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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th February 2013 in Finsthwaite Village Hall at 7.30 p.m..

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

Also present: Cllr Wilson (CCC) PC Baldwin

016/13 Apologies

Cllr Potts (holiday)

ACTION

017/13 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th January 2013 as a true record.

018/13 Declarations of Interest

None

019/13 Dispensation Requests

None

020/13 Public Participation

PC Baldwin: There had been some incidents in Colton Parish: 700 litres of red diesel had been stolen from Oxen Park Farm and saddlery had been stolen from a shed at Sawrey Dykes field, near Ickenthaite. In the surrounding area i) PCSO Diana Wilcock had stopped 3 motorbikes illegally off-road on Blawith common; they were served fixed penalty notices and given a 'Section 59' warning for no number plates, no tax discs and bad tyres. ii) Cannabis plants worth £20K were seized from a barn at Lowick Green, detected by heat-seeking camera and lack of snow on roof. iii) Machinery had been stolen from a farm in Haverthwaite.

021/13 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

i) Community Plan: A first draft of the Plan had been put together and, once edited, would be circulated to Councillors; Councillors should consider particularly the policies and actions proposed in the Plan.

ii) Paths for Communities: Cllr Hoyle reported that a landowner on the route of the proposed path had sold land to the Landing Howe 'gated community', also on the route of the path. It was proposed that Cllr Hoyle, Champion and Cllr Wilson with David Pickup (LDNPA ranger) arrange a meeting with Landing Howe. The Path would also be included as an aspiration within the Community Plan.

iii) Bouth Speed Limit Questionnaire: A questionnaire had now been circulated to all Bouth residents to gather opinion about the effectiveness of the '20's Plenty' signs.

iv) Notice-boards: The promised notice-board from County had finally arrived. It was large and very solid. It was agreed that the board would be placed at Finsthwaite, and the existing (smaller) Finsthwaite board would be refurbished and replace the sub-standard one in Lakeside. The Clerk would seek out a local joiner to mount the boards.

**Cllr
Hoyle
Clerk**

Clerk

022/13 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wilson (CCC): i) County had rejected the bid to host an underground radioactive waste disposal site in west Cumbria. ii) Health Scrutiny Committee: the proposed re-location of vascular services to only 3 specialist centres at Carlisle, Preston and Blackburn had been referred to the Secretary of State by the Committee as compromising patient safety and based on a poor consultation process. iii) the Library services meeting with Finsthwaite community had been postponed due to the weather. iv) County budget proposals: there would be no Council Tax increase, but the budget would have to be reduced by 33%.

023/13 Finsthwaite Clock Maintenance Grant - Triennial Review

The Council has paid up to £150+VAT per year for the maintenance of the Finsthwaite Church Clock, which was installed as a war memorial in 1918. The Council asked for further information about the need for annual maintenance, before approving the grant for a further 3 years. The Clerk would ask Cllr Potts to speak at the next meeting in March.

Clerk

024/13 Accounts

The bank reconciliation for accounts to end Jan 2013 was approved.

The following payments were approved:

- Cheque no. 000625 Travel expenses for FY 12/13, Cllr Barr: **£185.63**
- Cheque no. 000626 Travel expenses for FY 12/13, Cllr Patterson: **£16.65**
- Cheque no. 000627 Travel expenses for FY 12/13, Cllr Milburn: **£4.50**
- Cheque no. 000628 Travel expenses for FY 12/13, Cllr Dean: **£30.60**
- Cheque no. 000629 Travel expenses for FY 12/13, Cllr Champion: **£15.75**
- Cheque no. 000630 Travel expenses for FY 12/13, Clerk: **£121.95**
- Cheque no. 000631 Home office allowance for FY 12/13, Clerk: **£150.00**

The following receipt was noted:

- LAP grant for Lengthsman: **£600.00**

025/13 Planning

The following planning application was discussed and a response agreed as follows:

- 7/2013/5008: Lindeth, Bouth. Erection of building for 25 boarding kennels. **Resolution: No objection**, but concerns about traffic and access.

