



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in Rusland Reading Room at 7.30 p.m..

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

**Also present:** Cllr Wilson (CCC) PC Baldwin PC Wilcock and 1 member of the public

### 134/10 Apologies

Cllr Watson (working / health) Cllr Davies (SLDC - other engagement)

**ACTION**

### 135/10 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 as a true record.

### 136/10 Declarations of Interest

None

### 137/10 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

Private Camping: A very helpful email had been received from Mr Hubbard in response to the Council's letter on concerns connected to his private camping initiative.

### 138/10 Public Participation

Mr Tony Hill, LDNPA Ranger, presented the National Park's proposal to introduce car parking charges at High Dam car park, Finsthwaite, to be put to LDNPA members in January. The Park was considering charging at all of its car parks in order to raise revenue to cover maintenance costs. Councillors expressed concerns about consequential parking on the road and costs for local people. A free or at least reduced cost permit for residents of Colton Parish might be possible. It was agreed that a village meeting would be held soon in Finsthwaite to which Mr David Coxon, LDNPA Operations Manager, would be invited. The Council would then consider its response at its 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 meeting.

**Clerk**

PC Baldwin explained that budget cuts would mean that the 21 Neighbourhood Policing teams for Cumbria would be cut to 10, with 3 to cover South Lakeland: Barrow, Kendal and all other areas. PC Baldwin would no longer be our dedicated officer; his area would now include Grange and Cartmel. It was not yet clear what our formal reporting route would be, though PCSO Wilcock would remain as our Community Support Officer and a point of contact.

### 139/10 To Fill a Vacancy on the Council

Two applicants were nominated en-bloc for co-option. Voting was by a show of hands. David Hoyle from Thwaite Moss was co-opted, receiving an overall majority.

### 140/10 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wilson (CCC): i) Flooding at Skowbarrow Beck, Rusland Tannery: The grill at the culvert entrance was to be removed as it was making things worse. ii) Broadband: Cumbria had received £10M for acting as a pilot for rural Broadband provision; areas will be selected across the County; Cllr Wilson had expressed an interest on behalf of Grange and Cartmel LAP and High Furness LAP. iii) Green Roads: condition surveys had now been completed on two green roads; Cllr Wilson would arrange a pre-meeting with Cllr Barr before the scheduled Green Roads WG meeting to discuss a steer for County.

**Cllrs  
Wilson  
and Barr**

### 141/10 Bouth Playground

Playground safety surface repairs were now complete at a total cost of £2760 + VAT (£3243). A breakdown of payment was approved, as follows: Neighbourhood Forum grant: £1000, Bouth Village fundraising effort: £1000, Colton Parish Council: £1243 (VAT recoverable).

### 142/10 Phone Boxes (Oxen Park and Nibthwaite)

Confirmation of public liability cover for the phone boxes was noted. The Clerk and Cllr Fishwick had completed the required risk assessments and inspections. **It was resolved** to provide a start-up grant of £100 per phone box to cover refurbishment costs.

### 143/10 Accounts

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

- Cheque 000523 - Information Commissioner: Data Protection Act renewal: **£35.00**
- Cheque 000524 - M. Calvert, refreshments for Green Energy meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct: **£3.92**
- Cheque 000525 - Hire of John Ruskin School for Green Energy meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct: **£30.75**
- Cheque 000526 - Playdale Playgrounds - new poles for BVG repositioned chain walk: **£88.13**
- Cheque 000527 - Abacus - new BVG safety surface: **£2555.63**
- Cheque 000528 - Luscombe Plant Hire - BVG drainage works: **£599.25**
- Cheque 000529 - A. Lane for paint and materials for restoration of Oxen Park box: **£56.03**
- Cheque 000530 - D. Oldham, travel expenses for purchase of paint for phone box: **£25.60**

The Clerk had confirmed with Ordnance Survey and SLDC that the Council's use of Ordnance Survey maps (as long as not for financial gain) would now be covered under the SLDC agreement, and there was no need to renew the licence, saving £64 per year.

#### 144/10 Planning

The following planning applications were discussed:

- 7/2010/5503: Land at Bandrake Head: Erection of storage building for tractor, implements, tools, winter feed and livestock bedding. **Resolution: Object** (unanimous) on the basis of conflict with policies A1 (Agricultural Buildings) and CS25 (Protecting the Spectacular Landscape).
- 7/2010/5555: Snows Heights Outdoor Centre, Colton: Redevelopment of Snows Heights Outdoor Centre including demolition of 10 huts and construction of 8 new hits, new sewage treatment plant and 2 open-sided covered areas, associated tree management works and composting toilet enclosure. **Resolution: No objection**, but there were concerns over construction traffic on the narrow approach roads, site management and the need for a local caretaker, and upgrading of services.

