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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th February 2012 in Finsthwaite Village Hall at 7.30 p.m..

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

Also present: Cllr Wilson (CCC) Cllr Davies (SLDC) PCSO Paul Harris and Ms Liz Davy

016/12 Apologies

Cllr Fishwick (leave) Cllr Cunliffe (ill health)

ACTION

017/12 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th January 2012 as a true record.

018/12 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Champion declared an interest in respect of item 8. (Planning) on the Agenda and signed the Declarations of Interest book accordingly.

019/12 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

None

020/12 Public Participation

Ms Liz Davy gave a presentation on the Windermere Reflections Heritage Lottery Project, awarded £1.6M over 3 years to improve the water quality in the Windermere catchment. There were 19 sub-projects and a staff of 2.5. The project was run by a partnership of local and national organisations. Three key issues were i) to reduce phosphates that cause toxic blue-green algae blooms, ii) to reduce sediment input (also leading to algae blooms), and iii) to eradicate alien species. Local volunteers were being invited to act as ambassadors for the project. An event would be held at the YMCA, Lakeside on 11th April.

PCSO Paul Harris said that the last month had been a quiet one for the police, with no significant crime in the area. There had been no recent reported break-ins or damage at Colton Church. Illegal off-roading remained the main focus of police attention; there had been some successful fixed-penalty notices issued and warning letters sent out recently.

021/12 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Davies(SLDC): Shoreline user-groups had requested representation on SLDC committees responsible for setting charges for use of shoreline (moorings etc.). He had strong concerns about the inclusion of such groups in terms of their interests. There would need to be a significant legal process to negotiate before such representation could be agreed.

Cllr Wilson (CCC): All points he wished to make could be taken under later Agenda items.

022/12 Accounts

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

- Cheque no. 000579: T. Atkinson (Lengthsman) – drainage rods: **£22.74**
- Cheque no. 000580: A.Lane, Clerk, home office allowance for FY 11/12: **£150.00**
- Cheque no. 000581: A.Lane, Clerk, travel expenses for FY 11/12: **£68.00**
- Cheque no. 000582: Cllr Dean, travel expenses for FY 11/12: **£56.00**
- Cheque no. 000583: Cllr Barr, travel expenses for FY 11/12: **£152.08**
- Cheque no. 000584: Cllr Cunliffe, travel expenses for FY 11/12: **£8.00**
- Cheque no. 000585: Cllr Hoyle, travel expenses for FY 11/12: **£20.00**
- Cheque no. 000586: Rusland Reading Room hire for FY11/12: **£48.00**
- Cheque no. 000587: D.Oldham, Oxen Park phone box replacement light fitting: **£30.69**

The following receipts were noted:

- SLDC – LAP funding for Lengthsman services: **£800.00**
- HMRC – VAT Return for 10/11: **£551.48**

The Clerk presented a budget-check for FY 11/12, which was approved as being on-target.

It was agreed that two additional grit bins could be purchased this year to be placed at the turn to Rusland Church and at the dip between Oxen Park and Bandrake Head.

023/12 Planning

Planning applications were discussed and resolutions made as follows :

- 7/2012/5054: Buck Yeats Coach House, Lakeside: Renewal of consent for replacement of dwelling house with detached garage. **Resolution: Object** (unanimous), on policy grounds **Clerk**
- 7/2012/5079: 3, Lowside Crescent, Finsthwaite: Demolition of conservatory. Extension to create garden room and bedroom. Cllr Champion left the room. **Resolution: No objection** **Clerk**

The following responses to planning applications were noted:

- 7/2012/5024: Lake House, Lakeside. Conservatory, and bedroom/en-suite to rear of existing garage. *No objection.*
- 7/2012/5049: Haycote Barn, Bridgefield: Wood-burning stove and flue pipe. *No objection.*

The following planning permissions granted were noted:

- 7/2011/5531: Old Hall Farm, Nibthwaite. One room extension
- 7/2011/5222: Old School House, Bouth. Extension to cottage
- 7/2011/5425: Great Lindeth Wood, Bouth. Upgrade of forestry track, new track & timber stacking area.
- 7/2011/5476: New Close Farm, Oxen Park. Demolition of former stone buildings and replacement with steel framed stock building.
- 7/2011/5569: Fall Stile Farm, Bouth. New 600kg LPG storage tank.
- 7/2011/5443: Land west of Lakeside Station. 15m high comms. tower (Vodafone).
- 7/2011/5583: Plot 2, Landing Close, Lakeside: minor material amendment to windows
- 7/2011/5573: Bletcherbeck House, Nibthwaite: One and a half storey extension to dwelling.

