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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009 in Rusland Reading Room at 7.30 p.m..

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

Also present: Cllr Wilson (CCC) PC John Baldwin and 5 members of the public

134. Apologies

Cllr Cunliffe Cllr Davies (SLDC)

ACTION

135. Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th October 2009 as a true record.

136. Declarations of Interest

None

137. Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

- Nibthwaite Phone Kiosk: Cllr Fishwick reported that there was a lot of interest in retaining the kiosk. The Clerk had asked BT for an extension of the deadline. The Nibthwaite community would agree to pay something towards the cost of the electricity. Cllr Fishwick would prepare a short paper for consideration at the next Council meeting on 11th January.

Cllr Fishwick

138. Public Participation

- PC John Baldwin: The police now had a new Land Rover Defender, donated by a local businessman. Crime remained low in the area, although there had been a series of thefts of water recreation equipment from Water Park and Lake Bank recently. The usual Christmas drink-driving campaign would be operating; some reports had already been received through the Crime-stoppers anonymous reporting system. There had been some uptake of smart-water marking, but the police had run out of kit for the time being. A short survey was being conducted in the Rusland Valley to highlight the key crime issues; poaching and illegal off-road behaviour were the main issues emerging. All were asked to respond. The Clerk would put the survey on the website.
- Mr Elliot explained that he was a cyclist and regular user of Colton's green roads and that he liked them as they were; he asked that the Council not spend money to repair them on his behalf. The Chairman explained that the key issue concerned the livelihood of local farmers and their ability to reach their stock.
- Mr Woodhouse asked i) that the Council continue to press for repairs to green roads on behalf of pedestrians; some lanes were impassable without Wellington Boots. ii) whether the Council would be prepared to support the preservation of the area for red squirrels and culling of the greys. The Council agreed to help publicise recording and put up information posters, if required.

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139. Green Energy

The presentation expected from Elizabeth Bruce, sustainable energy consultant, was postponed as she had not been able to attend.

Cllr Taylor reported that Colton's green energy working group had met briefly and will meet again in the New Year. Satterthwaite PC aimed to make their parish self-sufficient in low carbon electricity.

Cllr Barr proposed that Colton sign up to 'Project 1010' with the aim of cutting carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. This could be done by reducing travel via more lift-sharing. This was approved.

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140. Comments from District and County Councillors

- Cllr Wilson (CCC) i) The wash-out at Colton Church had been reported to the Highways Hotline. ii) Flooding: Cumbria County Council were issuing regular Flood Bulletins following the late November floods. Backbarrow Bridge was badly damaged and closed. Cllr Fishwick asked about Bouthrey Bridge, Water Yeat, that had been badly damaged and was now closed. Blawith PC and Cllr Claire Salisbury had written to County about the bridge and Colton PC and Cllr Wilson would join them in pressing for information on repair plans. iii) Speed Limits: there were a number of local villages now pressing for speed limits, including Bouth; he was

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investigating a Local Area Committee Standing Order that appeared to state that any village wanting a speed limit could have one - he would report at the next meeting.

141. Accounts

The following payments were approved

- Cheque number 000475 Information Commissioner - DPA registration fee: **£35.00**
- Cheque number 000476 Cllr Fishwick: travel to LDNPA Parish Tour 17th Sept: **£16.80**
- Cheque number 000477 CALC - CALC Training Course (Cllr Taylor) 4th Feb 10: **£25.00**
- Cheque number 000478 Ordnance Survey Map Copying Licence Fee: **£62.96**