To note the following responses to planning applications:

- 7/2010/5531 - Cragg Head, Bandrake Head, new conservatory. *No objection, but is in fact permitted development.*

To note the following grants of planning permission:

- 7/2010/5380 - Lakeside Hotel, replacement jetty, like for like.

To note the following withdrawn planning applications:

- 7/2010/5455: Low Longmire Farm, Oxen Park: Convert barn to dwelling
- 7/2010/5456: Low Longmire Farm, Oxen Park: Listed building consent to convert barn to dwelling, demolish kennels and lean-to, re-instate slate penthouse to main barn

#### 145/10 Highways

i) Bouthrey Bridge: Cllr Wilson and the Council had written to complain to the County Chief Executive about the lack of progress and to ask about the reasons for delay. A reply had been received with an accompanying 'project delivery summary'. Works would be carried out from spring next year. The bridge had not yet been barricaded as threatened. The Clerk would send Cllr Fishwick the link to the correspondence on the Colton PC website.

Clerk

ii) Salt/Grit: A bulk delivery of salt (5 tons) had been received at Oxen Park that morning and had been spread to Rusland, Ickenthaite and Bandrake Head by volunteers. 1 ton had been delivered to Mr Atkinson's farm at Nibthwaite Grange. Cllr Dean said that Mr Sharphouse at Old Hall Farm, Bouth had been out snowploughing the roads and would be happy to store a further delivery of grit. The Clerk would make a further request for grit for Nibthwaite and Bouth. The Council was pleased with the routine gritting of the Penny Bridge to Hawkshead road and the Rusland beeches road. However, it expressed its disappointment at the late delivery of salt to grit bins, and the omission of any salt deliveries to Finsthwaite until very recently. The Council was pleased that all new salt bin requests had been approved by County; some of these had been delivered that morning.

Clerk

iii) Field of Pigs, Ealinghearth: Capita had been in touch with the Environment Agency who had requested that the owner deal with the present 'cess pit' in the field and the potential leakage into water courses. Once this has been dealt with, Capita would be able to clear the culvert under the road to alleviate the flooding problem.

iv) Lengthsman: Cllr Cunliffe and the Clerk had made continuing efforts to contact Mr Slater without result until recently. He explained that he been unable to do much work this year due to ill health. Cllr Barr would meet with him to discuss plans for next year; the Council would then set up a short-term working group to consider future options.

Clerk

#### 146/10 Meetings

The following meeting reports were received:

- South Lakeland District Association meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov (Clerk attended): Mr Andrew Moss, Assistant Director of Highways gave a presentation on the replacement of the Highway Steward scheme with a 2-man 'Find and Fix' team which would be able to make more lasting repairs. The system had been overhauled following a successful pilot scheme in Eden. The Clerk had expressed her concern that communication with parishes was to be only via the

hotline, rather than the record-based reporting system that had worked so well with the Highway Steward. Mr Moss said that a proper communication system for parishes would be looked into. Mr Keith Masser gave a presentation on winter roads maintenance (main issues reported in item 143/10 (ii) above).

- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: the meeting had been postponed due to snow.
- Rusland Valley and Fells Heritage Lottery bid (Cllr Barr) - A pre-application had been submitted and a Phase 1 proposal was being prepared for 28<sup>th</sup> February. Ten projects had been identified. Public meetings were to be held at Rusland, Satterthwaite and Haverthwaite on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January respectively.

Attendance at the Lake District National Park meeting on governance on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at Brockhole was approved. Cllrs Champion and Barr would attend.

Cllrs  
Champion  
and Barr

## 147/10 Consultations

The following consultation responses were noted:

- SLDC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations: The two districts of Colton central ward were to be combined into one with the polling station to be at Bouth.
- LDNPA Allocations of Land - further issues and options: Nothing directly affected Colton. However, the Clerk asked that the Council's support be recorded for the Bouth Village Green to be allocated as open space.

The following new consultations were noted and procedure for responding agreed:

- South Lakeland Community Safety Partnership, priorities for 2011/2012. No response.
- DEFRA and LDNPA: Governance arrangements for National Park Authorities, by 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Cllrs Champion and Barr to draft a response.
- LDNPA - Bowness Bay and The Glebe Development Plan Document, by 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. Cllr Potts to draft a response.
- CCC: Consultation on priorities and budget options, by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. All to send comments to Cllr Potts who would respond.

