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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th October 2011 in Bouth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m..

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

Also present: Cllr Wilson (CCC) and 2 members of the public

109/11 Apologies	ACTION
Apologies were received from Cllr Fishwick and Cllr Davies (SLDC)	
110/11 Minutes of Last Meeting It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 th September as a true record.	
111/11 Declarations of Interest Cllr Watson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8. Planning on the Agenda.	
112/11 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>BMX Cycling Area</u>: The Parochial Church Council had been approached informally about the possible use of the church's land at Colton Church for this activity. They had declined, saying that it would not be suitable. There had been no other offers of land; the Clerk would write to the resident explaining the situation. • <u>Notice-boards</u>: i) Nibthwaite: the new notice-board was in place and being used. ii) Lakeside: Cllr Potts would ask the owner of the Lakeside Hotel for a site meeting at the proposed new location for the notice-board. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Potts</p>
113/11 Public Participation Mr Smith raised the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>Reporting illegal motorised off-road activity</u>: he had not yet had information on how to report this. The Clerk had expected notes to be provided by the LDNPA working group for wider circulation, but had not yet received them; she would draw up a note herself and circulate it. ii) <u>Grit bins</u>: Hay Bridge Nature Reserve had bought a number of bins themselves, some of which had apparently been stolen. He asked whether the Council would be prepared to buy replacements. This request was discussed under item 9. Highways. iii) <u>Community Messaging Service</u>: He had registered for this facility, but had not found it useful so far, with many messages unrelated to the local area. Councillors would try registering themselves and report their views at the next meeting. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p>
114/11 Comments from District and County Councillors Cllr Wilson (CCC): Comments on highways issues were taken under that agenda item. Other topics were: i) Libraries: he advised the Council to watch for developments with respect to the use of village halls as hubs. ii) Boundary Commission: he advised the Council to be prepared for proposals to change the authority boundaries within Cumbria.	
115/11 Accounts <u>It was resolved to approve the budget and precept for FY 2012/13 (unanimous vote).</u> The precept would increase by 3% in order to continue funding popular projects such as the Lengthsman. <u>It was resolved that the following payments be made:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cheque no. 000572: Seltex Warehouse - 3 grit bins: £306.00 – Cheque no. 000573: Mr P Helme, new noticeboard for Nibthwaite: £820.00 <u>The following Clerk salary & PAYE payments for 2nd quarter FY 11/12 were noted:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cheque no. 000571: HMRC PAYE: £231.42 – Cheque no. 000570: Clerk, salary for 2nd quarter FY 11/12: £925.22 <u>It was noted</u> that the Clerk's new contract had now been signed. The Clerk thanked the Council for its decision at the last meeting to award 2 years of annual leave back-pay, but declined the offer as she felt that the requirement for annual leave had not been formally approved at the time.	

