



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in Colton Church Hall at 7.30 p.m..

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

**Also present:** Cllr Wilson (CCC) PC John Baldwin

### 070/12 Apologies

Cllr Cunliffe (ill health) Cllr Robinson (away) Cllr Fletcher (SLDC – other meeting)

**ACTION**

### 071/12 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 as a true record.

### 072/12 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Barr declared an interest in respect of item 9 on the Agenda: Planning, and signed the register.

### 073/12 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

- Election of Parish Member to the National Park: Cllr Barr had been elected (subject to ratification by the Secretary of State). Councillors offered him their congratulations.
- Nibthwaite Grange Notice-board offer: the Clerk would try again to contact Mr Riley who had offered to provide and maintain a notice-board.
- Path to Stott Park Heights: Cllr Potts had spoken to the National Park officer, who had suggested he first contact the landowners to see if they would be willing to make the path a formal right of way on foot.
- Community Plan: The Clerk, Cllrs Barr, Champion and Hoyle would meet soon once the Clerk had analysed the final results from the questionnaire survey.

**Cllr Potts**

**Clerk**

### 074/12 Public Participation

PC John Baldwin said that there had been no reports of crime or anti-social behaviour in Colton during the past month. The High Furness Neighbourhood Forum meeting would be used to assess policing priorities for the summer. The Council agreed that Cllr Barr would vote for off-roading as the priority.

**Cllr Barr**

There had been only 2 weeks' notification of a consultation on possible cuts to manned police stations; on enquiring, the Clerk was told that it had been advertised in the local press. The Council felt that this was entirely inadequate. PC Baldwin would investigate.

**PC  
Baldwin**

### 075/12 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wilson (CCC):

- The Leader of the County Council had written to District Councils to propose a meeting to discuss moving towards a unitary authority to gain efficiency savings.
- Field of Pigs, Finsthwaite: The field had been tidied up and some pigs moved. Cumbria Trading Standards will continue to monitor the situation. The Clerk had reported sightings of escaped piglets to them, and also to John Moffit (Defra vet), although the latter email had bounced back as he had apparently retired. Cllr Wilson would enquire about his successor.
- A590. The scheduled site visit by the Transport Minister on 18th June had been cancelled/postponed.
- Green Roads: Progress on the two Ickenthaite green roads was awaiting the result of a report to the South Lakeland Local Committee
- Verge Cutting: A schedule had been sent out to Parish Councils; cutting was actually a fortnight behind this schedule. Cllr Hoyle asked that a section of verge at Rusland be omitted because of glow-worm habitat; Cllr Wilson would forward the request to Highways.
- Broadband: A contract was about to be issued for delivering the infrastructure for super-fast broadband. Cllr Champion asked why the Clerk had been asked by the LAP to advertise a broadband survey on the website only 5 days before the deadline for responses, which were to be received by post. The survey itself was also felt to be poorly designed. Cllr Barr (LAP

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representative) was also unhappy about the way this had been handled.

vi) Road Closures: A number of roads were being closed in the Parish for Highways works. The Clerk had received no formal notification, although she always had in the past. Cllr Wilson was asked to find out whether this was an oversight or whether procedures had changed since reorganisation.

Cllr  
Wilson

#### 076/12 Vacancy in West Ward

No-one had come forward for co-option within the time-period allowed from election. The Clerk would advertise the vacancy in the next newsletter and initiate the required formal procedures with SLDC.

Clerk

#### 077/12 Accounts

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

- Cheque number 000603: Mr Atkinson (Lengthsman) for work March-May2012: **£468.00** inc Vat

#### 078/12 Planning

The following planning applications were considered and responses made as follows:

-7/2012/5247 - The Swan Hotel, Newby Bridge. Demolition of existing bungalow, removal of static caravans and containers; erection of hotel accommodation and storage. **Resolution: No objection**

-7/2012/5256 - Lilac Cottage, Oxen Park: Single storey rear and side extensions and first floor side extension to accommodate new staircase. **Resolution: No objection.** Cllr Barr made a statement and he and the Clerk left the room during discussion and decision.

The following responses to planning applications were noted:

-7/2012/5221 Bobbin Mill Cottage, Low Stott Park: new conservatory and alterations. *No objection.*

To note the following notifications of agricultural/forestry permitted development:

-7/2012/5277: Great Lindeth Wood, Bouth: timber building for woodland management and woodfuel business.

To note the following footpath creation order: Footpath 511088 around High Dam.

Site Visit to Old Hall Farm, Bouth: The Clerk had recently received notification of a site visit by National Park members on 18<sup>th</sup> June in relation to application 7/2012/5155: Change of use to open farm. Cllr Watson would attend for the Council.

Cllr  
Watson

#### 079/12 Lengthsman

**It was resolved** to approve the renewal of the Lengthsman contract for another year.

**It was resolved** to approve an increase of working days to 3 days per month for 2012/13 at an additional cost of £1092 (ex VAT), part funded by the £800 LAP grant.

#### 080/12 Highways

The Clerk had reported to the Hotline the need for a replacement signpost at Rusland and give-way markings at Rusland Vicarage junction.

