



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 in Colton Church Hall at 7.30 p.m..

**Members Present:** Cllr Barr (Chair) Cllr Potts Cllr Taylor Cllr Robinson Cllr Cunliffe Cllr Watson  
Ms M Lane (Clerk)

**Also present:** Cllr Davies (SLDC) PC Diana Wilcock

**ACTION**

### 071/10 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman for 2010/2011

Cllr Barr signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman for Council Year 2010/2011.

### 072/10 Apologies

Cllr Fishwick (attending another meeting on behalf of the Council) Cllr Dean (holiday)  
Cllr Wilson (CCC, other engagement)

### 073/10 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 as a true record.

### 074/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in the planning application at Sinder Hill, Finsthwaite. Cllr Watson declared an interest in the planning application at The Fold, Oxen Park.

### 075/10 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

None.

### 076/10 Public Participation

i) PC Diana Wilcock: There had been no reported crime in Colton in the last few months. The priority was now illegal off-road behaviour. PC Baldwin had followed 7 bikes off-route on the Torver fells; he was talking with the National Park about how best to tackle this problem.

### 077/10 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wilson (CCC) had sent an update report to the Clerk:

- i) Bouthrey Bridge: David Cathcart was to send an update shortly.
- ii) Rusland Cross /Skowbarrow Lane drainage and road repairs: this was awaiting further response from Highways.
- iii) Green Roads: Suitable dates in July were being determined by Keith Masser (Highways Engineer) for a 'Task and Finish Group' meeting to include David Gibson (Cumbria Countryside Access Partnership), Cllr Wilson and Cllr Barr.
- iv) Speed Limits: A reply from CCC Cabinet was imminent following concerns expressed by Local Committee; Cllr Wilson had flagged up in particular the lack of limits at Bouth.

### 078/10 Representatives on Working Groups and External Bodies

A revised list of representatives was approved as follows:

#### Internal Working Groups:

- Affordable Housing Working Group - Cllr Potts-Chair, Cllr Barr, Clerk
- Bouth Village Green & Playground Advisory Committee - Cllr Dean
- Newsletter Working Group - Cllr Potts-Chair, Cllrs Barr, Fishwick, Clerk
- Community Plan Working Group - Cllrs Barr, Fishwick, Clerk (+ Mr B Dobson, Mr D Dunford, Mr M Postle, Ms T Baxter, Ms A Meanwell )
- Standards Working Group - Cllrs Barr and Dean
- Web-site Support Group - Cllr Barr, Clerk
- Finance and Budget Working Group - Cllr Dean-Chair, Cllr Potts, Cllr Barr, Clerk
- Highways Liaison - Cllr Cunliffe (Lengthsman), Clerk (Highway Steward)
- Green Roads Working Group - Cllr Barr-Chair, Cllrs Fishwick, Robinson, Wilson (+ Mr B Dobson, Mr J Atkinson, Mr J Milburn)
- Green Energy Working Group - Cllr Taylor-Chair, Cllr Davies + Dr R Calvert

#### External Bodies:

- Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) - Cllr Dean (reserve: Cllr Barr)
- High Furness Local Area Partnership (LAP) - Cllr Barr (reserve: Cllr Dean)
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Cllr Cunliffe
- Coniston Water Association - Cllr Fishwick
- Coniston and Crake Catchment Partnership - Cllr Fishwick
- Grizedale Project Consultative Group - Cllr Robinson
- Rusland Valley Informal Liaison Group - Cllr Barr Cllr Robinson Clerk
- Rusland Reading Room Committee - Cllr Robinson
- Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall Committee - Cllr Potts
- Bouth Village Hall Committee - Cllr Cunliffe
- Green Roads Task and Finish Group - Cllrs Barr and Wilson

#### **079/10 Changes to Members' Interests**

Members completed their Registration of Interests forms for 2010/2011.

#### **080/10 Accounts**

It was resolved to approve and sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Audit Annual Return for 2009/2010.

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

- Cheque number 000503 - John Ruskin School, hire of room, 15<sup>th</sup> May Hydropower meeting: **£20**
- Cheque number 000504 - Whitestone Properties - printing of 2 newsletter issues: **£42**
- Cheque number 000505 - Society of Local Council Clerks, CiLCA re-submission fee: **£55**

#### **081/10 Planning**

The following planning application was discussed and a response agreed:

-7/2010/5237 - 1, The Fold, Oxen Park - Subdivision of property into two dwellings and installation of double-glazing. **Resolution:** No objection.