142. Planning

- The following planning application was discussed and a resolution made:
 - 7/2009/5651: Abbot Park Farm, Bandrake Head. Change of use of barn and alterations for kitchen and tea-room for campers and fell-walkers. **Resolution: No objection**
- The following response to a planning application was noted:
 - 7/2009/5632: 12, Landing How, Lakeside. Ground floor extension. *No objection.*
- The following grants of planning permission were noted:
 - 7/2009/5334: Bouth Village Hall, Bouth: Replace windows with upvc double-glazed
 - 7/2009/5347: Whitestock Hall, Rusland: Extension and alterations.
 - 7/2009/5374: Water Park, Nibthwaite: Sailing equipment store.
 - 7/2009/5331: Water Park, Nibthwaite: Building to house teaching and changing facilities.
 - 7/2009/5326: Barn One, Pool Foot Barns: Convert small area of agricultural land into garden.
 - 7/2009/5408: Swan Hotel, Newby Bridge: Shed, greenhouse and chicken shed.
 - 7/2009/5299: Black Beck Caravan Park, Bouth: use of land for display and sale of static caravans.
 - 7/2009/5334: Tanglewood, 4, Brown Howe, Water Yeat - Alterations to house, underground garage, greenhouse.
 - 7/2009/5484: The Peat House, Nibthwaite - new conservatory on reading room.
 - 7/2009/5531: The Bungalow, Burn Knott, Bouth - new field gate.
- The following refusal of planning permissions was noted:
 - 7/2009/5334: Tanglewood, 4, Brown Howe, Water Yeat - New boat store and jetty
- 7/2009/5300 Black Beck Caravan Site - extension of season: It was **resolved** to send a letter of concern to LDNPA about the conditions under which the application was granted: i) it was unclear to which part of the site the 'holiday let only' condition applied - the Parish Council had understood from correspondence that this would apply to the whole site. ii) the Parish Council's response (objection) appeared to have been considered simply as one response alongside other individual responses. iii) Regional policies in relation to tourism appeared to have been allowed to override local planning policies.
- 7/2009/5452 : Stricely Fell Caravan Site, application for 2 additional caravans: Cllr Barr had attended a site visit on 11th November along with the Chairman of Satterthwaite Parish Council. It was noted that only 1 day's notice had been given of this site visit by the LDNPA. Most members were very surprised that the existing chalets should fall within the definition of a caravan. Cllr Barr had been allowed to answer questions and correct some information about the site and the application. The Clerk had subsequently attended the Development Control meeting that considered the application; although the LDNPA had recommended approval, members proposed a motion to refuse it and this was carried.

143. Community Plan

Cllr Fishwick and Mr David Baxter had met to agree next steps for the Community Plan. An event to encourage community involvement in the 'Colton 2020' project was arranged for 28th January at Rusland Reading Rooms and would include food and a quiz.

144. Bouth Playground Repairs

The slippery play surface identified as medium risk by the RoSPA report in August had yet to be pressure-washed. Cllr Lovegrove would speak to Mr John Osborn as a matter of urgency as the Clerk was concerned about insurance cover should this risk not be removed soon.

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The repairs required to the edge of the play surface had been assessed by Abacus who had quoted £1500. This was outside the scope of the Parish Council budget. The Clerk had asked Mr John Osborn to hold a meeting of the Bouth Village Green and Playground Committee to discuss how funds could be raised, for example through Neighbourhood Forum bids. Cllr Lovegrove, Secretary of the Committee, would meet with Mr Osborn to arrange this.

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145. Highways

- Flooding: i) Landing Close and Woodside Close, Lakeside had been evacuated due to flooding. There had been severe drainage problems in this area for some years. The Clerk

would ask the Highway Steward to investigate. ii) Field of pigs, Ealinghearth: the overstocking of a field with pigs had led to removal of the soil surface down to rock which had resulted in drainage problems onto the road. Cllr Wilson and the Clerk would take this up with Highways. iii) Cumbria Community Foundation appeal for flood relief funds: it was agreed that this should be publicised on the website.

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- Salt/Grit: A gritting lorry had been seen on the Penny Bridge to Hawkshead road showing that it was now being routinely gritted. The Clerk had sent in the map showing the locations of salt heaps and bins required. It was noted that no salt/grit had been delivered to the Parish so far.
- Lengthsman: Cllr Lovegrove had been in touch with Mr Slater and he was now recovered and back working in the Parish. It was agreed that the Council needed to know more detail about where in the Parish he was working and what he was doing so that this could be coordinated with the work of the Highway Steward. Cllr Lovegrove would ask him to be more specific in his reports.

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146. Reports of Meetings

The following meeting reports were received:

- High Furness Local Area Partnership (LAP) 23rd November - Cllr Dean had attended. Representatives were present from eleven parishes CCC, SLDC, CALC, LDNPA and the police. This first meeting took the form of a workshop to determine how the LAP would operate and what kinds of issues it would address. The top three priority issues emerged as : roads, better monitoring and delivery of services, and affordable housing. It was agreed that: although more than one representative could attend from each parish, there would only be a single voting right per parish; the Chair would rotate annually; the LAP would meet every 8-12 weeks; locations would be rotated around the parishes. Cllr Barr would be asked to give a talk at the next meeting on the operation of the Grange and Cartmel Community Board.
- CALC South Lakeland District Association, 26th November: Cllr Dean had attended. Keith Masser, acting Area Engineer for South Lakeland, explained how funds were allocated for the County's roads. Most capital is spent on major roads, bridges, safety and supporting public transport; it was very difficult to get capital projects approved for small parish roads. Cumbria spends £1.9M on revenue projects; the majority of this is taken up by the Highway Steward programme. Priorities were made through analysis of lists given to the HS and hotline reports. The next meeting will focus on affordable housing and it was suggested that Cllr Potts attend. The Clerk would keep him informed.
- Colton Green Roads Working Group, 17th November: Cllr Barr reported that the group had checked through the actions from the July 'Additional' Council meeting on green roads. Cllr Wilson had managed to get Local Committee to approve the establishment of a small 'task and finish' group, to be managed under the Cumbria Countryside Access Partnership and to include members: himself and a representative from Colton; it was agreed that Cllr Barr should attend. A case-study approach would be taken, focussing on the Nibthwaite-to-Parkamoor track which was in the worst condition. The Clerk had asked about meeting dates for this new group, but had not had any information so far.