The following grants of planning permission were noted

- 7/2012/5589: Woodlands, Lakeside: Bedroom extension with terrace over & associated alterations
- 7/2012/5484: 1, Landing How, Lakeside: New jetty
- 7/2012/5452: Riddingside Farm, Colton: Roofing over yard and midden
- 7/2012/5497: Bobbin Mill Cottage, Low Stott Park: Single story extension to existing lounge
- 7/2012/5548: Birch Tree Cottage, Nibthwaite: Replacement windows and new flue
- 7/2012/5556: Lands End Farm, Rusland: Use of cottage at Lands End Farm as independent dwelling subject to local occupancy condition
- 7/2012/5523: Roger Ridding, Rusland: Replacement house

To following confirmation of compliance conditions was noted: 7/2012/5547 Landing Close, Lakeside relating to contamination, drainage and knotweed

026/13 Highways

i) Highway maintenance: The Clerk had asked the local Highways contact when the team would be visiting Colton again, since the last visit had been in August 2012; they would not be visiting until April at the earliest. Cllr Wilson explained that some delays were being caused by the continuing restructuring of the Highways Department. Cllr Wilson was asked to follow up the need for a replacement sign at Rusland and the urgent need for re-painting of road markings, first reported a year ago. Cllr Wilson would report the sign again, and Cllr Barr would compile a list of road markings in need of re-painting.

Cllr
Wilson
Cllr Barr

ii) Flooding at the Lakeside Hotel. The Clerk had written to the Hotel. Cllr Wilson reported that Highways had arranged to meet the Hotel owner to agree a resolution.

iii) Field of Pigs, Finsthwaite: The flooding at this field was worse than ever and the road was breaking up underneath. Tony Beaty (Highways) had been trying to arrange a meeting with the owner to discuss a remedy, but had not yet been successful. Cllr Champion had received reports of dead pigs and a bad smell at the field. Cllr Wilson would report this to Cumbria Trading Standards. It was resolved that the Clerk should write a letter to the County Chief Executive, copied to the Environment Agency and Defra, to urge a resolution.

Clerk

iv) Green Roads: Some funding had been allocated for repairs to the two 'pilot project' green roads. Feedback was awaited from a site meeting between Highways and the contractor. A meeting with the agencies and the Parish Council was to be arranged shortly; the Clerk would send an email to Keith Masser (Area Highways Engineer) reminding him that the Bethocar Moor Commoners Association had agreed to contribute £1000 towards repairs.

Cllr
Wilson
Clerk

v) Lengthsman: Mr Atkinson was suffering from a bad back at the moment, but was still trying to continue working. The Clerk would find out how he is progressing and discuss whether it would be sensible for him and the Council to appoint a temporary replacement until he was better.

027/13 Meetings

i) National Grid NW Connections Project, Grizebeck, 7th Feb. Cllr Barr had attended. This was not a helpful meeting. There was little engagement with Parish Councils and local people present. There was some confusion over what stage the decision-making had reached: although it was stated that both the over-ground and under-sea options in south Cumbria were being considered, the spokesman was also able to state that 186 parishes would be affected and the pylons would be 50% larger than the existing pylons. Further consultations were planned.

ii) High Furness Local Area Partnership, Coniston, 16th Jan. Cllr Barr had attended. The meeting covered proposals for highway and traffic improvements at Hilltop, Near Sawrey, the 'Go-Lakes' transport project, and funding. Colton had been allocated £600 towards the Lengthsman. There was also funding to extend the 'Age UK Village Agent' project.

028/13 Consultations

The following consultations were noted:

i) SLDC Community Governance Review, by 7th May: the Clerk and Cllr Barr had attended a commendably short meeting by SLDC Electoral Services about this Review concerning parish and ward boundaries, councillor numbers and other related issues. There was no particular expectation of change, but Councillors should give this some thought and come to the next meeting to discuss how the Council should respond.

