



Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2009 in Water Yeat Village Hall at 7.30p.m..

Members Present: Cllr Barr (Chair) Cllr Cunliffe Cllr Robinson Cllr Fishwick Cllr Harrington
Cllr Potts Cllr Lovegrove Cllr Dean Ms M Lane (Clerk)

Also present: 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Watson Cllr Walsh (CCC) Cllr Davies (SLDC)

ACTION

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st December 2008 as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda.

4. Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

The following action reports were received and noted:

- Bouth Playground inspections: A meeting had been held to agree arrangements for weekly inspections. Concern was expressed about public liability cover for volunteers; the Clerk would investigate. It was agreed that, pending clarification on the subject, the Lengthsman, Chris Slater, would be asked to conduct weekly inspections as part of his duties in the parish. **Clerk**
- Location of new salt bins: A map had been sent to County showing where the two new bins should be located (Rusland Cross and Bent Hawes). The Clerk would report damaged salt bins at Oxen Park and Lakeside. **Clerk**
- New 'Publication Scheme': It was agreed that the draft publication scheme, listing information available about the Council and its activities, be implemented and published on the website. **Clerk**
- Speed Limits at Spark Bridge: A 30mph speed limit had now been agreed for Spark Bridge. The Council's response to the consultation on placement of signs had not been adopted. The Clerk would ask for the reasoning behind the decision. **Clerk**

5. Public Participation

No issues were raised.

6. Comments from District and County Councillors

None was present, as Colton's meeting dates had clashed with other parish councils' meeting dates. The Clerk would check other parish meeting dates to see if clashes could be avoided. **Clerk**

7. Accounts

- The following payments were approved:
 - Cheque 000434: Bouth Village Green 2nd cash imprest for 08/09: **£100.00**
 - Cheque 000435: Ordnance Survey map copying fee: **£64.33**
 - Cheque 000436: Hawkshead PCC - photocopying: **£72.00**
 - Cheque 000437: Lengthsman's salary for Nov and Dec 08: **£308.00**
 - Cheque 000438: Hire of Water Yeat Village Hall: **£20.00**
- It was resolved to try to make as much use of the Ordnance Survey map copying licence as possible and to revisit its usefulness before it fell due next year.
- It was resolved to accept the SLDC recommendations for travel and subsistence rates.
- It was agreed in principle that a donation be paid to North-West Air Ambulance, subject to confirmation that the budget could support it. **Clerk**

8. Planning

- The following planning application due to be discussed had been withdrawn:
 - **7/2008/5611 - Buck Yeats Coach House, Lakeside** - Erection of replacement dwelling and conversion of existing dwelling back to coach house.

- The following planning applications were discussed and responses agreed as follows:
 - **7/2008/5660 - Burn Knott Bungalow, Bouth** - Replacement house: demolition of existing block-work bungalow with timber-framed and clad house, car-port and store.
RESOLUTION: No objection, although concerns were expressed that i) its design and appearance should not set a precedence for other similar buildings in the parish, and ii) that a proposed field gate was near a blind bend.
 - **7/2008/5668 - Stricely Fell Caravan Site, Force Mills** - 6 additional caravans with associated landscaping and engineering works.
RESOLUTION: Object (by unanimous vote) on grounds of over-development of site, landscape and ecological impact and non-compliance with LDNPA Local Plan policy NE5 and T9 for developments within a designated 'quiet area' of the National Park.
- The following responses to planning applications were noted:
 - **7/2008/5617 - Rusland Hall**: new porch - **no objections** - application later withdrawn.
 - **7/2008/5619 - Rusland Hall**: replacement greenhouse - **no objections**.
 - **7/2008/5608 - The Bungalow, Newby Bridge**: replacement dwelling and garage - **no objections**
 - **7/2008/5607 - The School House, Finsthwaite**: demolition of porch and erection of 1 and 2-storey extensions - **no objections**
 - **7/2008/5622&5644 - Waterside House, Newby Bridge**: conversion of barn to office - **no objections**
 - **7/2008/5655&5656 - Old Hall Farm, Bouth**: extension and alterations **no objections**

9. Highways

Parish and Highway Stewards: The Highway Steward was due back in Colton Parish in February. It was agreed that a list of known trouble-spots for flooding would be drawn up for him to pass on to Cumbria Highways. Base maps would be sent to all Councillors for marking down flooding trouble-spots in the area of their respective newsletter rounds.

Clerk

Salt/grit provision: The lack of salt/grit provision had caused many problems, accidents and damage during the icy period in early December. Parishioners, Councillors and Clerk had contacted the Highways Hotline and also spoken to Highways engineers. The problem seemed to be a lack of clear procedures and forward-planning for the winter along with a budget over-spend. It was agreed that the Chairman send the drafted letter of complaint to Cumbria Highways, and that Colton should also sign a joint letter of complaint with Blawith, Satterthwaite and Egton parishes. It was also agreed that the Clerk ask CALC to include an agenda item on level of service from Cumbria Highways at a South Lakeland District Association meeting.

Cllr Barr

Clerk

Off-road vehicles and UCRs: No reply had yet been received from Cumbria Highways to Colton's letter of July 2008 on damage to UCRs. It was agreed that a letter or email would be sent to the Local Access Forum. It had been suggested that Section 56 of the Highways Act could be a possible course of action; the Clerk would investigate.

Clerk

10. Parish Plan

It was agreed that Cllr Harrington, Cllr Lovegrove and Cllr Barr would participate in the development of the new Parish Plan. The Clerk would convene an initial meeting with other parishioners who had expressed an interest.