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147. Correspondence

The following item was noted in particular:

- Adult Social Care consultation of service-users on new arrangements. Cllrs were asked to bring this to the attention of local people as appropriate.

All Cllrs

Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:

CALC

- Notes from meeting with SLDC on public toilets on 6th October
- AGM Agenda - 14th November and Annual Report
- South Lakeland District Association meeting 26th November - Agenda and minutes of last meeting.
- Minutes of LAP Project Board meeting held on 13th October 2009
- CALC Circular for November 09
- Info on support for flood-damage victims, plus letter from NALC
- Papers for SLDA meeting 26th November.
- Further information on legalities associated with donations for flood relief
- South Lakeland District Association 26th Nov - papers from Keith Masser on Highways budgets and priorities.

CCC

- Public Transport Guide for Cumbria 'The Cumbria Rider'
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - summary of meeting on 12th Oct.
- Flood Recovery information and newsletter
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Agenda for 7th Dec
- Flood Bulletin No. 3
- Flood Bulletin No. 4

- Flood Bulletin No. 5

SLDC

- Agenda for Council meeting 10th November
- Papers for Local Area Partnership meeting, 23rd November
- South Lakeland Local Development Framework: Submission of Core Strategy Development Plan Document. Notice, CD and Newsletter

LDNPA

- LDF: Notification of production of Development Plan Documents: "Allocations of Land" and "General Development Policies"
- Closure of rights of way in Grizedale for Grizedale Stages Rally, 5th Dec & Malcolm Wilson Rally 6th Mar 2010
- North-west Air Ambulance - request for support. *Already contributed £50 in 09/10. Allocated £50 for 10/11.*
- Notification of tree-planting event, Yewbarrow Woods, Rusland. 5th Dec.
- Notification of closure of Rights of Way in Grizedale Forest for motor sports event - 5th December
- Talk on Isle of Eigg green energy initiatives - Ambleside, 10th Dec.

Cumbria CVS and ACT

- Cumbria CV S news - Oct/Nov 2009
- Linkup - 3rd sector network news Autumn/Winter 09
- Cumbria CVS News - Nov/Dec 09
- Cumbria CVS - Funding News Nov 09 (*via High Furness LAP*)
- Cumbria CVS - Funding News Dec/Jan 09/10 (*via High Furness LAP*)

Other

- Cumbria Sport Partnership - War Memorial Fields - registration
- Lancashire Economic Partnership: prospectus for Morecambe Bay and Duddon programme
- Update on Digital Switchover - Winter Hill transmitter - 4th Nov
- Cumbria Police Authority - South Lakeland Police Question Time 5th Nov 2009. (*Came indirectly, not much notice*). Minutes of South Lakeland Police Community Liaison Forum 2nd July 09.
- Clerks and Councils Direct - Nov 2009
- Coniston Parish Council - link to draft minutes of 19th Oct
- Blawith Parish Council - Agenda for 5th Nov
- Communities and Local Government - response to Bye-laws consultation
- Grizedale Arts - Library Launch event, Coniston Library - 14th Nov.
- Satterthwaite Parish Council - Agenda for 30th Nov and minutes of last meeting.
- Friends of the Lake District - E-newsletter - Nov 2009
- Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council - minutes of meeting on 5th Nov
- Coniston Flooding clean-up appeal
- Coniston PC - Extraordinary Meeting 30th Nov - re Flooding
- 'Local Works' - request to lobby for Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill
- North-West Regional Spatail Strategy: North West Gypsy & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation and Parking Standards EiP - guidance notes
- Coniston PC - Minutes of Extraordinary meeting 30th November

148. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Monday 11th January in Blawith and Nibthwaite Village Hall (at Water Yeat) at 7.30 p.m.