two dwellings at the brow of Bowgreave Hill. These residents are looking for support from Catterall Parish Council to oppose the application. The Councillors noted that Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council had made comment and were aware Catterall Parish Council was to be approached.

Resolved: The Parish Council fully supports the findings of residents, Barnacre Parish Council and the Police as to the road safety issues.

2659. REPORTS

Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

Lancashire Environment Fund form submitted and acknowledged the outcome will be known in October. The next phase is to extend and widen the path and extend to encircle the field and then work with Catterall in Bloom on environmental projects.

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Cllr. D. Sharples was most disappointed at the attendance and lack of input from parishes for topics when inviting visitors to speak. David Thow, Wyre's head of planning had attended, but when asked about planning rules, simply read out the appropriate section of Wyre's policy. He would not be drawn on any specific plans, but would look at any sent to him after the meeting.

Representatives raised the derelict nursery on Cock Robin Lane, which was getting to be an eyesore. A case will need to be compiled to the Environment Health Officer stating the Police problems with drug use, frequent illegal access from the rear of the property and the abandoned vehicle. There was concern over the Highfield application as to what had prompted the application submission.

Catterall Village Hall Car Park Resurfacing Group

The inaugural meeting is to take place on Monday 15th August at 7.00pm with Cannon Greenall taking the chair. Catterall Village Hall and Gala Committees have been invited.

2660. FINANCE

The following payments have been received;

1. Pilling Parish Council	£ 18.64
2. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 10.00
3. Wyre Council – Catterall in Bloom	£600.00

Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£120.11	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£355.72	
3. C and C Supplies	£ 18.43	
4. Lancashire County Council	£ 42.00	Lights on playing field
5. Farmer Parrs – Makita spares	£ 39.60	Strimmer guard
6. Pilling Parish Council	£100.00	Audit
7. DFX Systems	£115.00	New hard drive
8. Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£ 35.14	Councillors Guide
9. Mrs. A. Parker	£115.80	Catterall in Bloom

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

1. PlusNet	£ 12.00
2. BT	£ 40.40
3. Staff costs	£1,400.00
4. Pension	£297.62
5. CPRE	£ 3.00
6. Easy-web-sites	£ 24.00

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliations to 15th July, 2016.

2661. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS

20MPH on Baylton Drive

It was raised that many of the residents are complaining at the speed of traffic to and from the new development at the end of Baylton Drive. To ask Lancashire County Council to erect repeater signs on the road.

Catterall in Bloom

Judging took place on Friday 22nd July. Many residents were involved and so was the Parish Council as the staff informed the judges about the work to restore the sluice. One of the judges was most interested in the land off Keepers Wood Way and offered web sites to look for support and information to develop the land for a country park set in a beautiful rural location. A display was set up in the Village Hall and Dewlay gave tasters.

River Calder bank

The Environment Agency will NOT be repairing the river bank on the Queen Elizabeth II Field therefore the onus is on the Parish Council. The Chairman and staff will be meeting with the Environment Agency shortly to discuss repairs.

Dog Orders on Queen Elizabeth II Field

Wyre Council asks for the Parish Council views on dogs on leads on the playing field or to tackle any dog fouling problems. Whilst the dogs on leads could be relaxed at present once the improvement work starts it should be known that lead free dogs will not be tolerated.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Date

Chairman