



CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th August 2026 at 7:00pm at Catterall Village Hall

Present: Cllrs I Brayshaw (Chair), J Bostock, S Bulman, J Finch, S Kirkman, J Mackenzie, K O'Hanlon and P Perks.

In Attendance: E Millington (Clerk and RFO) and four members of the public.

4439 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Ormerod and the reason accepted.

4440 Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.

4441 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2026 be agreed as a correct record, with an addition to minute 4434 LALC Wyre Area Committee report.

Sgt Elliot Jones shared a video on water safety with the committee. The video was produced by Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, North West Ambulance Service and United Utilities and features local school children. The North West has the highest number of fatalities from drowning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFziR0RW7zU>

4442 Public Participation

At the request of the Chair, councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

LCC Cllr J Tomlinson and Wyre Cllr D Swift sent apologies for absence.

LCC Cllr J Tomlinson sent an update regarding the Safer Roads Fund and section 106 plans for the A6 between Preston and Lancaster.

The following message was received from LCC Highways;

"Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to provide any updated plans. Our Design team are still drafting the plans. I can advise that we have carried out feasibility studies for three proposed new signalised junctions, however, we need to do some further work on this. Our Road Safety team will share structured proposals with you and other councillors as part of the consultation as soon as they are available."

The first and second MOP spoke in relation to minute 4443, request for gate access from Goldfinch Drive. Both have concerns that gate access would change the character of the cul-de-sac and could lead to an increase in parking, antisocial behaviour and potential criminal activity.

Councillors assured MOP that the parish council is a long way from making a decision about a gate in this location. The first step is to contact the estates management

company and to discern ownership of the fence and grass verge/strip. Should this be possible, all householders on Goldfinch Drive would be consulted on the proposed gate before any decision was made.

The third MOP shared concerns relating to how overgrown the hedge is on the A6 by the junction of Cock Robin Lane. It is so overgrown that the road sign is partially covered and the sign in the A6 layby is completely covered. This hedge has been reported on Love Clean Streets and will be reported again. The hedge is an issue every summer, the issue will be raised with LCC Cllr J Tomlinson.

The new bus shelter on Cock Robin Lane, owned by Wyre Council seems wonky. The clerk will ask Wyre Council to come out and check the installation.

The fourth MOP raised issues with dogs off lead and dog fouling on Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall. Advice was given that these issues should be reported to Wyre Council, the more reports the more visits Catterall will receive from the dog warden.

The MOP was also advised that issues with drugs, e-bikes and e-scooters should be reported to the police via 101 or via the online reporting tool.

At the conclusion of the public participation and at the request of the Chair, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

4443 Request for gate access from Goldfinch Drive

Some residents have requested a gate or entrance from Goldfinch Drive to the new Collinson's path. There is already an existing self-made path used by the young and able but older less able residents cannot access the field easily. Several wish to join the groups on the field, but the existing walk is too far.

Councillors **resolved** to make enquiries as to who owns and maintains the fence and grass verge.

4444 Request for picnic bench for the dog field

A picnic table has been requested by residents for the dog field. Possibly to be sited between the two groups of trees near the edge of the field for use by young and old alike.

A Clifton picnic table from Glasdon, which is in a similar style to the benches on the park, can be purchased for £686.94 (net).

The 2026/27 budget does not include provision for a picnic bench, councillors resolved to **reconsider** the request at budget setting for 2027/28.

4445 Policy review – Donation/Grant Policy

Councillors **resolved** to accept the updated Donation/Grant Policy v1.3.

4446 Finance

Receipts (for noting)

Payee	Amount	Details
Ruby Hill	£65.00	Donation to Catterall in Bloom
Lancashire County Council	£254.00	Public realm work 2026/27

Payments (for approval)

Payee	Amount	Details
Towers Gornall	£216.00	Payroll processing 01/04/26 to 30/06/26
Haldane Fisher	£4.86	Paintbrushes
C&C Supplies	£148.80	Bark and gravel for topping up around benches and paths
Houghtons Filing Station	£134.89 £18.69	Fuel – July 2026 Catterall in Bloom – canes and posts for pocket park
Haldane Fisher	£36.62	Catterall in Bloom – post mix for pocket park
C&C Supplies	£126.85	Catterall in Bloom – roof sheet, posts, gutter for pocket park
Laburnum Nurseries	£14.22	Catterall in Bloom – plants for Village Hall
Laburnum Nurseries	£47.40	Catterall in Bloom – plants for pocket park

Routine Payments by bank transfer, direct debit and standing order (for noting)

1. Staff Costs for July	£2,787.52
2. LCC Pension	£617.86
3. Easy Websites	£36.96
4. Bank charges (01/07/26 – 31/07/26)	£9.85
5. P Hartley – mileage	£11.55

Charge card expenses 26/07/26 (for noting)

Payee	Amount	Details
Lloyds	£6.00	Charge card fee
Giffgaff	£6.00	Phone – July 2026
Wyre Council	£110.00	Green waste bin subscription x3
The Pro Sprayers People Ltd	£203.70	Replacement sprayer
Husqvarna Group	£54.98	Trimmer line and trimmer head
Bradshaws Farm Shop	£90.00	Bark for playing field

Investments

None.

Councillors **resolved** to note the receipts, approve the payments and to note the payments by Standing Order, Direct Debit, Charge Card and the reinvested investment receipt.

Statement of Accounts

Councillors **resolved** to the accept the July statement and reconciliation for Unity current, Unity saver and Redwood.

Transfer of Funds

Councillors **resolved** to approve a transfer of £5,000 from Unity saver to Unity current.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

4447 Reports from subject leads and outside body representatives

QEI Playing Field

The youth shelter demolition will take place week commencing 10th August.

LALC Wyre Area Committee

Next meeting will be in September 2026.

Catterall Village Hall

Catterall Village Hall committee are continuing to get quotes for the new Village Hall roof. Due to the size of the project, they have had to go out to tender.

Catterall Gala

None.

4448 Clerk's report

Councillors **noted** the information in the Clerk's report.

4449 Action Tracker

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the action tracker.

4450 SPID Report

Councillors **noted** the information contained in July 2026 SPID report from Cock Robin Lane (southwest bound) and Garstang Road LC30 (northbound).

This data has been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

4451 Questions to councillors

Councillors were advised that further copies of the 'A Ramble Around Catterall and District' book by Joe Lane are being printed.

Following a couple of incidents reported on Facebook of people being hit by golf balls whilst on the dog field, the parish council will contact the golf club.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:00pm.