

## **CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013  
AT 7.30PM**

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



*Present:*                      *Councillors; D. Sharples, Chairman,  
J. Akin,  
S. Blanthorn-Hazell,  
J. Houghton,  
Mrs E. Thomas  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
County Councillor Val Wilson  
Wyre Councillor David Swift  
Two residents*

#### **2137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. I. Brayshaw, Vice Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. P. Bugeja, Cllr. D. Harvey, Cllr. Miss A. McCabe and Cllr. Mrs. P. Quinn and the reasons accepted.

#### **2138. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were asked to disclose pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in matters to be discussed at this meeting.

#### **2139. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

#### **2140. THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

The Clerk has passed the CiLCA section 7 – The General Power of Competence, 2012 and as the Parish Council is eligible, (criteria set out in Standing Orders) the members wished to use the power.

*Resolved: Catterall Parish Council meets the criteria to use the General Power of Competence.*

#### **2141. REVIEW OF CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS**

Councillors reviewed the Standing Orders in light of the new code of conduct and the General Power of Competence, the rest of the order remains unaffected.

*Resolved: Catterall Parish Council adopts the revised Standing Orders.*

*Resolved: Catterall Parish Council reviewed and accepts the regulations for the Annual Parish Meeting.*

#### **2142. REVIEW OF CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Councillors reviewed the financial regulations.

*Resolved: Catterall Parish Council accepts the Financial Regulations.*

Councillors reviewed the Risk Assessment and Asset Register 2013.

*Resolved: Catterall Parish Council accepts the risk assessment and asset register.*

**2143. CCTV AT THE PICKERINGS**

There was discussions concerning the necessity for the system, but the recent Village Survey of residents supports its usage in the Village.

*Resolved: To pass to the Finance Committee for decision.*

**2144. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ON QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD**

The present contract for grounds maintenance will end in March, 2013 and Councillors were asked to consider next year's contract. There was great support for the high standard of grass cutting seen this year and Councillors wished to continue.

*Resolved: To continue to employ R R Kippax and Olive Branch Landscapes for three years.*

**2145. HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARISH LENGTHSMAN**

Chris Lamb a Preesall Councillor is a health and safety professional and is arranging training in health and safety for Parish Lengthsman.

*Resolved: That, depending on the costs, the Parish Lengthsman and Clerk will attend the Health and Safety Training.*

**2146. CATTERALL GALA**

*Resolved: That Catterall Gala is granted permission to use Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June to hold the Gala.*

**2147. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

**Report from the PACT meeting**

The PACT meeting was held previously by P C Simon Jones, who reported three crimes in Catterall in the past month, the same as this time last year. There had been a domestic violence in Keepers Wood Way, which remains undetected, a drugs arrest in Stone Cross Gardens and the theft of three tyres from a van on Millbrook. The Police are carrying out a letter drop for further information concerning the tyres.

No anti-social behaviour incidents were reported against one for the same period last year. Councillors were concerned with speeding on Garstang Road and identified a car which travels at 7.30am. P C Jones reported that he had carried out speed enforcement on Cock Robin Lane last Thursday between 2 and 3pm and those speeding were only just above the limit.

**Report of the Wyre Councillor**

Wyre Councillor Swift reported that the Council Tax has been frozen and there was a notice of motion against Clive Grunshaw. The new Mayor of Wyre will be Graham Cocker.

**Report of the County Councillor**

County Cllr. Val Wilson reported that Lancashire County Council has also frozen its Council Tax although the Police precept is to increase by 2%. The entrance roads into Garstang, which carry 20MPH, are to be reviewed and consultation carrying out. Lancashire County Council is looking to the voluntary sector to carry out some services.

**Speeding**

Residents were concerned at speeding on Garstang Road. He was also concerned that the 20MPH roads were a waste of money as no body kept to the limit.

**Stones Lane**

The state of the public footpath on Stones Lane beyond the tarmac was raised as it is considered unusable at present. The hedge has recently been cut back and this has churned up the mud. Further down the river bank has eroded and is perilously close to the footpath, although barriers have been erected. The Environment Agency state that this river bank is a matter for the landowner, but it is unknown as to whom this will be. The County Councillor is to report the matter and ascertain the landownership to progress action.

The meeting was resumed.

**2148. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been granted:

**12/00801/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension to provide space for storage and use of DDA exercise equipment

**Location:** 36 Old Lancaster Road, Catterall

Prior notification is not required for;

Prior Notification Application Number: 12/00744/AGR

**Proposal:** Prior notification for agricultural storage building

**Location:** Roe Farm House Catterall Lane Catterall

**Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were commented by the members

**13/00004/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of two 50kw, 37.1m high vertical axis wind turbines

**Location:** Riverside Industrial Park Catterall Gates Lane Catterall

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

**13/00014/FUL**

**Proposal:** Installation of solar panels on roof of existing agricultural building

**Location:** Sturzaker House Farm Stones Lane Catterall

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

**13/00032/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of single-storey side and rear extension

**Location:** 69 Hamers Wood Drive Catterall

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

**2149. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

The Chairman reported on the increase in Parish precepts due to new Government rules and that the committee were waiting for responses from fracking enquiries. The clerk's report was accepted.

**2150. FINANCE**

The following payments have been received;

1. Pilling Parish Council	£ 17.00	Telephone/internet costs
2. Pilling Parish Council	£491.52	
3. Kirkland Parish Council	£644.00	Parish Lengthsman working in Pilling

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

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£ 30.71	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£195.71	
3. Sue White Secretarial Services	£207.90	Newsletter
4. Nortech (CCTV at the Pickerings)	£169.50	
5. Viking (stationery supplies)	£308.34	
6. C and C Supplies	£ 41.12	
7. Garstang Timber	£ 5.92	
8. Houghton's Filling Station	£ 62.15	

**Direct Debits**

BT	£ 34.18
PlusNet	£ 18.00
Staff costs	£1,160.00
Pension	£185.83
Information Commissioner's Office	£ 35.00
Data Protection for the CCTVs.	

**Bank Reconciliation**

*Bank reconciliation to 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 was accepted by the members*

**2151. OTHER QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS****Boundary Commission**

The Boundary Commission is looking to reduce the number of Wyre Councillors by five and some of the rural parishes will be 're-arranged'. Catterall Ward will lose Kirkland and join with Brock creating 'Brock with Catterall' and keeping two Wyre Councillors.

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

Date .....

Chairman .....