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## 148/10 Correspondence

Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:

### CALC/NALC

- CALC Community Right to Build - urging Parish Councils to write letter to MPs.
- Minutes of Green Roads Working Group meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Papers for and invitation to CALC AGM, 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Training session on H&S and risk assessment, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, Crooklands
- CALC Circular November 2010
- Forwarded - conference on renewable energy for rural organisations 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- Newbiggin (Stainton) village hall open day (renewable energy hall) 1<sup>st</sup> Dec
- South Lakeland District Association meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - papers and reports from groups
- CALC Annual Report Nov 2010
- Lake District Parishes - Notes of meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October
- Legal briefing on clearing snow and ice from highways

### CCC

- High Furness LAP - Agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> November and then minutes of meeting
- Correspondence about Bouthrey Bridge
- Winter Gritting Service - Salt for Parish Councils. No bulk delivery of salt as last year, unless emergency supplies required.
- Correspondence with Highways and Capita about lack of salt/grit
- "The Cumbria Rider" passenger transport guide
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Later postponed due to snow.
- CCC budget consultation
- Winter roads maintenance - briefing note to CALC South Lakeland Association

### SLDC

- SLDC Adopted Core Strategy adopted 14<sup>th</sup> October. Links to website
- Briefing note for Councillors on SLDC Site Allocations
- Invitation to attend workshop 'Engaging with Young People' 15<sup>th</sup> Dec., Ambleside
- South Lakeland Community Safety Partnership - priorities for 11/12

### LDNPA

- Letter from Richard Leafe (Chief Exec) thanking Colin Barr and Colton PC for hosting the Parish Tour in Rusland.
- Notification of closed routes (temporary closure order) for Grizedale Stages Rally (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Dec) and

Malcolm Wilson Rally (5<sup>th</sup> March 2011). Routes closed west of Satterthwaite to Hawkshead road.

- Consultation on governance arrangements for National Park Authorities
- Planning Policy documents - i) Rough Guide to the Core Strategy, ii) Draft Saved policies from the old Local Plan and Joint Structure Plan
- Letter: 'Services re-think to deal with government cuts'
- Invitation to attend meeting on National Park governance, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Bowness Bay and The Glebe Development Plan Document consultation
- Allocations of Land - further issues and options consultation

#### **Cumbria CVS and ACT**

- South Lakes Funding Fair - 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, Ulverston
- CALOR Fuel Poverty - further correspondence on derivation of statistics

#### **Other**

- Friends of the Lake District e-message
- Coniston Parish Council, minutes of meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October
- Notification of upgrade to the Planning Portal website
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability newsletter October 2010
- Energy Savings Trust - Green Communities Newsletter, October
- National Housing Federation guide to affordable housing for parish councils
- Haverthwaite Parish Council Agenda for 8<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Blawith Parish Council Agenda for 4<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Big Lottery announces £75M fund for community buildings (via Natural England)
- Clerk and Councils Direct - Nov 2010
- Correspondence with Tim Farron MP and reply from Dept of Communities and Local Government concerning impact of the 'Big Society' and 'Localism' agenda and volunteering expectations.
- Blawith & Subberthwaite PC -draft minutes of meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Steve Shaw, 'Unlock Democracy' urging Councils to send letters urging action on the Sustainable Communities Act proposals.
- Coniston PC - Agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Grizedale Stages Rally - 3/4<sup>th</sup> December - information on routes and times
- Haverthwaite PC - minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Cumbria Police Community Liaison Forum, Askham, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Finsthwaite and Lakeside Flood Group minutes of meetings 26<sup>th</sup> Oct and 11<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Coniston PC - Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> November
- West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Partnership: Reminder of drop-in events. Invitation to send a parish representative to the Stakeholder workshop, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, near Workington.
- Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM) - Autumn 2010 newsletter - includes article on Walna Scar route.
- Private Camping: Letter to Mr Hubbard concerning his initiative, and reply.
- Communities and Local Government: Diamond Jubilee celebrations 2012
- Questionnaire on local councils and political parties - student project
- Charlie McKeith - email on plans for Snows Heights Outdoor Centre
- Citizen's Advice South Lakeland - request for support

#### **149/10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January in Blawith and Nibthwaite Village Hall at Water Yeat, 7.30 p.m.

Draft meeting dates and venues for 2011/12 were noted.