

ANNEX B: COMMUNITY PLAN: ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS

ACTION	HOW?	PROGRESS AT FEB/MAR 2017 (Cllr Oates)
1. THE LOCAL ECONOMY		
AE1 We will support and promote initiatives that aid local farming (and related) activity as prescribed by policy PE2 , provided this does not conflict with other parish policies.	Ensure planning decisions about farm diversification/development are informed by policy PL1. (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document)	Ongoing. All planning decisions are reviewed to ensure that , as far as practical, they comply with Colton PC planning policy.
AE2 We will lobby government for better broadband and IT support for farmers, particularly now that CAP scheme submissions must be made online.	Make submissions to and respond to consultations from Government and relevant agencies to provide the necessary infrastructure (ref AE5) for rural areas and IT support for farmers.	Ongoing with superfast fibre roll out continuing, although not as fast as desired and not at all in some areas. M Postle (Broadband Champion) asked to provide an update of current status and further actions required to complete coverage.
AE3 In relation to tourism, we will support only those planning applications that relate to low-level , low-impact tourist activity linked to the local economy, as prescribed by policy PE3, provided they do not conflict with other parish policies (especially regarding peace and quiet, and housing).	Ensure planning decisions about tourism are informed by policy PE3. (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document)	Ongoing. All planning decisions are reviewed to ensure that , as far as practical, they comply with Colton PC planning policy.
AE4 We will support initiatives (such as the current Rusland Horizons project) that help to conserve traditional skills.	Nominate a councillor to liaise with the Rusland Horizons project and to give quarterly up-dates on relevant developments. Use the Parish Newsletter to share information about relevant initiatives.	
AE5 We will take an active part in the Connecting Cumbria Broadband initiative through supporting our 'Broadband Champion' in raising awareness and in lobbying for super-fast broadband connections in the parish.	We will continue to support and liaise with the appointed Broadband Champion for the parish . PC to be kept informed of progress	Ongoing with superfast fibre roll out continuing, although not as fast as desired and not at all in some areas. M Postle (Broadband Champion) asked to provide an update of current status and further actions required to complete coverage.

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We will explore with the appropriate authorities how to connect those properties excluded from the Connecting Cumbria initiative.	and to respond positively to requests for support and help.	
AE6 We will support initiatives that provide employment for local people, provided they do not conflict with other parish policies (esp. regarding peace and quiet).	Ensure planning decisions about employment are informed by policy PE1 and PE4. (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document)	Ongoing. All planning decisions are reviewed to ensure that, as far as practical, they comply with Colton PC planning policy.
AE7 We will explore the potential benefits of keeping a register of business premises operating in the parish.	Seek information from parishes that may have tried this. Agree approach in the light of findings.	Made contact with Haverthwaite PC regarding an informal discussion on topics of common interest with a representative from their “economic Development team” including whether they have attempted to compile a list of businesses operating in their Parish. To report any progress at next PC Meeting.

2. LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT		
<i>ACTION</i>	<i>HOW?</i>	<i>PROGRESS AT FEB/MAR 2017 (Cllr Champion)</i>
<p>AL1 We will share information about environmental initiatives and opportunities.</p> <p>We will remain alert to any activities that might be detrimental to the natural environment (e.g. illegal off-roading and poaching) and refer concerns to the appropriate authorities</p>	<p>Make active use of parish newsletter, notice boards and website. Nominate a parish councillor to liaise with the Rusland Horizons Project and provide feedback on relevant items.</p> <p>Encourage residents to report illegal activity. Councillors to inform clerk and contact police where appropriate. Maintain representation on relevant Working Groups</p>	<p>Talk from Coniston and Crake Partnership Sept. 16 Re. Poaching:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting July 16 • Newsletter item Summer 16 • Follow –up police to prioritise Sept 16 • Joint (Colton and Satterthwaite) meeting with PCC • Bid (KP) - £7500 to PCC’s fund successful – cameras, radios, awareness raising. • Wildlife PCSO designated. <p>RE. Illegal off-roading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership work to manage two successful enforcement days. • Newsletter item Summer 16
<p>AL2 We will ensure policy PL3 (peace and quiet) informs Parish Council decisions about relevant planning applications and maintain vigilance about developments which might jeopardise this policy.</p>	<p>Ensure planning decisions are informed by policy PL3. (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document)</p>	
<p>AL3 We will share information about initiatives and opportunities arising in connection with the special heritage of the area and invite participants to attend Parish Council meetings to inform the community.</p>	<p>Invite participants to attend Parish Council Meetings to inform the community.</p> <p>Use the newsletter and website to share information.</p>	<p>John Strutt Foundation re Hay Bridge wetland conservation.</p> <p>Penny Bridge Estates re. forestry and drainage</p>
<p>AL4 We will ensure that policy PL5 (wildlife conservation) informs Parish Council decisions about relevant planning applications.</p>	<p>Ensure planning decisions are informed by policy PL5 (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document)</p>	<p>See AL1 above- newsletter item</p>

