

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD ON TUESDAY 6th JANUARY, 2015, 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,
Mrs P. Hofstetter,
J. Houghton,
D. Sharples,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council,
Wyre Cllr. D. Swift,
Two residents*

2430. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Harvey and County Cllr Sandra Perkins.

2431. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr. D. Sharples declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application 14/00939/FUL as agent for the applicant and did not take part in the vote

Cllr. E. Taylor declared a personal interest in the planning application 14/00956/FUL as related to the applicant.

Cllr. Mis J. Finch declared a personal interest in discussions about parking on Cock Robin Lane, as she lives here.

2432. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meetings held on 2nd December, 2014, having been circulated to members were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2433. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak.

Dog Fouling on Hamers Wood Drive

The resident wished to raise the escalating problem of dog fouling on Hamers Wood Drive by what appears to be larger dogs and the mess left by the owners. She also raised that this disgusting practice extends to Cock Robin Lane and has become a greater problem over the festive holiday. The Chairman stated that the problem is reported in the Catterall Crier at every publication. Many Councillors had received such reports and added that the problem is rife through out the village, most notably after dark. The resident was asked to report all incidents to Wyre Council to take action via the dog warden. Wyre Council Swift will also report back to Wyre Council.

Police Report:

There were no crimes during December, but two anti-social behaviour incidents when concerns of a business illegally trading on Toulmin Close and nuisance phone calls by a known person were reported to the police in the Goldfinch Drive area of Catterall and the same person was being a nuisance to the aggrieved party.

The meeting was resumed.

2434. HEAVY VEHICLES USING COCK ROBIN LANE

Cllr. J. Houghton raised the number and weight of HGV's using Cock Robin Lane and had met with Lancashire County Council who are hoping to redesign the toll bar junction by opening it up to allow HGV's to use it. Traffic problems around the shop and South View appear to be getting critical with parking on both sides of the road and emergency vehicles having to wait! It was also noted that the flats to the shop have no parking facilities and when parked outside the shop extend the parked vehicles on either side on Cock Robin Lane, making it a single lane wide. If the new development on Daniel Fold is built this will lead to further traffic attempting to use the lane.

Resolved: To refer the problems to Lancashire County Council and the Police.

2435. LED STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENTS

A number of streets in the village still have the old style street lights, yet others carry LED lights offering an economical alternative with a brighter light. Councillors considered further replacements for Catterall, but there was reticence from some Councillors who were not keen on the new lights. The matter was raised due to the amount of dog fouling which required negotiation at the Christmas lights switch-on.

Resolved: To refer to Lancashire County Council as to their programme for replacement of street lighting in Catterall.

2436. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

J M Services, contractor for the Christmas Tree feeder pillar, are unable to fit a timer in the pillar, as they mis-calculated the available space. Councillors considered whether a timer was necessary as the lights are on 24/7 at present and being LED are cheaper to run than installing an external timer, waterproof box and security.

Resolved: The Parish Council will allow the Christmas Tree lights to remain on permanently over the festive season.

2437 TRAFFIC ASSESSMENTS OF LARGE APPLICATIONS

The reply from Jo Turton at Lancashire County Council concerning the way they deal with the traffic reports submitted on recent planning applications in the A6 corridor was distributed to Councillors who felt that it gives no tangible answer to the problem. It was raised that County Cllr. Perkins had met with Jo Turton and a further meeting will take place imminently with a highway engineer and Cllr. E. Taylor.

Resolved: The Parish Council will wait to hear back from Cllr. E. Taylor and County Cllr. Perkins.

2438. CESSATION OF PAPER PLANS FROM WYRE COUNCIL

The Parish Council wrote to Garry Payne concerned that the ceasing of provision of paper plans would disadvantage councillors and residents when commenting on applications. David Thow answered stating 'Parish/Town Councils are now the only consultee to which we currently send a full paper copy of applications. There are costs associated with this which we would prefer not to have to bear. This is particularly the case in respect of large/major applications of which there are an increasing amount. Whilst I acknowledge that large plans will often need to

be printed to be properly viewed and assessed, applications are usually accompanied by other supporting information and documents e.g. Flood Risk Assessments, Design and Access statements, Transport Statements, Ecology Assessments etc. which are primarily intended to be read by technical consultees (e.g. LCC Highways, Environment Agency etc.) which may not need to be looked at but if necessary, can be read on the web site.

I propose, therefore, that, as from 5th January, we will only send paper copies of plans or documents which are specifically requested. We will NOT charge for the copies sent.

I hope you find this arrangement satisfactory.'

Councillors were insulted at this action, for this to be forced upon the Parishes when Wyre Council states it wants to work with Parish Councils is not acceptable and the high handed way it was done has added to the insult.

Resolved: The Parish Clerk will request paper plans for every application in Catterall.