The following planning applications refused were noted:

- 7/2011/5539: Thwaite Moss House, Rusland. Supporting structure with 16 PV panels.
- 7/2011/5638: Colton House, Colton: Change of use of care home to single dwelling. This had been refused on the grounds that the building could be divided into affordable housing units. The Council was surprised at this decision and asked the Clerk to again request that a planning officer to attend a future meeting to explain the implementation of housing policy. **Clerk**

The following compliance conditions approved were noted:

- 7/2011/5474: Buck Yeats Coach House, Lakeside. Re-installation of treatment plant.

024/12 Highways

- Salt/Grit and bins: The Clerk had reported again the bins that were still empty. Cllr Wilson recommended that she check that they were located near existing heaps as Highways would probably only fill them on that basis. **Clerk**
- Bouth Speed Limit: Cllr Dean was awaiting a response from Highways on the precise location of the signs. Cllr Wilson would speak to the traffic engineer. **Cllr Wilson**
- Green Roads: Highways were now much closer to raising the necessary £21K for repairing the two green roads leading from Ickenthwaite. Post repair, volunteers will be asked to monitor them to check for deterioration. The Clerk had met on site with two staff from Highways to look at the erosion at both ends of these roads and the damage to the illegal route that many off-roaders were now taking. Temporary TROs were likely to be placed on both routes pending repairs. Cllr Wilson would ensure coordination of efforts across Highways teams and the Colton Pilot Study **Cllr Wilson**
- Lengthsman: Mr Atkinson had solved some long-standing drainage issues in Finsthwaite and cleaned signs at Rusland, and dug out drains again at Nibthwaite. His next task was to cut back vegetation on the lane at Light Hall and Windy Hall, Rusland.
- Field of Pigs: Highways were unwilling to clear the drainage problems on the roadway until the pollution situation had been resolved through the Environment Agency, in case it led to more pollution of the becks.
- A590 speed limit: The Council agreed to attend a meeting with Haverthwaite and Staveley Parish Councils to discuss this issue. **Clerk**

025/12 Housing Survey

The Cumbria Rural Housing Trust had sent the Clerk a draft questionnaire for Colton Parish, containing the Council's suggested changes. The Clerk would confirm that the Council were happy for it to go ahead. **Clerk**

026/12 Meetings

Attendance at the following meetings were approved:

- CALC Localism Conference, March 24th, Penrith: Cllr Hoyle would attend.

The following meeting reports were received:

- Broadband meetings: Cllr Barr reported that it would be known soon what kind of broadband would be implemented and by which company. At least two broadband events were to be organised in Coniston.
- High Furness Local Area Partnership: Cllr Barr reported that Colton was asked whether other parishes might use its model Lengthsman's contract as a template. This was agreed. The Clerk had already send a version out to Claife. Other parishes were also interested in Colton's adapted housing survey questionnaire.
- Windermere Reflections Launch: Cllr Barr had attended; the presentation given earlier in this meeting had covered all the points.
- Community Plan: The Clerk reported that she, Cllr Hoyle and Cllr Barr had met to try to distill the actions needed to finish the Plan. Further questionnaires had been sent out by email and in newsletters to improve the return rate. Ten more had already been returned.

Clerk

027/12 Consultations

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

- Geological disposal of radioactive waste in west Cumbria, by 23rd March: It was resolved that the Clerk should respond against the proposal for Allerdale, Copeland and Cumbria County Council to take part in the search for a repository site.

Clerk

The following consultation responses were noted:

- Cumbria County Council bus shelter survey: The Clerk had responded: There was just one old wooden bus shelter at Rusland, and no bus visited it.
- Windermere Jetties: The Clerk had responded: Jetties were desirable at Lakeside and the Swan Hotel to link up with bus and railway services.

028/12 Parish Council Elections in May

Colton Parish Council elections were due in May. The Clerk had been asked to attend a briefing meeting at SLDC offices in Kendal on 13th March. She would be given the nomination papers then for distribution. The last date for submission of nominations was 4th April.

029/12 Correspondence

Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:

CALC/NALC

- List of hydro schemes in South Lakeland - update
- Farming and Landscapes Project – call for volunteers
- NALC and CPRE – A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning
- South Lakes District Association Meeting papers for 1st March
- Connecting Cumbria – Broadband newsletter
- NALC Events Bulletin 2012 (nothing north of Sheffield, and cost £174!)
- Via CALC: NALC guidance on information held in private emails
- Via CALC: SLDC choice-based lettings – request for input on experience of system so far
- CALC training – including Neighbourhood Planning sessions due in March
- NALC guidance on Parish Council Elections
- Parish Elections in South Lakeland – reminder, and legal guidance from NALC
- CALC Circular for Feb 2012
- Lake District NP Partnership – Notes of meeting 24th October
- Summary of various South Lakeland projects,
- NALC Guidance on use of names and titles for Queen's Jubilee events
- Invitation to nominate members for the Lake District Local Access Forum