<p>We will request up-dates from the Rusland Horizons Project in this respect.</p> <p>We will encourage the community to raise concerns about and activities that might threaten wildlife (e.g. poaching) and wildlife habitats.</p>	<p>Use the website and newsletter to encourage the community to raise concerns about any issues/problems that arise.</p>	
<p>AL5</p> <p>We will ensure that policy PL2 (farming) informs Parish Council decisions about relevant planning applications and share information about successful initiatives with parishioners.</p>	<p>Ensure planning decisions are informed by policy PL2. (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document).</p> <p>Use newsletter and website to inform parishioners about local initiatives</p>	
<p>AL6</p> <p>We will encourage and support information-sharing about community woodland and wood-sharing schemes, liaising with woodland owners such as the Forestry Commission, the National Park and the Woodland Trust, and will seek regular updates from the Rusland Horizons project on its initiatives concerning woodland management and conservation skills.</p>	<p>Use Newsletter and noticeboards to publicise opportunities and developments.</p> <p>Updates from Rusland Horizons project at Council meetings.</p>	<p>? RH work here known about from website but not reported at meetings.</p>
<p>AL7</p> <p>We will encourage appreciation of 'dark skies' and work to reduce light pollution in the parish.</p> <p>We will ask properties and caravan sites to turn off lights at night or use low-output lighting (if lighting is regarded as necessary).</p>	<p>Encouragement via newsletter articles.</p>	<p>Swan Hotel asked to modify lighting 02/16. No effect!</p>

3. COMMUNITIES AND WELL-BEING		
<i>ACTION</i>	<i>HOW?</i>	<i>PROGRESS AT FEB/MAR 2017 (Cllr Hoyle)</i>
<p>AC1 We will consider the effects on the peace and quiet of the parish of any development initiative, planning application, or other proposal put before the Parish Council and make this consideration a key element in our decision making.</p>	<p>Ensure planning decisions are informed by policy PL3 (peace and quiet) - (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document)</p>	<p>AC1 - The Parish Council took policy PL3 (peace and quiet) specifically into account in consideration of all planning decisions.</p>
<p>AC2 We will support the village hall committees in maintaining and developing these important community assets.</p>	<p>We will be alert for opportunities to help Village Hall committees maximise their income and seek grant funding. We will ask village hall representatives to share with a meeting of the PC their current issues /challenges. We will promote the use of village halls for events, meetings etc.</p>	<p>AC2 - The Parish Council fully support the Village Hall committees and have Councillor representation on most VH committees and attend their meetings. We have offered information and advice on grant funding possibilities, current regulations and maximising income. The Parish Council has particularly encouraged the redevelopment of the Oxen Park VH and also the fundraising opportunity of the Rusland Spring Show for Rusland Reading Rooms.</p>
<p>AC3 We will seek to include important community assets on a 'Community Assets Register' (Localism Act 2012) where they meet the necessary criteria.</p>	<p>Working Group to produce Community Assets Register and update at suitable intervals.</p>	<p>AC3 - A Parish Council Working Group has registered the Rusland Reading Rooms as an Asset of Community Value and has advised members of the community on the situation regarding the Manor at Oxen Park. We organized a successful community meeting to discuss the latter.</p>
<p>AC4 We will lobby the responsible authorities to maintain and improve local health and other services that are essential to well-being, particularly for the older and more vulnerable members of our community.</p>	<p>We will assess priority issues and work actively to influence decision-making regarding local health service provision, especially when it is threatened or inadequate. We will encourage local initiatives that support health services.</p>	<p>AC4 - The Parish Council has lobbied the Health Authorities over the threats to local services in Kendal and Hawkshead and will continue to do so.</p>