Clerk

11. Project Ideas and Funding Sources

Cllr Fishwick had attended the South Lakes Funding Fair in November. Parish Councils were not normally eligible to apply for funds, but they could support other community groups in doing so. Grants were available, for example, for village hall refurbishment. Parish Councils were, however, able to apply to the Community Waste Prevention Fund, but this would provide match-funding only. It was agreed that Cllr Fishwick would draft some information should be posted on the website.

*Cllr
Fishwick*

12. Consultations

The following new consultations were considered:

- SLDC LDF - Allocation of Land (outwith the National Park) - by 28th February. It was agreed that no response was required.
- Communities and Local Government - 'Local authority publicity' - by 12th March. It was agreed that Cllr Lovegrove would draft a response.

*Cllr
Lovegrove*

The following responses were noted:

- Local Councils Charter for the Lake District National Park - Cllrs Barr and Fishwick had responded positively, but with requests for clarification of terms and on how liaison would operate in practice.

13. Reports of Meetings

Grange and Cartmel Community Board, 9th December: Cllr Barr had attended. Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) were the main topic; a second consultation round was due shortly. There was concern about duplication of effort through the various different parish groupings. A letter from the principal authorities was expected shortly, and Colton would need to respond. It was agreed that a working group be set up to consider LAPs and with which area(s) Colton should align itself. Cllrs Barr and Dean would participate.

Clerk

The following forthcoming meetings were noted:

- Forestry Commission - Bessy Bank management plan meeting, 22nd Jan - Cllr Robinson and the Clerk would attend.
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum, 28th January, Hawkshead Market Hall
- Low Furness Neighbourhood Forum, 5th February, Urswick Parish Rooms

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- Transition South Lakes: it was agreed that an expression of support be sent. Clerk
- Coniston Parish Council - letter about cooperative action. It was agreed that an expression of support in principle be sent, but with questions about how the system would operate in practice. Clerk

The following correspondence was noted:

CALC

- CALC Circular Dec/Jan
- Training courses - Jan-June 2009
- South Lakeland District Association - minutes of 27th Nov meeting.
- CALC Training Programme - Jan-Jun 2009

CCC

- Speed limits at Spark Bridge - Colton PC's submission to Cumbria Highways concerning placement of 30 mph signs, and confirmation of receipt. To be decided on 10th Dec.
- Grange and Cartmel Community Board - Agenda for 9th December (& minutes of last meeting), Grange, 6.30.
- Cumbria CC budget consultation 'simulation' - respond by 8th Jan
- Cumbria Highways newsletter - Winter 2008.
- Resource Cumbria -'Review' - Dec 08 - recycling news

SLDC

- Code of Conduct Training - reminder to register
- Register of Electors for 2009 - invitation to request copy for parish
- South Lakeland development Framework "Allocations of Land" development plan documentation (e.g. land for housing). **For areas outside the NP only.** Invitation to comment on discussion paper (by 28th Feb) - viewable from SLDC website: www.southlakeland.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=3004
- Remuneration for Parish Councillors and Travel and Subsistence Rates 2009/10 (Travel stays at 40p/mile within 50 mile radius).
- Electoral Register for 2008 (electronic copy)
- Parish Summits 2008 - reports now on SLDC website: <http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=3001>

Cumbria CVS and ACT (new name for VAC!)

- Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT - new name for Voluntary Action Cumbria (VAC) - The Gazette: Community Led Planning. Also Survey on Parish Plans - by 16th Jan
- Cumbria CVS news - Nov/Dec 08
- Link-up - Cumbria CVS news - Winter 2008

Other

- Local Government Group of Transition South Lakes. Invitation to express support.
- Coniston Parish Council - draft minutes for 24th November 08.
- Satterthwaite Parish Council - Agenda for 1st Dec 08
- Coniston Parish Council - letter to neighbouring parishes about cooperation and expressing opposition to fixed local area partnerships
- Local Gov. group of 'Transition South Lakes' - invitation to express support
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Summary from 11th Nov meeting
- Forestry Commission - notification of wall repairs Whitestock to Bowkerstead 11th-23rd Dec
- Letter from CPC to RoSPA about weekly play-area inspections
- Friends of the Lake District - Overhead Wires Project Newsletter 2008
- STOP Campaign against Striders wind farm - news bulletin no. 4

- Letter from ColtonPC to Rospa asking for guidance on playground inspections.
- Friends of the Lake District - E-message - 8th December 08
- Satterthwaite Parish Council - minutes of 29th October 08
- Satterthwaite Parish Council - Agenda for 12th Jan 09
- Draft letter to Cumbria Highways re gritting from Clerk of Satterthwaite PC - for comment
- Communities and Local Gov. - consultation on local authority publicity - respond by 12th March
- North-west Air Ambulance - request for support
- Cumbria Constabulary - Policing Pledge for Neighbourhood Policing.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting was confirmed as the Monday 23rd February 2009 in Rusland Reading Room at 7.30 p.m.
- A draft schedule of meeting dates for 2009-2010 was approved, with venues to be confirmed (*attached below*).

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING DATES 2009-2010

Date	Meeting	Venue <i>(N.B. - to be confirmed)</i>
Mon 11 th May 09	Annual Parish Council 2009	Bouth Village Hall
Mon 22 nd June 09	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
Mon 3 rd August 09	Parish Council	Colton Church Hall
Mon 14 th Sept 09	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
Mon 26 th Oct 09	Parish Council	Bouth Village Hall
Mon 7 th Dec 09	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
Mon 11 th Jan 10	Parish Council	Water Yeat Village Hall
Mon 22 nd Feb 10	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
Mon 29 th March 10	Parish Open Meeting and Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room