

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND JULY, 2013, At 7.30pm

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



Present: *Councillors; I. Brayshaw, Chairman,
J. Akin,
Mrs. P. Bugeja,
D. Harvey,
J. Houghton,
Miss A. McCabe,
Mrs. P. Quinn,
D. Sharples,
Mrs E. Thomas,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
County Cllr. Mrs S. Perkins,
Wyre Cllr. D. Swift.*

2209. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Blanthorn-Hazell and the reason accepted.

2210. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors had no pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

2211. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 4th June, 2013, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2212. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.
There were no members of the public attending tonight.

Report from the PACT meeting

P C Simon Jones reported on one crime on Catterall over the past month with a digger on the new houses construction site at Nightingale Way, which had its windows smashed. There are also two anti-social behaviour incidents involving youths on the same construction site. This compares favourably to last year which saw four crimes in the same period.

County Councillor Mrs. S. Perkins

The Councillor thanked the Parish Council for inviting her and explained that with being new to post she was enjoying a steep learning curve with plenty of training sessions. She was open to any problems the Parish Council had and would support them in their endeavours.

Wyre Councillor D. Swift

The Councillor raised the anemometer mast to be erected at Cuckoo Wood and therefore the introduction of possibly five wind turbines the height of Dewlay's. With the introduction of new planning laws the views of the community are to be strengthened with the planning authority. Garstang Leisure Centre is to have £36,000 spent on it. If fracking in this area goes ahead then the community is to see a benefit. He was asked if a study is to be conducted to see how fracking and gas storage in salt caverns can mix considering the Halite application. He did not know of any such study.

The meeting was resumed.

2213. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Newsletter, June, 2013.

Training Courses:

Employment Workshop - 18th September at Howick House, 7-9pm

Community Engagement – 16th October at Howick House, 7-9pm

Resolved: No one was able to attend.

2214. JUBILEE PLAQUE

When the playing field achieved the status of Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, the Parish Council was presented with a plaque which is embedded into the entrance to the field. However, the plaque is losing its detail and Fields in Trust have had complaints from other recipients. The Trust is willing to restore and preserve the plaque in situ or replace it.

Resolved: The Councillors asked that the present plaque is replaced.

2215. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WYRE: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission has been looking at reducing the number of elected councillors in Wyre from 55 to 50. They have completed their investigations and recommendations. Catterall Ward will join with Brock Ward to become Brock with Catterall, but retain two ward councillors. Does the Parish Council wish to comment on these recommendations? Those who oppose the recommendations must suggest alternatives supported by evidence. It was noted that this is for electoral purposes only to ensure an even spread of representation and has no bearing on planning matters.

Resolved: The Parish Council did not wish to comment.

2216. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications is deemed lawful

13/00302/LAWE

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing occupation of the dwelling by a person not complying with the agricultural tie on the property for a period in excess of 10 years.

Location: The Orchard, Garstang Bypass Road, Catterall

The following planning applications were considered by Councillors;

13/00394/FUL

Proposal: Single storey front and side extension and replacement rear sun lounge

Location: Riverside, 2, Old Lancaster Road, Catterall

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification.

13/00446/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing shop to residential and change of use of existing dwelling to retail and erection of two storey side and rear extensions and creation of vehicle access and hard surfacing to front to provide parking area

Location: Cock Robin News, 39, Cock Robin Lane, Catterall

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification, including the houses opposite. There is concern with parking and vehicles reversing into traffic so insist that it is presented to Lancashire County Council highways for comment.

2217. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**Report of the representative on Catterall Village Hall**

Cllr. Mrs P. Bujega reported that Cock Robin Preschool was moving and the committee were insistent that their many fixtures and fittings are removed.

Finance Committee

Resolved: The report of the Finance Committee held on 17th June, 2013 was accepted by the members.

2218. FINANCE

The following payments have been received;

1. Pilling Parish Council	£ 17.85	Telephone/internet costs
2. CRAG Funds Payout	£537.42	

VAT refund applied for.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to pay the following expenditures:

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£128.77	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£555.17	
3. HMRC	£1,770.38	
4. C and C Supplies	£ 91.57	
5. Armstrongs Garden Machinery	£ 65.76	
6. Olive Branch Landscapes	£312.00	
7. Sue White Secretarial Services	£207.90	Newsletter
8. Nortech Security Systems Ltd.	£ 42.00	CCTV at Pickerings
9. Catterall Village Hall (CRAG money)	£537.42	
This is to be used to repair the car park at the Village Hall.		
10. BDO LLP Ltd.	£360.00	External Auditors
11. Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue	£ 50.00	

Direct Debits

BT	£ 33.44	
PlusNet	£ 18.00	
Staff costs	£1,160.00	
Pension	£212.83	
Bank Charges	£ 54.17	
Siemens Financial Services	£270.63	HP for pavement sweeper

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement for first quarter.

Resolved: The bank reconciliation to 15th June, 2013 and Financial Statement were accepted by members.

Audit 2012 – 2013

Internal Auditor’s Report

The internal auditor notes that all of the required operational controls are in place and the accounts are well maintained.

External Auditor’s Report

BDO LLP auditor has returned the Conclusion of the Audit and there were no matters which came to their attention requiring an issues arising report.

Resolved; Both auditor’s reports were accepted by the members.

Appeal for Donation

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue is appealing for a donation to continue their life saving work.

2219. OTHER QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Stones Cross Gardens Play Area

Cllr. J. Akin has been approached by residents of Stone Cross Gardens about reinstating the equipment on the play area. There are a number of young children in the cul-de-sac who would enjoy playing there. The original equipment was installed as part of the new build and adopted by Wyre Council, who removed the equipment at the end of its life, shortened the hard standing and allowed the grass to grow wild. He will suggest to residents that they lobby Wyre Council for the reinstatement of play equipment.

Public Right of Way number 1, Catterall Lane

The Parish Council is informed that the right of way has been closed recently due to tree maintenance, but is now open again. However the landowner is looking to seek a diversion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Date

Chairman