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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st December 2014 in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7.30 p.m..

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

Also present: 4 members of the public

A minute's silence was held before the meeting in memory of ex-Councillor, Geoff Sankey.

151/14 Apologies	ACTION
Cllr Hoyle (holiday) Cllr Potts (ill health)	
152/14 Minutes of Last Meeting It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Tuesday 18th November</u> as a true record.	
153/14 Declarations of Interest None	
154/14 Requests for Dispensations None	
155/14 Public Participation <u>Debbie Binch and Jonathan Coates from the Environment Agency gave a presentation about 'Flood Risk Awareness'</u> . The Rusland Valley was listed as an area at risk from flash-flooding. Potentially 19 properties could be affected. Awareness of flash-flooding should form part of any community resilience plan, as agencies would not be able to attend in time to provide emergency support. Questions were asked about: the lack of drain maintenance by Highways, whether the water courses were inspected and maintained, whether there was joined-up working between the agencies for example regarding the local hydrological monitoring currently taking place in Rusland, whether the Crake and Windermere catchments were also being looked at (as these had been the areas where serious flooding had occurred in the last 10 years: a bridge swept away and properties flooded). The EA explained that reduced resources meant that the agency could only be concerned with potential flooding of <u>properties</u> ; they would forward a list of the 19 properties identified as being at risk. The hydrological monitoring was not part of the EA network and there were no plans currently to update the Rusland model. However, there was a multi-agency group 'Making space for water' concerned with flood risk in South Lakeland, which met quarterly. The EA would contact Highways about lack of drain maintenance. The Crake and Windermere catchments were being looked at, but not for flash flooding as for Rusland.	
156/14 Casual Vacancy in Central Ward South Lakeland Electoral Services had given the go-ahead to co-opt a Councillor in Central Ward. Two expressions of interest had been received to date. The Clerk had advertised in the Rusland newsletter and had produced notices for the notice-boards.	
157/14 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Notice-boards</u>: Cllr Dean had spoken with the owner of the White Hart regarding a larger replacement notice-board placed on the pub wall; he had agreed to this. The Clerk would investigate whether an aluminium type notice-board might be suitable for this position. Cllrs Barr and Watson were still to meet regarding the position of the Oxen Park notice-board. • <u>Community Plan</u>: The Clerk had read through the Plan for errors and any final changes of wording. She had sent the Plan to Tess Baxter for production, and it was also available in its present form on the website. 	Clerk/ Cllrs Barr and Watson
158/14 Comments from District and County Councillors Cllr Fletcher was not present.	
159/14 Planning	

Cllr Barr declined to take part in discussions, being a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee.

The following planning applications were discussed and responses agreed:

- 7/2014/5730: The Old Post House, Low Stott Park: Demolition of existing garage. Erection of new garage, workshop and ancillary accommodation. **Resolution: Object** for over-development and visual amenity reasons.

The following responses to planning applications were noted:

- 7/2014/5665: Land adjacent to Springfield, Colton. Erection of new storage building. *No objection.*
- 7/2014/5664: Finsthwaite House: Demolition of boiler house, WC, and porch. Erection of 2 single-storey extensions. *No objection.*

The following planning permissions granted were noted:

- 7/2014/5555: Rusland Pool Tide Gate, Pool Bridge, Bouth. Replacement of tide gate.
- 7/2014/5483: The Old Vicarage, Colton: Retrospective application for octagonal summerhouse in grounds on raised hard standing.
- 7/2014/5460: New House, Rusland: Erection of a new garden room/store and new potting shed.

