

## **CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2013  
AT 7.30PM**

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



*Present: Councillors; D. Sharples, Chairman,  
I. Brayshaw, Vice Chairman  
Mrs. P. Bugeja,  
S. Blanthorn-Hazell  
D. Harvey,  
J. Houghton,  
Miss A. McCabe,  
Mrs. P. Quinn  
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council  
County Councillor Val Wilson  
Wyre Councillor David Swift  
Fiona Nicholson, Great Places Housing Association  
Sheelagh Atherton, Great Places Housing Association*

#### **2127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Akin and Cllr. Mrs E. Thomas and the reasons accepted.

#### **2128. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

#### **2129. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.*

#### **2130. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

#### **Visit from Great Places with information about Catterall residents registering for the soon to be built affordable houses in Bowgreave.**

Sheelagh Atherton and Fiona Nicholson explained that Great Places Housing Association is funded by Government to provide affordable housing in the North West. The number of properties required in the area is based on the Wyre Council housing survey carried out in 2010 and 20 houses are to be built in Barnacre Parish. Of these properties 8 will be to buy and the rest for rent. Building work is to commence in March 2013 and should be completed within a year.

Under the planning conditions the section 106 has stated the affordable housing protocol is followed for the lettings policy. This policy states that for the initial six weeks lettings will be aimed at Barnacre Parish residents, the next six weeks will allow bidding from neighbouring Parishes and, if not filled, open bids from rural Parishes further away.

Those applying for the Choice Based Letting Scheme are asked to bid on properties they want. They must apply to Great Places, Regenda or Wyre Council. Registration should be made at [www.myhomechoicefyldecoast.co.uk](http://www.myhomechoicefyldecoast.co.uk)

### **Report from the PACT meeting**

The PACT meeting was held by P C Simon Jones, who reported on six crimes in Catterall over the past month. An assault was reported at a party at the Pickerings Hotel, there were two incidents of criminal damage in Hamers Wood Drive when bricks damaged a car and house windows and an attempted burglary to a garage in Newhaven Drive. Soft top cars are being targeted and slashed in the Garstang area including one in Joe Lane with enquiries on-going and a fraud report of a passenger not paying for a taxi fare, but running off. This compares to four at this time last year.

There were four anti-social behaviour incidents centred on Boyes Avenue with a neighbour dispute and a youth nuisance with a mini moto on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall.

### **Report of the Wyre Councillor**

Wyre Councillor Swift was asked about the recent changes in the housing benefits and how this is having an influence on the tax base, on which the precept is calculated and the payments on Band 'D' properties.

### **Report of the County Councillor**

County Cllr. Val Wilson reported that the new Police and Crime Commissioner is the subject of an investigation over claiming questionable travel expenses. The budget settlement to Lancashire County Council by Government is £500,000 less than last year, although it will be handled in the next year it will be difficult after that. County has introduced a mentoring scheme for ex-service personnel, they will be placed in secondary schools to mentor young people and gain a qualification in carrying out this work.

The meeting was resumed.

### **2131. COUNCILLORS REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS**

*Resolved: Councillors signed their 'other local interests' form.*

### **2132. LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT**

The Government is looking to change the tax base, which the Parish precept uses to estimate the amount per Band D households pay and may introduce Parish Council capping, not permitting precept increases without a referendum, which the Parish Council will have to pay for. This would bring Parish Councils in line with County and District Councils. Councillors were updated that the tax base for Catterall has changed and Eric Pickles MP will not be capping Parish Councils next year, but could introduce it in future.

### **2133. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been granted:

*12/00212/LAWF*

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for proposed rear extension

Location: 12, Duckworth Drive, Catterall

*12/00744/AGR*

Proposal: Prior notification for agricultural storage building

Location: Roe Farm House, Catterall Lane, Catterall

Prior notification is NOT required

12/00721/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension  
 Location: 2 Roe Barns, Catterall Lane, Catterall

**06/01402/NONMAT**

**Proposal:** Non material amendment on planning app: 06/01402/REMAAJ to amend 7 house types.

**Location:** Brock Place Catterall Gates Lane Catterall  
 Parish Council will not be consulted on this one.

**2134. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Catterall Village Hall**

It was reported that over the weekend the rubbish bin has been thrown in the River Calder and has drifted down stream into the rive Wyre. The Village Hall committee has been informed. There were discussions concerning the state of the car park to the Village Hall and the Parish Council feel they should be working with the committee for improvements.

**2135. FINANCE****Donation Thanks**

St. Helen's Parochial Church Council thanks the Parish Council for their donation towards the upkeep of the graveyard. The Royal British Legion thanks the Parish Council for their donation.

The following payments have been received;

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| 1. Pilling Parish Council | £ 16.53 | Telephone/internet costs |
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*Resolved: Councillors agreed to pay the following expenditures:*

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| 1. Clerk's Salary and expenses          | £ 65.92   |                     |
| 2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses | £264.98   |                     |
| 3. Chairman's Allowance                 | £ 50.00   |                     |
| 4. Dave Duperouzel                      | £ 75.00   | web site management |
| 5. HMRC                                 | £1,054.57 |                     |
| 6. Austin Walmsley                      | £ 24.00   |                     |
| 7. R. R. Kippax and Son                 | £234.00   |                     |
| 8. Garstang Timber                      | £ 9.18    |                     |
| 9. Catterall Village Hall               | £500.00   | Energy payment      |
| 10. Houghton's Filling Station          | £ 50.00   |                     |

**Direct Debits**

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| BT  | £ 27.33   |
| PlusNet                                     | £ 18.00   |
| Staff costs                                 | £1,160.00 |
| Pension                                     | £185.83   |
| Siemens – Hire Purchase of Pavement Sweeper | £210.63   |

**Budget**

The Finance Committee met to audit the third quarter accounts and recommend the precept and these minutes were supplied to Councillors. Councillors considered the budget and set the precept. Discussions on the impact of the redefining of the tax base, possible removal of the CCTV from the Pickerings as the hotel has ceased trading and the abolition of the rural grant by Wyre Council took place.

**Precept 2013 – 2014**

*Resolved: To precept £47,153 plus the parish element from Wyre Council of £2,847 and the rural grant of £3,480.*

**2137. OTHER QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

**River Calder**

There was considerable concern over the erosion of the River Calder bank on Stones Lane so near to the public footpath. The Environment Agency and Lancashire County Council Rights of Way will be informed.

There was further concern over the erosion of the river bank around the Potato Field; although this has been scheduled by the Environment Agency for re-instatement.

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

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Chairman .....