<p>116/11 Planning</p> <p><u>The following responses to planning applications were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7/2011/5462: Land at High Wood, Spark Bridge. New field access gate. No objection. <p><u>The following planning applications were discussed and a response agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7/2011/5476: New Close Farm, Oxen Park: Demolition of stone buildings and erection of steel-framed stock building. Cllr Watson made a statement explaining that the development was part of sustaining the traditional dairy farm and modernising facilities; he left the room during discussion. Resolution: To support this application. - 7/2011/5427: Land at Force Mills (Stricely Fell) - Agricultural shed and horticultural tunnels for growing nursery stock. The Clerk explained that this application had only been sent out for consultation as a result of pressure from Colton and Satterthwaite Parish Councils. The development was unrelated to any farm or forestry buildings and would be highly visible from rights of way. Resolution: Objection on policy grounds. - 7/2011/5531: Old Hall Farm, Nibthwaite: One-room extension to house. Resolution: No objection but to ask that planners check that the development did not reduce light into the neighbouring cottage. <p><u>The following grants of planning permission were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7/2011/5170: The Manor Public House, Oxen Park: Extension of public house into an existing disused barn to incorporate managers' accommodation. - 7/2011/5289 & 5294: Waterside House, Newby Bridge: Proposed porch/lobby extension onto agricultural barn, with flue pipe. - 7/2011/5140: Mill Gate, Greenodd: Detached garage with home office at first floor level, boiler room and store for biomass boiler, wood processing store and new gravel track. <p><u>Springfield Depot, Colton:</u> Residents of Springfield and surrounding hamlets had approached Cllr Cunliffe expressing strong concerns about noise and heavy traffic into and out of this site. Mr Harley, the owner, explained that the noise was due to the work of a 'pecker' required to dig out a pit for the repair of vehicles, and that the process had taken longer than originally intended; he hoped that it would be completed within a week. He had confirmed with the LDNPA Planning Compliance Officer that his business activities in repairing all types of vehicles was permitted under historic use of the site as a County depot. The Clerk confirmed that she had received confirmation of this from Planning. Although the hours of working associated with the building were not restricted at weekends, Mr Harley had agreed to stop the work the previous Sunday as a goodwill gesture. It was agreed that the Clerk would i) try to get more information about the historic permission granted on the site, and ii) should high noise levels continue after the pit had been dug, she would approach SLDC Environmental Health to monitor noise levels. The Council would continue to monitor the situation.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>117/11 Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Traffic speed at Bouth and Tottlebank:</u> A site visit with Highways officers had been held at Bouth on 13th September, which concluded that the most cost-effective and least disruptive control measure would be a '20's Plenty' sign at the two main entry points to the village; Highways were drawing up some illustrations which Cllr Dean would show to residents. Highways officers also visited the 'Bouth Road Ends' to Tottlebank road; the Council had requested that the width limit signs be moved to the A590 turn so that large vehicles encountered them before turning in. A response was awaited. • <u>Grit bins:</u> The Clerk had updated the list of bins and produced an annotated map for Highways. The two bins highlighted as a priority for Ickenthaite last winter had <u>still</u> not been delivered, despite many reminders. Cllr Wilson would remind them again. Three new bins would also be bought from Parish Council funds; it was agreed that these would be placed at: Finsthwaite (Chapman Brow), Hay Bridge (southernmost cattle grid) and Ickenthaite (top of loop road). • <u>Ashes Beck repairs:</u> Repairs to the beck retaining wall below Roger Ridding farm had started on 17th October, with a diversion in place via Thwaite Moss for 21 days. The Clerk and Cllr Wilson had asked for SLOW signs at the request of residents. • <u>Lay-by near Swan Hotel, Newby Bridge:</u> The Council's report to Highways about the degradation of this lay-by had prompted them to propose closing it with permanent bollards. The Clerk had written to ask them not to do this as it provided valuable parking for walkers and canoeists. Highways were unwilling to repair or to tarmac it as the latter would cost £15,000. Cllr Cunliffe would speak to the Lengthsman about putting some chippings down. • <u>Bouthrey Bridge:</u> The EA had approved the extension of the working window to the end of October. It was hoped that this would be sufficient time to complete the in-water operations so that the remaining work could continue. • <u>Field of Pigs, near 'Shive of Cheese':</u> A letter received from Mr Booth, whose family owned adjoining land, had asked what was being done about the many concerns arising from the pig field: flooding, pollution, escaping pigs (now becoming feral), safety of walkers and dogs, pig welfare, and land degradation. The Environment Agency was considering whether to take legal 	<p>Cllr Wilson Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Cunliffe</p> <p>Clerk/</p>