CCC

- Changes to Highways Hotline arrangements (number still 0845 609 6609)
- Heating Oils Contract, including Parish Councils and Village Halls
- Bus Stop Infrastructure – request for information.
- Reply to CPC letter of thanks for re-building of Bouthrey Bridge
- High Furness LAP Meeting papers, 9th Feb, Water Yeat. (Later postponed until 16th Feb)
- Correspondence regarding flooding and potholes by field of pigs, Finsthwaite. (Highways say unable to do anything until pollution situation resolved)
- Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Resubmission of Site Allocations Policies and Proposals Map to the Secretary of State
- Claire Salisbury – Information on Hawkshead PO closure: intention to re-open soon
- Connecting Cumbria (Broadband initiative) FAQs
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum. Agenda for meeting on 21st Feb
- Colton Green Roads Pilot Project report, V2. (by Cllr Barr)
- Highways Parish Salt Scheme – request for locations for bulk salt delivery

- Suggestions and advice for 'Local Leaders' wishing to organise a celebration of the Olympic Games

SLDC

- SLDC Consultations reminder – Single Equality Scheme and SLDC Budget priorities
- Community-Led Planning training sessions, Kendal
- Extraordinary Council meetings, 18th Jan 2012 and 24th Jan – for info
- Standards Committee papers for 7th Feb, for info.
- Annual review of SLDC Constitution – invitation to comment

LDNPA

- Inappropriate and Illegal Use of Countryside by Motor Vehicles WkgGp notes from meeting 6th Dec
- Windermere jetties consultation – by 20th Feb
- From David Pickup (Ranger): Info about motorcycle trial at Woodland on 5th Feb
- Re-interpretation of National Park boundary
- Lake District Local Access Forum – looking for members.

Government Depts and Agencies

- Natural England – Lakes to Dales Designation – notification of recommendation to Sec. of State for alteration of boundaries.
- Environment Agency: correspondence with Parish Council and County on pollution/flooding issues at 'Field of pigs', Finsthwaite

Cumbria CVS and Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT)

- Offer of payroll support. Enquired about cost – no response.
- Report on the role of the 3rd sector

Other

- Coniston Parish Council – Agenda for 16th Jan and minutes of last meeting
- National Housing Federation – event on rural housing – Kendal 27th Jan. £70.
- Cumbria Police – correspondence on restructuring, attendance at meetings and communications in general.
- United Utilities – update on Glebe Road works
- MRWS Manageing Radioactive Waste – consultation and drop-in events. E-bulletin.
- Fields in Trust – invitation to nominate recreation sites for Queen's Jubilee
- Walney extension off-shore wind farm. Consultation report and newsletter.
- Rural Services Network – Uplands Seminar, Ambleside, 22nd Feb (free?)
- Friends of the Lake District –e-newsletter Jan 12
- Rural Services Network – request to respond on issue of fuel poverty and local initiatives
- Staveley-in-Cartmel – proposed meeting on speed limits on A590
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Cumbria branch meeting in Penrith, 31st Jan
- Coniston PC – draft minutes of meeting 16th Jan
- Great North Air Ambulance – request for support
- ROSPA –Annual Play Area inspection information – request to indicate preferred format of report
- CPRE – Guide to Neighbourhood Planning
- Staveley-in-Cartmel PC – request for Colton to join in pressing for A590 speed limit
- Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation – social work services
- Malcolm Wilson Rally – notification of date – 3rd March 2011 – and closure of rights of way in Grizedale for the day.
- Cumbria Rural Housing Trust – draft Colton questionnaire
- Fields in Trust – creation of playing fields to mark Queen's Jubilee
- Letter from Mr Stokes, Finsthwaite, complaining about state of the road by the field of pigs
- Letter from Mrs Horsley about i) Pinewood Cottage, Stott Park – kerb stones moved into roadway, ii) Lakeside Steamers signage – need for earlier warning sign. The Clerk had contacted Highways, who confirmed that the stones were within the property curtilage and there was no suitable place for a prior warning sign.
- Office of the Lord-Lieutenant of the County – how to organise 'The Big Lunch' for Queen's Jubilee
- Nurture Lakeland: Free event for businesses around Lake Windermere – reduction of phosphates in detergents. Tuesday 28th Feb, The Low Wood.
- United Utilities – update on work on The Glebe, Bowness

030/12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as the Annual Parish Open Meeting Council meeting on Monday 26th March in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7.30 p.m., followed by a Parish Council meeting.

A final list of proposed meeting dates for 12/13 was circulated.