All Cllrs

ii) LDNPA – Allocations of Land and Minerals Safeguarding areas, by 22nd Feb. This consultation concerned the soundness of the process rather than the content. The Council had already responded to a consultation on the content of the Allocations of Land document. Cllr Barr summarised the Minerals Safeguarding Areas document; it was agreed that no response was required.

029/13 Correspondence

Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:

CALC/NALC

- Connecting Cumbria (Broadband) newsletter
- Invitation to nominate Chairs of Parish Councils to attend the Royal Garden Party on 22nd May
- Police and Crime Plan consultation – deadline 22nd Feb
- Welfare Reform briefing
- CALC – Managing Radioactive Waste - update
- NW national Grid – meeting on proposals for power lines, 7th Feb, Grizebeck
- SL District Association – papers for meeting on 7th March
- CALC – news roundup Jan 2013
- MRWS Nuclear Waste Facility – update following County decision
- CALC Circular for February
- Social Enterprises – paper given at CALC SLDA AGM

CCC

- Questionnaire on efficacy of 20's plenty scheme in Bouth. Draft for comment.
- Letter via Rod Wilson regarding possible cycle safety schemes on A590
- 'Go Cumbria' – bus time-table content questionnaire
- High Furness LAP – notes from meeting of 16th Jan. Next meeting 11th April
- Removal of street lighting from electricity poles (via Cllr Wilson)

SLDC

- Consultation on parish council boundaries – briefing meetings and time-table
- 'Power up your community': SLDC initiative on fuel bills.
- Community Led Planning training courses with ACT
- Standards Committee papers for 5th Feb
- Report and recommendations of Parish remuneration panel for 2013/14. (Same travel rate of 45p per mile applies).
- SLDC Draft Plan for 2013-17
- SLDC Annual Review of Constitution 2013
- Community Governance Review of parishes in South Lakeland. Terms of Reference and time-table

LDNPA

- Illegal off-roading Working Group – minutes of last meeting and Agenda for 29th Jan

Government Depts and Agencies

- Office for Nuclear Development: change of Dept of Energy and Climate Change web address to new government centralised address www.gov.uk/decc
- Office for Nuclear Development: Government response to consultation on decommissioning and waste (finance and fees) regulations 2011

Cumbria CVS and Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT)

- Cumbria CVS e-bulletins, 9th Jan, 23rd Jan

Other Correspondence

- Clerks and Councils Direct, Jan 2013
- Coniston Parish Council Agenda for 21st Jan
- Tim Farron MP – update on provision of vascular services in the Morecambe Bay NHS Trust
- Eden Housing Association – 3 bed property available at Satterthwaite School site
- Cumbria Rural Housing Trust – Community Land Trust information
- Complaint from resident of Finsthwaite about pig field flooding
- Malcolm Wilson Rally notification, 2nd March
- Walney Extension wind-farm project: Mini-consultation report, 2nd round

030/13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 25th March in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7.30 p.m.. The final schedule of meetings for 2013/14 was confirmed as follows:

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS FY 2013-2014

| Date | Meeting | Venue |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| 7 th May 13 <i>(Tuesday)</i> | Parish Open Meeting & Annual Parish Council 2013 | Bouth Village Hall |
| 10 th June 13 | Parish Council | Colton Church Hall |
| 22 nd July 13 | Parish Council | Rusland Reading Room |
| 9 th Sept 13 | Parish Council | Finsthwaite Village Hall |
| 21 st Oct 13 | Parish Council | Bouth Village Hall |
| 2 nd Dec 13 | Parish Council | Rusland Reading Room |
| 13 th Jan 14 | Parish Council | Bouth Village Hall |
| 17 th Feb 14 | Parish Council | Finsthwaite Village Hall |
| 24 th Mar 14 | Parish Council | Rusland Reading Room |