2439. DISPLAY OF WYRE COUNCIL'S NOTICES

Wyre Council would be grateful if the Parish Council would display the notice for a Polling consultation on the Parish Council's noticeboard, the notice for the new electoral register was displayed recently. This has not been a potential problem to date as clerks did it as part of working together and that Wyre originally gave a contribution to the clerk's salary. It was raised that the rural grant has been withdrawn and Wyre Council is refusing to pass on the Localised Council Tax Grant owed to Parish Councils, which means displaying of Wyre Council's notices is costing the Parish Council. Councillors considered that displaying notices from Wyre Council will cease until Wyre are willing to work with the Parishes.

Resolved: Wyre Council notices will no longer be displayed in the Parish Council notice boards.

2440. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

A new Local Council Award Scheme is to be launched on 6th January, 2015 to replace the Quality Parish Council Status. As Catterall Parish Council still carries this status the council can apply for automatic transition to Foundation level, at no cost. The present status will expire on 31st January, 2016. Councillors were asked if the Parish Council should again be working towards a Quality Gold Award Level, but as the criteria have not yet been published, this matter will be deferred.

Resolved: To defer this matter until the new criteria is published.

2441. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeal

The following planning decision has gone to the planning inspectorate by written representations.

14/00575/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for two dwellings

Location: Land off Old Lancaster Road, Catterall

Planning Decisions

The following planning application has been refused:

14/00641/FUL

Proposal: Barn conversion to create two residential properties and new access

Location: Land Adjacent To Rylstone, Catterall Lane, Catterall

The following planning application has been granted:

14/00754/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 14 (plans) to allow substitution of house types on application 13/00882/FULMAJ

Location: Pickering Hotel, Garstang Road, Catterall

Councillors considered the following planning application**14/00939/FUL****Proposal:** Erection of a steel framed agricultural storage building**Location:** Higher Silcock Farm Catterall Lane Catterall**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.***14/00956/FUL****Proposal:** Two storey side extension**Location:** 10 Cock Robin Lane Catterall**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application and requests neighbourhood notification.***2442. FINANCE**

The following payments have been received;

1. Awards4All	£4,900.00
2. Green Partnership Awards	£400.00
3. Pilling Parish Council	£ 19.95 Telephone/internet costs

Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

1. Clerk's Salary and expenses	£108.51	
2. Parish Lengthsman Wages and expenses	£130.36	
3. Viking – stationery	£400.04	split with Pilling P C
4. Catterall Village Hall	£550.00	Energy for 2015
5. HMRC - third quarter	£1,741.87	
6. C and C Supplies	£ 12.29	
7. Nortech Security Systems Ltd.	£354.00	
8. Chairman's Allowance	£ 91.00	
9. Viking - Stationery	£ 88.75	
10. Houghtons Filling Station	£ 21.03	

Direct Debits

BT	£ 39.22
PlusNet	£ 18.00
Staff costs	£1,400.00
Pension	£292.52
Siemens Hire of pavement sweeper	£210.63

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement**Resolved:** *Councillors accepted the bank reconciliation and the financial statement to 15th December, 2014.***Budget 2015 – 2016**

Councillors were presented with a draft budget showing costed projects for the coming year against any income which could be depended upon and alterations were made accordingly. The precept figure will be £54,000, which results in a 1% rise in the amount paid by residents over last year's amount.

Precept 2015 – 2016

Precept notification has been received from Wyre Council stating that Catterall's tax base for 2015 – 2016 is 787.24, last year's was 763.84.

Resolved: *To inform Wyre Council that Catterall Parish Council's precept for 2015 – 2016 is £54,000.*

2444. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

White lines on Cock Robin Lane

It was reported that the white lines at the junction of Cock Robin Lane and Garstang Road are in need of repainting.

Dogs on lead signs for Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

There is no warning sign for dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when entering the playing field from the public footpath across the potato field.

Lodge Park traffic signs

A resident of Lodge Park has raised the lack of a give way sign when exiting onto Catterall Gates Lane. It was stated that this is a private park and it should be the owners' responsibility. However, this discussion led to the traffic exiting Keepers Wood Way without stopping and a request to reinforce traffic to stop, just opposite Lodge Park will be made.

Re-opening of Claughton Tip

Councillors were disappointed with the announcement in the Courier that the tip would be run by a social enterprise and would only accept certain household items, which can be recycled. This will not be the tip we knew and fear that fly tipping around the area will increase. Will the tip be in competition with the numerous charity shops in Garstang? It is hoped that County Cllr. Perkins will clarify the situation at the next meeting.

WWI Memorial Gate Poppy Garden

The Chairman raised the Memorial Gate at the entrance to the playing field and the poppy memorial at the car park entrance and suggested that they be united by relocating the garden next to the gate and making it a permanent feature. All Councillors were in agreement and Bloom in Catterall will be approached to assist with the project.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Date

Chairman