

## **CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2013, At 7.30pm**

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



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

#### **2220. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Miss A. McCabe and the reason accepted.

#### **2221. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors stated their pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

Councillors J. Akin, S. Blanthorn-Hazell and J. Houghton stated a personal interest in the planning application 13/00511/FULMAJ as neighbours

#### **2222. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2013, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

#### **2223. 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 Mathew Butcher sent apologies as he was booking in someone at Lancaster Police station, but a report was sent. In the past month a wind deflector has been removed from a vehicle in Thornbank Drive, unwanted calls have been received by a household in Goldfinch Drive and a nuisance report of skateboarders late at night on Lancaster Old Road.

##### **Wyre Councillor D. Swift**

The Councillor reported on the 72 vacant PCSO posts in Wyre, their pay is now lower in real terms than three years ago. Wyre Council has stopped subsidising PCSO's, claiming it was unfair on council tax payers, when Fylde Borough Council did not pay toward theirs, yet there are more PCSOs in Fylde. The Police Commissioner has gone on record as he doesn't believe the Police should finance PCSO's, but then the Police have never funded those in Wyre.

The meeting was resumed.

**2224. CODE OF CONDUCT POCKET GUIDE**

Wyre Council produced a booklet at the last Standards Committee meeting and this was distributed to Councillors.

*Resolved: Councillors accepted the booklet.*

**2225. LOCAL COUNCILS EXPLAINED**

This is a new publication from National Association of Local Councils for local councils in England and Wales to be published in October. It explains the roles of Parish Councils, Councillors and officers and how they work. It offers comprehensive and practical guidance about the legal issues that Parish Councils are exposed to. Price to order in advance of the official launch and as we are members of National Association of Local Councils is £49.99.

*Resolved: That the Parish Council will order Local Councils Explained.*

**2226. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been granted:

**13/00373/FUL**

**Proposal:** Extension to existing building to provide calf building

**Location:** Moons Farm, Garstang Road, Catterall

**13/00374/FUL**

**Proposal:** Extension to existing building to provide additional silo storage facilities

**Location:** Moons Farm, Garstang Road, Catterall

**13/00394/FUL**

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

**Location:** Riverside, 2 Old Lancaster Road, Catterall

**Planning Committee Report**

*Resolved: The report was accepted by members. It minuted:*

**13/00460/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey side/rear extension

**Location:** 25, Nightingale Way, Catterall

*Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification. By virtue of scale and mass creates an over intensive use of the site giving the appearance of a row of terracing rather than detached spacing.*

**13/00488/FUL**

**Proposal:** Conversion of building into two-bedroomed dwelling

**Location:** Rylstone House, Catterall Lane, Catterall

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the conversion, great concerns with regard to the shared access with the barn/shippon adjoining the site.*

**Planning Applications**

The Parish Council made comment on the following planning applications;

**13/00511/FULMAJ**

**Proposal:** Erection of 12 dwellings

**Location:** The Pickerings Garstang Road Catterall

Amendments received showing the exclusion of Holly Lodge on the site

*Resolved: The Parish Council objects to the size, mass and impact of the proposed houses on the neighbourhood and in the street scene.*

**13/00528/FUL**

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 02 on application 12/00526/OUT, requiring a surface water management scheme to be submitted for the proposed residential development

**Location:** The Pickerings, Garstang Road, Catterall

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application seen to benefit the neighbours on Stones Lane. But assurances are needed that NO water/liquid will be discharged into the existing drains that empty into the culvert.*

**13/00542/FUL**

**Proposal:** Conversion of garage to living accommodation and first floor extension

**Location:** 42, Duckworth Drive, Catterall

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to the extension, but there is concern at a loss of parking in a narrow cul-de-sac.*

**2227. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Report of the representative on Catterall Village Hall**

Cllr. Mrs P. Bujega reported on last night's meeting. The state of the car park was discussed with consideration as to raising funds; the committee has received two cheques from the CRAG funds, one from the Parish Council and one from the Social Club, totalling over £1,100. A new surface to the car park would cost £57,000 and resurfacing £20,820, the committee is looking to submit a grant bid for £3,000. As Cock Robin Preschool has left they will shortly be removing the outdoor area and putting this back to car park.

**Report on Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

**Wyre Council**

Gary Payne reported on Wyre's work with Lancashire County Council to roll out faster broadband. The government's spending review will see a 10% reduction in the amount central government give back to councils, in order to receive this Wyre MUST deliver services and carry out efficiencies and are looking to rent out part of the Civic Centre to a local doctor. Investments in leisure centres are to boost increased income. The Government is 'Reviewing Public Services', this radical rethink could change the governance of England with all party support for Whitehall giving up responsibilities and handing them to local councils to deliver devolved services at a local level.

**Environment Agency**

There was a presentation on flooding and the setting up of Flood Action Groups to warn, evacuate and clean up after flooding.

**Lancashire County Council**

Sim Lane-Dixon reported that the new administration has not yet indicated where funding is to be spent. Central Government is to cut the budget, but more funding for highways. Karen Cassar, based at Singleton oversees 9 staff carrying out highway work in Fylde and Wyre, this relies on residents informing them of problems due to the small number of inspectors and there is only one gang carrying out pothole repairs in rural Wyre. The new Three Tier Forum rep is Cllr. Phil Orme.

**2228. FINANCE**

The following payments have been received;

1. Pilling Parish Council	£ 19.29	Telephone/internet costs
2. Kirkland Parish Council	£ 60.00	
Pilling's Lengthsman working over Christmas in Churchtown		
3. VAT Refund	£4,323.71	
4. Kirkland Parish Council	£653.00	Grounds' Main contract

*Resolved: Councillors agreed to pay the following expenditures:*

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£163.68	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£430.77	
3. Pilling Parish Council	£176.22	Parish Lengthsman
Assisting with laying the turf on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field		
4. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 82.27	
5. R R Kippax and Son	£649.20	
6. Olive Branch Landscapes Ltd.	£312.00	
7. Houghton's Filling Station	£109.22	
8. Garstang Timber	£ 9.00	
9. Olive Branch Landscapes Ltd.	£312.00	

### **Direct Debits**

BT	£ 31.02
PlusNet	£ 18.00
Staff costs	£1,160.00
Pension	£221.33

### **Finance Committee Report**

*Resolved: The members accepted the finance report held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.*  
Includes the first quarter's accounts and financial statement.

### **Bank Reconciliation**

*Resolved: The Bank reconciliation to 15<sup>th</sup> July was accepted.*

### **National Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks Information**

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached agreement on the pay scales for 2013 - 2014 for clerks. The rates to be applied from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013.  
*The members accepted the pay increase.*

### **Donation**

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team thanks the Parish Council for their generous donation towards their continuing work in the community.

### **CCTV Funding for relocation**

The Parish Council has been informed that funding by Lancashire Constabulary through a PCCA Grant has been successful. This will fund 50% of the costs of relocation. In view of the situation with the Pickerings the relay boxes will be removed from the outside asap.

### **2229. OTHER QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

#### **Affordable Housing Section 106**

Section 106 moneys from the affordable housing in Bowgreave have been handed over to Wyre Council and this is to be spent on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall to provide play equipment. Councillors were asked to present their ideas. Wyre Council is looking to working with the Parish Council to provide play.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.*

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Chairman .....