<p>action about the pollution. The Clerk had reported the escaped, now feral, pigs to Defra and Natural England and was awaiting a response. The Council would send a reply to Mr Booth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Green Roads</u>: Cllr Barr and Wilson were due to attend a working group meeting with representatives of the National Parks Illegal off-road working group initiative on Friday 21st October. A request to re-use the chippings from the Bouthrey Bridge repairs for the Nibthwaite Grange to Ickenthaite green road repair had been approved, and would be stored by Mr Milburn at Stock Farm. Residents at High Ickenthaite had erected a small sign asking off-roaders not to damage their water supply near to where vehicles were diverting off the damaged track. The Clerk would contact the local Park Ranger to ask what could be done. • <u>Greenodd Roundabout proposal</u>: Cllr Barr had attended a meeting with local MPs, the police and local councillors. Funding had been allocated, then withdrawn, then allocated again for construction during FY 13/14. The group would lobby for the date to be brought forward. • <u>Lengthsman</u>: Cllr Cunliffe reported on the excellent work being done by the Lengthsman in solving many long-term drainage problems. Hell-pot bridge and a gate post had been damaged by a large vehicle – the Clerk would report this to Highways. Cllr Cunliffe would cost up the purchase of drainage rods for the Lengthsman. • <u>Finsthwaite Flooding</u>: Cllr Potts asked that the Council record their thanks for the work of South Lakeland District Council in solving the flooding problems at Plum Green, Finsthwaite. 	<p>CllrPotts</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Cllr Cunliffe</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>118/11 Meetings</p> <p><u>It was agreed that the following meetings would be attended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC Lake District Parishes Partnership, 24th Oct, Stavely: Cllr Hoyle and the Clerk to attend. • High Furness LAP, Lowick, date to be announced: Cllr Dean to attend <p><u>The following meeting reports were received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CALC South Lakeland District Association</u>, 15th Sept: Cllr Dean attended. Presentations included 'Street-safe' initiative and public toilet provision. • <u>Broadband Hub Coordinators meeting</u>, 29th Sept, and 'Parish Champions' meeting, 10th Oct. Cllr Barr attended. By Christmas, County expect to have appointed the company who will roll-out rural Broadband. Work should begin next summer and would take 2 years. Coordinators would help the company with local information and also stimulate demand. • <u>High Furness LAP</u>, 29th Sept: The Clerk had attended. Keith Masser, Area Highways Engineer, explained progress with the Better Highways scheme and improvements in communications with Parishes; this was confirmed by the Clerk. The Highways Hotline would be disbanded in favour of direct reporting to officers. The Clerk had asked that travel costs for councillors representing the LAP at other meetings be met by LAP funds; this would be decided at the next LAP meeting on projects and funding. Cllr Dean would attend and pursue this issue. All were asked to send project ideas to Cllr Dean. • <u>Rusland Mosses meeting</u>, 21st Sept: Cllr Barr reported that this had been well-attended by the local community, many of whom were concerned about the proposals to re-wet the area and surrounding farmland, and remove the trees. No minutes had yet been circulated. Natural England had produced a survey for residents' opinions, which Cllr Barr would circulate. 	<p>CllrDean</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr Barr</p>
<p>119/11 Consultations</p> <p><u>The following new consultations were noted and procedure for responding agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Boundary Commission constituency changes</u>, by 5th Dec: All agreed that the proposed new boundary changes respected neither geography nor socio-economics, and could see no logic to them. Cllr Potts would respond. • <u>LDNPA Allocations of Land Development Plan Document</u>, by 30th Nov: This was the final consultation phase to which the Council had already responded. The only land allocation in the Parish was for Bouth Village Green to remain as open space. The Clerk would send a supporting response. <p><u>The Council's response objecting to the Government's proposed changes to the Planning Framework was noted.</u></p>	<p>Cllr Potts</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>120/11 Correspondence</p> <p><u>Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:</u></p> <p>CALC/NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC Circular for September • SL District Association – notice of AGM and Election of representative on County's Local Committee, 15th Sept • Lake District Parishes meeting notice, Monday 24th October, Stavely, and minutes of April meeting • Boundary Commission consultation on proposed boundary changes. Request to send views to CALC • NALC and CPRE– publication: "How to respond to planning applications – an 8-step guide" • CALC – Village SOS competition for community businesses • CALC AGM – 12th November, Kendal. Invitation to attend (£10pp) • South Lakeland Broadband Champions meeting – 10th Oct, Kendal. • Copy of presentations from 'Streetsafe' and Cumbria Fire and Rescue given at the SLDA meeting, 15th Sept 	