Responses to planning applications were noted as follows:

-7/2010/5196 - Charcoal House, Nibthwaite - erection of garage. *No objection.*

-7/2010/5251 - Oxen Park Farm, Oxen Park - minor material amendments to application 7/2005/5759. *No objection.*

-7/2010/5224 - Bouthrey Bridge reconstruction - Option B (Colton and Blawith Councils' favoured option). *No objection.* Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council's response on the higher parapet was also noted.

-7/2010/5232 - Sinder Hill, Finsthwaite - Second bathroom and fire escape route. *No objection.*

The following withdrawn planning application was noted:

-7/2010/5109 - Cedar View, Rusland: New opening in boundary wall to create vehicular access with on-site parking for 2 cars.

The following tree preservation order was noted:

-TPO 344: Cedar View, Rusland: 2 yew trees in garden next to boundary wall

The following certificate of lawful use was noted:

-2, Rose Cottage, Bouth: Use as dwelling house.

The listed building condition survey being conducted for the National Park was noted.

#### **082/10 Highways**

- Green Roads Task and Finish Group: A meeting was being arranged in July as explained in Cllr Wilson's report (see 077/10 above)
- Skowbarrow Lane, Beck and road repairs, Rusland: The Clerk had spoken to Mr Crowe. Repair of the Lane was awaiting its adoption by the National Park as a formal right of way. Dredging of the Beck, and the extensive flooding on the road that it caused, was still unresolved. The Council would write to the relevant bodies to try to resolve the issue; the Clerk would seek advice from Tony Hill, LDNPA Ranger. **Clerk**

#### **083/10 Meetings**

The following meeting reports were received:

- LDNPA Local Development Framework Hearing, 12<sup>th</sup> May: Cllr Potts reported: the Planning Inspector had included an Agenda item on the Council's concern about designation of Lakeside as a development site. As a result of Colton's submission, the National Park had agreed to re-word the Core Strategy to define the development area as solely the Lake Cruises terminus, the surrounding public area and the Lakeside Hotel. A letter had been received inviting comment by 12<sup>th</sup> July on the changes made to the Core Strategy; the Clerk and Cllrs Barr and Potts would review it and circulate a draft response. **Clerk**
- High Furness Local Area Partnership, 12<sup>th</sup> May: Cllr Dean had sent a report to the Clerk. The

new Chairman was Michael Slinger (Kirby Ireleth) and Vice-chair David Fletcher (Satterthwaite). There had since been a series of email exchanges on protocol between the Chair and County officer - the new Chairman wanted to initiate a process for improving highways services that the County officer said was not within the remit of the LAP. Cllr Dean and other LAP members were concerned about the direction the LAP was taking. There was general concern at the proliferation of groups and the number of meetings to be attended. Cllr Taylor asked whether the LAP and the Neighbourhood Forum could not be combined, since they now represented the same parish groupings. Cllr Barr explained that they had different agendas, but it was thought that in due course their administration might be combined.

- Hydropower Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> May: Cllr Taylor reported on a successful meeting. He thanked John Ruskin school for the venue and support and the Clerk for producing the meeting report and webpage. There had been enthusiasm for setting up an informal 'High Furness Hydropower Group'. Cllrs Taylor and Davies had attended Sir Martin Holdgate's talk on renewable energy following his scoping study on renewable energy for 'Cumbria Vision'. Key messages were: we should use less energy and absorb more CO<sub>2</sub>; the likely exclusion of wind-farms from the National Parks and AONBs; rapidly evolving technology made recommendations difficult; planning approval for renewable energy systems was hard to obtain; there was a need for more coordination between the Parks and County.

It was agreed that the Green Energy Working Group should meet and prepare proposals on membership and ways forward, bearing in mind Sir Martin Holdgate's report for Cumbria Vision and the new networks that might emerge as a result.

