

**CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2014, At 7.30pm**

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



*Present:*                      *Councillors; I. Brayshaw, Chairman,  
S. Blanthorn-Hazell, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. P. Bugeja,  
Miss J. Finch,  
D. Harvey,  
Mrs P. Hofstetter,  
J. Houghton,  
D. Sharples,  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,  
County Cllr. S. Perkins  
Wyre Cllr. D. Swift,*

**2420. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received for this meeting.

**2421. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were asked to declare any pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

**2422. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

**2423. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Police Report:**

Crimes in Catterall during the past month included a 46 year old male from Preston given an adult caution after a minor assault on his ex-partner in Catterall. A parked car on Baylton Court was deliberately damaged, by being scratched down one side and a parked vehicle on Catterall Gates Lane had a three foot scratch indented into the paintwork. There have been no anti-social behaviour incidents.

**County Councillor's Report**

County Cllr. Perkins reported she had attended an obesity briefing as Lancashire County Council is working to bring this to schools and promote healthy eating and outside play/exercise. However this raises road safety concerns on dark nights when pedestrians wear dark clothing and this point will be stressed to pupils. She is meeting with the Chief Executive to raise the amount of development being submitted in the Garstang area without sufficient consideration to road safety, the A6 can't take anymore traffic!

She is to raise the depletion of the Police coverage over the vast rural area with the Police Commissioner. Many of the recent developments include affordable housing for families and this will bring more children needing more school places, many of the local schools have written to the Education Department stating their position to further intakes. Sandra is also talking to Garry Payne, Wyre Council who need to start joined up thinking with these developments and commit to an infrastructure to support the influx.

As a dementia friend, Sandra runs a memory café in Garstang Library and reported the kind donation from Garstang Lions, the carols to be sung at tomorrow's café and organ donation for dementia research.

### **Wyre Councillor's Report**

Cllr. D. Swift reported on the last full council meeting when the Mayor of Wyre banned the Councillors from asking each other questions! He is also chasing up problems for the applicant on a planning permission on The Parklands.

The meeting was resumed.

### **2424. VISIT TO KEPPLE LANE PLAYING FIELD**

Councillors visited Kepple Lane and met with Gordon Harter, who enlightened them to the process the trust went through for the site and funding and which bodies they were successful with. He gave an offer of assistance should the Parish Council wish go ahead with play equipment. Councillors were asked to consider better use of the playing field to accommodate all ages; Councillors agreed that there was a lack of facilities. It was noted that anything which took place should not interfere with Catterall Gala Day, being a special community event.

*Resolved: To progress play equipment for Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.*

### **2425. BLOOM IN CATTERALL**

Cllr. Miss J, Finch declared a non-pecuniary interest as part of the club. Residents are well on their way to forming a Catterall Gardening Club, with a full programme of meetings to be held in the Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month from March, 2015. The Club is appealing to the Parish Council for funds to help them get established. Councillors considered a donation to assist the group, one of very few which is based in Catterall village.

*Resolved: To donate £200 to Catterall Gardening Club.*

### **2426. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*14/00807/SCRE*

Proposal: Screening opinion for a free standing 'static' solar photovoltaic (PV) installation (3.5 MWp of power)

Location: Greenlands Farm, Garstang Bypass Road, Catterall

Decision: Wyre raised no objections.

The following planning application has been refused:

*14/00575/OUT*

Proposal: Outline application for two dwellings

Location: Land off Old Lancaster Road, Old Lancaster Road, Catterall

**Councillors considered the following planning application****14/00896/FUL****Proposal:** Extension of existing front dormer**Location:** 6 Conway Close Catterall**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and seeks neighbourhood notification.***14/00909/LMAJ****Proposal:** *Erection of an 8MW solar farm, associated works and access***Location:** *Land South West of Westfield Farm, Garstang By-Pass Road, Claughton-On-Brock***Resolved:** *Councillors noted that this application was in Claughton rather than Catterall, but offered no objections in principle to the solar farm, they do not generate noise, the land is still usable and it will be hidden from public view.***Planning Enforcement****14/00300/COND**

Alleged breach: Breach of condition – parking

Location 40a, Cock Robin Lane, Catterall

No breach of planning control

**14/00309/COND**

Alleged breach: Removal of hedgerow and creation of access

Location: Land at Cock Robin Lane, Catterall

Wyre Council is investigating. It was noted that this is part of the Baylton Drive development and has left the pavements on both Cock Robin Lane and Baylton Drive in a muddy condition.

**2427. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Catterall Village Hall**

Recent meeting announced the appointment of a new handyman for the hall.

**Kirkland Memorial Hall**

The trustees are to plant 4 broad leaved saplings along the Avenue, some as replacements and some to continue the line of trees.

**Wyre Area Road Safety Committee**

Meeting last week: the number of defects is reducing thanks in most part to Karen Cassar, Lancashire County Council, taking action from the Councillors reports at the meeting. Cllr. E. Taylor raised the Community Road Watch initiative he had looked into, but it needs a Policeman to accompany the volunteer and drivers caught speeding are only issued with warning letters. The process is to be reviewed in early next year.

**2428. FINANCE**

The following payments have been received;

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| 1. Kirkland Parish Council | £ 671.00 | Grounds Main.            |
| 2. Pilling Parish Council  | £ 18.94  | Telephone/internet costs |

*Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:*

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£ 70.78	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£372.08	
3. R R Kippax	£816.00	
4. C and C Supplies	£100.03	
5. Garstang Timber	£ 10.72	
6. Grosvenor Estate	£168.00	Christmas Tree
7. Sue White Secretarial Services.	£239.45	Catterall Crier
8. Bloom in Catterall	£200.00	

**Direct Debits**

BT	£ 34.67
PlusNet	£ 18.00
Staff costs	£1,400.00
Pension	£279.49

**Bank Reconciliation**

*Resolved: Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation to 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.*

**Budget 2015 – 2016**

Councillors were presented with a budget review to 15<sup>th</sup> November, with comparison to the past two year's spending against a possible budget for the next financial year. Councillors were asked to populate the budget with projects to be considered in the parish for next year.

**2429. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

**Wagons on Cock Robin Lane**

There was concern at the weight of wagons using Cock Robin Lane on the surface of the road, which is allegedly breaking up. The Councillor wished Lancashire County Council to put a weigh restriction on the road or to improve the junction of Garstang Road with the A6 so that wagons could use that. It was pointed out that due to the angle of Garstang Road wagons would never be able to access from the North.

**Planning application – paper plans**

The clerk raised that Wyre Council is looking to cease from providing paper plans for Parish Councils from 5<sup>th</sup> January, unless requested specifically. Councillors will be expected to view the applications on line, but this would exclude anyone without access to the internet and residents would need to go to Wyre, rather than the Parish Council, to view paper plans. It was also noted that Parish Council do not have the facilities to print off A1, A2 or A3 plans. This is to be raised at the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils meeting in January. Councillors were against the ceasing of paper plans.

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

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Chairman .....