- CALC Circular for October
- Results of CALC survey on town and parish council activities in South Lakeland
- CALC South Lakeland Housing Advisory Group – information on LDNPA lobbying government to be a pilot study area for planning control of 2nd homes & holiday lets
- CALC South Lakeland Broadband Champions meeting, 10th Oct, Kendal

CCC

- Cumbria Fire & Rescue Control Personnel – letter of concern over closing of local fire control room – referring to consultation document. No document received.
- County Council letter of explanation about proposed changes to the Fire and Rescue Service - no consultation, but being put to County Council members
- Cabinet response to Library consultation.
- Letter from Leader of County Council on new Fire and Control centre plans
- Community Transport seminar, Penrith, 1st October
- High Furness LAP meeting papers for 29th Sept, Far Sawrey.
- Via Cllr Wilson – consultation on timber routes – press release and on-line maps and information. (*South Lakes map link doesn't work. Cllr Wilson chasing.*)
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum meeting, 10th November, Grizebeck
- Correspondence with resident of Lakeside and Cllr Wilson on school bus limits and dangerous roads.
- Road Closure, starting 17th October – Ashes Beck road repairs near Roger Ridding, Rusland.
- Bouthrey Bridge – extension to end October granted by EA

SLDC

- Neighbourhood Planning Pilots – opportunity for Parishes under SLDC Planning area to become a pilot area.
- Correspondence concerning Stricely Fell Caravan site licensing.
- Agenda for Council meeting 27th Sept 2011 – for information
- Papers for SLDC Standards Committee – for information

LDNPA

- Site Allocations Preferred Options – drop-in events.
- Tree Wisdom Event at Brockhole Visitor Centre, 9th October
- Allocations of Land Development Plan Document – public consultation. Deadline 20th November.
- East Distinctive Area Parish Tour, 6th October. Invitation.

Central Government Depts.

- Defra – Government response to National Parks Governance consultation
- Boundary Commission – public consultation on proposals for constituency boundary changes – deadline 5th December
- Government Code of Practice for Data Transparency – recommendations for local councils (mandatory only for those with income or expenditure of >£200K)

Cumbria CVS and Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT)

- Cumbria CVS Annual review 2010-11
- Cumbria CVS News – Sept/Oct 11

Other

- Journal of Local Planning – information about Government's planning framework proposals
- Grizedale Stages Rally information – 26th and 27th November
- Tim Farron MP – letter in response to questions about affordable housing, second home ownership and the proposed planning framework.
- United Utilities – information updates about sewer work at The Glebe, Bowness Bay
- Coniston Parish Council – Agenda for 19/9/11
- ACT – Autumn Newsletter
- Haverthwaite PC – Minutes of meeting 12th Sept
- Old Hall Wood Bouth residents' liaison group meeting notes
- Stavely Parish Council – expression of concern and request for support on lack of school bus provision along Lakeside to Newby Bridge route
- Satterthwaite PC – Agenda for 3rd Oct
- Millom Without Parish Council – copy of letter to Dept of Communities & Local government in response to the Planning Framework consultation
- Coniston Parish Council – draft minutes of meeting 19th Sept.
- Correspondence on green lane damage by trail bikes (UCR 5213, Pegg Lane, Oxen Park) with local resident.
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – Guide to taking part
- Our Green Space – report and invitation to celebratory event, Penrith 11th Nov.
- Letter from M. Booth concerning problems with Pig Field at Shive of Cheese,
- Walney off-shore wind-farm extension – consultation event, Millom, 26th Oct
- Forestry Commission – Meeting at Linsty Green on Forest Design Plan, 26th Oct

121/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th December in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7.30 p.m.