Cllr Taylor

- LDNPA Planning Seminar, 15<sup>th</sup> June: The Clerk reported the main points: i) parishes should substantiate comments with material information, ii) about 35% of applications were taken to the Development Control Committee due to difference of opinion between Park and parish council, iii) Local Plan policy was not necessarily binding, but was open to interpretation and balanced judgement between local needs, local policy and national policy. iv) house-price-to-income ratio in the Park was around 12/1, but up to 26/1 in some areas; this was of great concern, but housing policy was the domain of the district councils. However, the Park for the first time was looking at the allocation of land for housing in its developing policy. v) compliance officers investigated c. 300 cases per year of which 28% were not a planning matter, 14% already had planning permission and 8% were permitted development. Of the 50% in breach, the large majority were resolved by the owner, granted retrospective permission or deemed not expedient to enforce; only 5% received enforcement notices. vi) There were powers to enforce clean-up of 'untidy land' and also to control signage.
- LDNPA Partnership Management Plan meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> June: No-one had been available to attend.
- CALC - South Lakeland District Association meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> June: The report was deferred until the next meeting when Cllr Dean would be present.
- Partnership Budgeting Workshop, 21<sup>st</sup> June: No-one had been able to attend. The Clerk would ask neighbouring parishes for a report.

Clerk

Attendance at the following forthcoming meetings was approved:

- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> June: Cllr Cunliffe
- Natural England Furness Fells Landscape Partnership project, 29<sup>th</sup> June, Grizedale: Cllr Barr and the Clerk
- High Furness LAP Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> July: Cllr Barr
- Invitation to visit Abbots Reading farm (near Bouth) and its agri-environment scheme: Cllrs Potts, Taylor, Barr and Watson and the Clerk expressed interest. The Clerk would arrange a date.

Clerk

## 084/10 Consultations

The following consultations had been received:

- LDNPA Partnership Management Plan for the National Park, by 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Cllrs Barr and Fishwick would meet and respond.
- SLDC New Leadership arrangements, by 17<sup>th</sup> August: In view of the current work-load of consultations, this was deemed low priority and no response would be given.

Cllrs Barr  
and  
Fishwick

## 085/10 Correspondence

### CALC/NALC

- CALC Circular for May
- Talk: 'Scope for Renewable Energy in Cumbria' Sir Martin Holdgate. 10<sup>th</sup> June, Newton Rigg
- South Lakeland District Association Meeting Agenda for 17<sup>th</sup> June

- Open Spaces Training, Ulverston, 21<sup>st</sup> June (Free)
- High Furness LAP meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May - Meeting Notes
- NALC Events Bulletin
- CALC Circular for June
- South Lakeland District Assoc. meeting notes from 17<sup>th</sup> June

#### **CCC**

- Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework - site allocations and proposals map - final versions
- HF LAP Meeting Agenda for 12<sup>th</sup> May, Lowick Community Hall
- County verge-cutting programme 2010
- Participatory Budgetting workshop - 21<sup>st</sup> June, Ulverston.
- LAP Administrator adverts (second email)
- HF LAP meeting notification - Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July, John Ruskin School, Coniston
- Cumbria Vision - Cumbria Renewable Energy Panel - weblink for meeting papers: [www.cumbriavision.co.uk](http://www.cumbriavision.co.uk)
- Neighbourhood Forum dates for coming year
- HF LAP - Paper from new Chairman, Michael Slinger on proposed procedure for locality working, and response from Diane Whitehead explaining why this is beyond the remit of the LAP.

#### **SLDC**

- Standards Committee - annual report on ethical standards
- Annual Council Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> May - for info.
- Consultation on Leadership arrangements

#### **LDNPA**

- Partnership Management Plan for the National Park - consultation and special event. Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- Changes to Local Development Framework Core Strategy document as a result of Public Hearings.
- Summary of LDNPA Partnership Management Plan

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

- Barrow Funding Fair, 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Cumbria CVS News Summer 2010
- ACT Gazette - Summer 2010

#### **Other**

- Forestry Commission: Amended Rigg Wood management plan to retain more of the larches, as requested by the Council. Confirmed now happy with it.
- Cumbria NHS partnership - special members' meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June, and creative writing workshops 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Clerks and Councils Direct - May 2010
- Natural England: Lakes to Dales Project - briefing meeting invitation 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May.
- Blawith PC - Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- Coniston PC - Annual Council Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Satterthwaite PC - Agenda for 17<sup>th</sup> May and minutes of last meeting
- Coniston PC - minutes of Annual Council Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> May
- NHS Cumbria - leaflets and poster on Adult Social Care services
- Morecambe Bay Partnership meeting report.
- Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership Core Group - Notes of meeting of 25th May 2010.
- Dept Energy and Climate Change - Letter of thanks for responding to consultation on draft Nuclear National Policy Statement.
- Natural England - invitation to Furness Fells Landscape Partnership Project meeting 29<sup>th</sup> June, Grizedale.
- Big Lottery Fund - Community Wildlife Programme - invitation for bids for environmental improvement projects

#### **086/10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in Rusland Reading Room, 7.30 p.m.