<p>AC5 We will continue to maintain the Bouth Village Green & Playground as a facility for local residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Support the Bouth Village Green and Playground Voluntary Committee in its management. Receive annual reports from the Committee. Continue financial commitment. Maintain the necessary insurance, health and safety, and other requirements as lease-holders.</p>	<p>AC5 - The Parish Council has continued to provide full support to the BVG&P Voluntary Committee including providing representation, reporting relevant Highways problems, maintaining the necessary insurance and monitoring and acting on all health and safety issues. The Parish Council has grant supported the First Responder scheme in the Parish.</p>
<p>AC6 We will maintain our eight parish council notice-boards and keep them up-to-date. We will examine ways of improving communications with parishioners, particularly the vulnerable and hard to reach, using appropriate formats. We will develop and put in place an 'Information and Communications Strategy'.</p>	<p>Set up a Working Group to draw up a strategy. Maintain the eight parish council notice-boards and keep them up-to-date. Maintain and further develop the website. Review the newsletter format.</p>	<p>AC6 - The Parish Council has successfully maintained all eight notice boards and has developed a programme of maintenance and replacement when and where necessary and funds permit. The website has been improved and the Clerk and a volunteer have been fully trained in its use. It is informative and up to date. A printed Parish Newsletter has been distributed to all parishioners in early March 2017.</p>
<p>AC7 We will support the development of resilience plans for each settlement in the Parish, based on the plan drawn up for Finsthwaite, and encourage the participation of parishioners.</p>	<p>We will ensure interested settlements have access to practice and procedures developed elsewhere. We will encourage the participation of parishioners. We will invite applications for funding.</p>	<p>AC7 - The Parish Councillors encourage participation in formal resilience planning and the scheme centered on Finsthwaite has been supported and adopted. Much informal resilience planning occurs throughout the Parish.</p>
<p>AC8 We will survey the rights of way in the Parish and work with the LDNPA and the County Council for their maintenance and development. We will assess the potential for new footpaths where appropriate.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • survey existing rights of way, • form of footpath support group, • report and support maintenance • explore the potential for new rights of way. 	<p>AC8 - Further consideration is being given towards the tackling of footpath issues in the Parish.</p>

4. HOUSING AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT		
ACTION	HOW?	PROGRESS AT FEB/MAR 2017 (Cllr Dean)
<p>AH1 We will consider opportunities for small-scale affordable housing development according to policies PH1 and PH3.</p>	<p>We will consider any proposal put forward for small-scale affordable housing according to policy (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document).</p> <p>We will liaise with the authorities and the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust to re-run the Housing Survey every 4/5 years, to assess demand.</p>	<p>None Submitted Consideration will be given as to whether Councillors should work to identify possible site, after the results of the next Housing Survey(end 2018)</p> <p>Last Housing survey completed in April 2012; propose next survey in 2018. Issue could be support for survey following the demise of Cumbria Rural Housing Trust</p>
<p>AH2 We will continue to monitor the housing stock in the parish, particularly the proportion of main residences vs second homes, holiday lets and empty homes.</p>	<p>We will maintain a register of housing stock and use this to inform decision-making.</p>	<p>Colton Address List obtained from SLDC Proposed Classification of properties agreed Bouth/Greenodd/Haverthwaite Template completed. Other Locations circulated to councillors for completion – Target date May 2017</p>
<p>AH3 We will consider applications for other development on a case-by-case basis, based on an assessment of the impacts as described in policy PH5.</p>	<p>Ensure planning decisions are underpinned by reference to the Parish Plan policies (ref. Colton PC Planning Policy Summary document)</p>	<p>Ongoing Each application assessed individually against Policy</p>
<p>AH4 We will monitor the Neighbourhood Planning process taking place in pilot areas in the National Park, and the associated resource implications. The Council will communicate with neighbouring parishes about a possible joint approach to a Neighbourhood Plan for this area.</p>	<p>Monitor the NP process underway locally and keep updated through CALC and NALC information.</p>	<p>No progress.</p>

5. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT		
<i>ACTION</i>	<i>HOW?</i>	<i>PROGRESS AT FEB/MAR 2017 (Cllr Barr)</i>
<p>AR1 We will press for better liaison and consultation with the County Highways on road maintenance.</p> <p>We will encourage parishioners to report road condition problems to the relevant authorities.</p> <p>We will maintain a list of highways and flooding problems and press County Highways to resolve them.</p> <p>We will lobby County and District Councils for improved road maintenance and road sweeping in the Parish.</p>	<p>Continue to press Area Highways Engineer for better consultation and liaison. Meet regularly with local Area Highway Steward.</p> <p>Contact and format information to be provided on notice-boards, newsletters and website.</p> <p>Maintain regularly updated list on the website. Provide progress reports to the Council every 3 months.</p> <p>Raise with County and District Councillors at meetings. Submit requests and meet with County and District representatives as necessary.</p>	<p>Our previous clerk had established good relations with the local Highways Network Officer (Dave Huck) and this has now included our Lengthsman. Communication with the Local Highway Steward is almost non-existent.</p> <p>This is being done where possible.</p> <p>List is updated regularly. Check whether the latest list has been provided.</p> <p>We do this when opportunities arise.</p>
<p>AR2 We will continue to engage the services of a Lengthsman, funded through the precept for at least 2 days per month, seeking grant funding to increase the number of working days.</p>	<p>Ensure funding base, contract and remuneration systems in place.</p> <p>Ensure good management and liaison system in place for dealing with residents' requests and feedback.</p> <p>Monitor effectiveness of Lengthsman.</p>	<p>All done. Working well.</p> <p>Work sheets checked monthly.</p>
<p>AR3 We will consider community self-help schemes where feasible, for example encouraging able residents to clear local drains of surface debris to prevent flooding.</p>	<p>Encouragement through newsletter articles.</p> <p>Look for any funding opportunities.</p>	<p>Done recently in at least one newsletter but further opportunities will arise.</p> <p>We monitor opportunities and have recently worked with Highways on drain clearance.</p>
<p>AR4</p>		<p>Councillors are asked to monitor their areas and report back. Works well.</p>

<p>We will review and identify the need for grit bins and grit heaps in the Parish and press for their provision and maintenance.</p> <p>We will participate in County Highways winter-maintenance schemes where feasible.</p>	<p>Annual review of bins and heaps before the winter season, and refer to County Highways. Maintain a map of bins and heaps.</p> <p>Liaise with County about appropriate schemes. Assess feasibility and decide on participation.</p>	<p>Take opportunities when they arise.</p>
<p>AR5</p> <p>We will lobby for speed limits and speed reduction measures particularly along well-known 'black routes', for example the C5026 Newby Bridge to Stott Park road, the C5023 Tollbar to Spark Bridge route and the C5022 through Oxen Park.</p> <p>We will monitor the effectiveness of the '20's Plenty' zone in Bouth.</p> <p>We will report 'black-spots' and near-miss incidents to the police, including on green lanes.</p>	<p>Encourage residents to report their speed and safety issues to the Council via newsletter articles and website.</p> <p>Consider priority issues and liaise with the appropriate authorities (County, Police).</p> <p>Consult Bouth residents about the perceived effectiveness of the zone.</p> <p>Report to Police and County Council.</p>	<p>This has not been done for a while, even though it is a high priority in our previous surveys. (The actions is against the newsletter group which is currently defunct).</p> <p>This is contingent on the above.</p> <p>A survey was sent out to residents but we have not had the results from the council (this was about 2- 3 years ago).</p> <p>The general opinion of the village is that it has made little difference to the speed of the traffic but it was the right approach.</p> <p>We would pass on any incidents but have not heard from any residents recently.</p>
<p>AR6</p> <p>We will assess the need for public transport and community transport schemes in the parish and will lobby for provision of such services in relation to demand.</p> <p>We will publicise and encourage the use of transport services by residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Assess the potential for new public services based on use of existing services in the local area.</p> <p>Promote the use of community transport schemes (ref Annex D)</p>	<p>Nothing has been done recently.</p> <p>This was done some time ago but needs re-visiting when the Newsletter Group is reformed.</p>

6. ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY		
<i>ACTION</i>	<i>HOW?</i>	<i>PROGRESS AT FEB/MAR 2017 (No report)</i>
AS1 We will explore options for further recycling schemes to be made available in the parish.	Liaise with District Councillor with recycling portfolio.	SLDC has broadened the range of materials that are collected. (We need to check that this covers the whole parish).
AS2 We will help to maintain fuel oil/gas syndicates and to publicise their activities.	Ensure syndicate details are available in newsletters, on website and on notice-boards.	This is working well in some areas (e.g. Oxen Park Oil Syndicate).
AS3 We will talk to local organisations and agencies about the potential for local fuel-wood purchasing schemes.	Liaise with Rusland Horizons Programme for local wood supply.	This is being done for Bouth through the Sharewood Project. Opportunities exist for more communities to become involved.
AS4 We will encourage residents to take advantage of grant schemes for all types of home insulation and ensure that information is available to householders.	Publicise schemes in newsletters, notice-boards and on website.	This is done when information is received.
AS5 We will encourage residents to consider sharing car-journeys for regular outings, such as shopping trips and social events.	Publicise emerging opportunities and help to share good practice.	Little progress.