



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Additional Colton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in Bouth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m..

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

**Also present:** Mr Brendan Burley (Cumbria Wildlife Trust) and 6 other members of the public.

### **144/14 Apologies**

None

**ACTION**

### **145/14 Minutes of Last Meeting**

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 as a true record.

### **146/14 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **147/14 Requests for Dispensations**

None

### **148/14 Public Participation**

All requests to speak were taken under item 6. Planning.

### **149/14 Planning**

The following planning application was discussed and a response agreed:

7/2014/5607: Ireland Moss, Bouth: Works to enhance existing permanent access and create temporary access to allow timber to be removed from site; cell bunding, drain blocking and cut peat face re-profiling to restore favourable habitat conditions; and the enhancement of former drains and depressions to create fen habitat.

Although the Moss was within Haverthwaite Parish, it bordered on Colton Parish and properties near the Moss were in Colton Parish. Representations were made by Mr Burley (on behalf of the applicant, Penny Bridge Estates), and also by local residents and farmers. It was noted that the application was linked strongly to a previous application for a replacement tidal gate at Pool Bridge, which had been supported by the Council and had been granted permission by the LDNPA. Discussions took place in relation to the impact on flooding of the causeway, the impact on landscape and wildlife from tree removal, and the location of the access track and loading bay. Mr Burley confirmed that a belt of broadleaf trees were to remain between the Moss and the A590. The Chairman reminded Councillors that tree removal was not dependent on this application; a felling license had already been granted for removal of the conifers.

Cllr Barr declined to express a view or vote, being a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee.

**Resolution: Support**, but with the following comments and recommendations:

- i) That the impact of the restoration works on the moss be maintained and monitored in the years following the development work. This related in particular to monitoring for flooding of the causeway road and surrounding land, with flood alleviation measures to be made, should it occur.
- ii) That the safety of the location of the access road and loading bay should be assessed, as it was to be positioned between two fairly blind corners.
- iii) That this was the third proposal for re-wetting of mosses in the Rusland Valley (the first two being Rusland Moss and Hay Bridge Moss). It was recommended that the LDNPA be asked to look at 'whole valley planning' in Rusland. Each proposal was being assessed in isolation, yet the combined effect of the three could have a very significant impact on increased flood risk and the landscape, which might be contrary to policies CS17 (Development and flood risk) and CS25 (Protecting the spectacular landscape) in particular.

### **150/14 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7.30 p.m.