The Clerk and Cllr Wilson were asked to find out the latest on plans to restrict traffic on the Tottlebank road and possible width-restriction signs on the A590. The Clerk would contact the Traffic Engineer.

Clerk

#### 081/12 Paths for Communities

Cllrs Hoyle and Champion had identified a possible route for a footpath from the Swan Hotel at Newby Bridge to the Lakeside Pier that might be the subject of a bid to a "Paths for Communities" grant from Natural England. They had provided a map and description of an approximate route, which would of course be subject to agreement from landowners. A meeting would be arranged with David Robinson, Access & Recreation Developer for the National Park.

Cllrs  
Hoyle &  
Champion

#### 082/12 High Furness Local Area Partnership

The following possible projects for LAP funding were suggested by the Council and would be taken to the next LAP meeting by Cllr Barr:

- Green Roads repair
- Assessment of demand and requirements for subsidised transport.
- Assessment and addressing issues of aging population, isolation and loneliness.
- Provision of Library services in rural areas.
- Shared technological resources: for example provision of a LAP-owned projector which could be borrowed for giving presentations.

Cllr Barr

#### 083/12 Meetings

The following meeting reports were received:

Broadband meeting, Staveley 31<sup>st</sup> May: Cllr Barr met with other Hub Coordinators to discuss the

roll-out programme for improved broadband. A decision was to be made in July about who would install the infrastructure and how, with work starting in September. A map had been produced showing the planned superfast broadband hub locations.

## **084/12 Correspondence**

It was noted that the National Grid were consulting on proposals for linking the equipment of electricity generating companies in the North West to the national grid. These include a number of offshore wind farms and a proposed 3.2GW nuclear power station in West Cumbria. Some of the options were for could be above-ground power lines across this part of Cumbria. Councillors were asked to look at the proposals, respond individually if they desired and to let the Clerk know their opinions so that she could reply on behalf of the Council.

**All Cllrs/  
Clerk**

Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:

### **CALC/NALC**

- CALC Circular – May 2012
- CALC - News update – training courses
- CALC - training courses – further info
- Election of Parish member to LDNPA – Nominations and ballot paper
- CALC –Developing your skills – training courses

### **CCC**

- Notification of High Furness Neighbourhood Forum meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> June
- High Furness Broadband Survey - correspondence
- Broadband survey – to put on Parish Council websites. 10 days before responses due in! Not acted on. Complained.
- Changes to bus services in South Lakeland (None affect Colton Parish area)
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum, Broughton, 12<sup>th</sup> June

### **SLDC**

- Leisure Services consultation – deadline too short to respond in time.
- For information: Agenda for Annual Council meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> May
- National Grid consultation prior notice – North-West Coast Connections – upgrade of network and new energy projects including a new nuclear power station at Sellafield
- For information: Standards Committee papers for 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Notification of submission of SLDC Land Allocation DPD and invitation to comment on conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework by 16<sup>th</sup> July

### **LDNPA**

- Response from Paul Haggin on some of ColtonPC's planning consultation queries
- Correspondence on fencing of right of way at Stricely Fell caravan site
- Illegal off-road Working Group – minutes of meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm – community consultation events Sept 2012

### **Government Depts and Agencies**

- Forestry Panel Newsletter 3
- DECC - Office for Nuclear Development. Response to consultation on management of plutonium stocks
- Dept Communities and Local Gov: Right to Build support package announcement, and grant funding programme.

### **Cumbria CVS and Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT)**

- Power for Change - Emergency Planning conference, 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Safer Communities grant (£3K) to develop a network for Cumbria
- Ebulletin – Valuing Volunteers
- ACT gazette – summer 2012.

### **Other**

- Egton-with-Newland PC – change of Parish Council Clerk
- Friends of the Lake District magazine – Spring 2012 (large file – asked for a weblink)
- Windermere Reflections – E-bulletin no. 5
- Coniston PC – Agenda for meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May and minutes of last meeting
- Blawith PC – Notice of meetings on 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Windermere Reflections – poster for dance/theatre event
- Haverthwaite PC – Amended Agenda for 14<sup>th</sup> May
- Audit Commission – consultation on appointment of BDO Auditors for 5 years from 2012/13. To advise if reason why BDO should not be appointed by 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- Query from owners of land at High Wood, Spark Bridge about possibility of building house there. Clerk replied explaining current policy and pending Housing Survey.
- Windermere Reflections E-Bulletin 6
- Morecambe Car Club – copied in on poster and info for event 16<sup>th</sup> June. Querying route and use of UCRs with club and National Park.
- Cumbria Police consultation on 'front counter services'. Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> May (only 2 weeks notification – complained. Deadline extended to 5<sup>th</sup> June.

- Haverthwaite PC – minutes of meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May
- Blawith PC – new Highways rep
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability – 'HEAT parties': asking for volunteers to host a 'party' for friends and neighbours to learn about energy loss and insulation.
- Coniston Parish Council – minutes fo meetings 14<sup>th</sup> May
- Tim Farron's office: Ministerial visit to A590 to discuss need for safety measures, 18<sup>th</sup> June. PCs invited to send one member.
- NW Air Ambulance – letter thanking Colton PC for its donation
- Satterthwaite PC – notice of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June

**085/12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7.30 p.m.