160/14 Accounts

The following payments were noted:

- Cheque no. 000715: Information Commissioner, DPA Fee: **£35.00**
- Cheque no. 000716: A.Workman, Lengthsman working October 2014: **£234.00**
- Cheque no. 000718: A.Workman, Lengthsman working November 2014: **£169.00**

It was resolved that the following payment be made:

- Cheque no. 000717: CALC, Fee for Clerk's Forum, 2nd October: **£5.00**

The following receipts were noted:

- Community fundraising effort for Oxen Park defibrillator installation and maintenance: **£185.00** (*total raised was £310.00, this figure was net following payment for electrical installation, £125.00*)

- VAT return for FY 13/14: **£570.13**

- **It was resolved to approve** and sign the bank reconciliation to 1st November 2014
- The Local Council Pay Award, 2.2% from 1st January, was noted.
- **It was resolved to approve** a recommendation from the Finance WG for an increase in Lengthsman rate of pay to £14/hr from April 2015.
- **It was resolved to approve** the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit by the Finance WG
- **It was resolved to approve** the Budget for FY15/16 and precept increase of 10% for FY15/16, as recommended by the Finance WG.
- **It was resolved to approve** the new Financial Regulations, as reviewed and updated by the Finance WG, from the NALC model.
- **It was resolved to approve** the SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel recommendations for Councillor allowances for FY 15/16; there was no change to mileage allowances which remained at 45p per mile.
- **It was resolved to approve** handling an additional £1500 within the Colton PC accounts for the Rusland Horizons Scheme.

161/14 Highways and Lengthsman

The Clerk had sent a list of 12 main Highways issues and an update of their status to Councillors. She reported progress for the following items:

iv) Replacement of Oxen Park village sign – Carol Last had emailed the Clerk to say that Cllr Fletcher had offered to pay for this through his budget and that this would hopefully be confirmed in January. This was noted with thanks.

ix) Culvert on east side of Coniston, near Rigg Wood: remedial work was underway.

xii) Lakeside (Ridding Bay) flooding spot – blocked culvert: Highways officer, David Huck, had been on site and assessed the problem. The Clerk had been in touch with the landowner of Ridding Bay who was happy to allow work on his land to alleviate the problem. A second site visit with the landowner was scheduled.

Cllr Champion reported culvert repairs taking place between the 'Shive of Cheese' junction and 'Cuckoo Bridge', and also near Town End, Finsthwaite. This was good news, although the Clerk knew nothing about this and felt that this was another example of lack of communication from Highways.

<p>Cllr Dean had attended a meeting of the CALC South Lakeland District Association at which Nick Raymond, County's Area Highways Engineer, had given a presentation. Mr Raymond explained that the Highways Hotline was the main method through which parishes should report problems. The Clerk would report all the issues again to the hotline, in anticipation of getting some response this time. Mr Raymond also said that the Area Steward was supposed to spend ½ day every 2 months with each parish representative. This was not happening in Colton. The Clerk would enquire.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>162/14 Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CALC Lake District Parishes Forum, 20th October (Cllr Barr):</u> Richard Leafe (LDNPA Chief Executive) gave a presentation on the future of the National Park. The draft LDNP Partnership Plan was presented and was out for consultation. • <u>High Furness LAP, 23rd October (Cllr Dean):</u> This meeting was poorly attended. Key topics were i) The report from a meeting with Cumbria Highways (circulated), iii) Grants to parishes: it was decided that the funds should be spent equally across the parishes for Lengthsman activity. The Clerk would need to send in a report in order to receive Colton's share of the funds. iv) A Broadband update from Mike Postle, v) The Kirby Moor wind-farm formal application to be submitted shortly. • <u>CALC South Lakeland District Association, 27th November (Cllr Dean):</u> The Area Highways Engineer, Nick Raymond, gave a presentation (<i>key messages reported under item 161/14 above</i>). A presentation was also given on public health and how Cumbria County Council was now the responsible body. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>163/14 Consultations</p> <p><u>The following consultation responses were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>National Grid North-West Coast Connections consultation:</u> The Clerk had responded on behalf of the Council expressing support for the 'onshore south with tunnel' option. <p><u>The following new consultations were noted and procedure for responding agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cumbria County Council – Flood Risk Strategy, by 23rd December:</u> no response was thought necessary. • <u>Cumbria County Council - Budget consultation, by 20th January:</u> Councillors to make their own responses. • <u>LDNP Partnership Plan, by 18th January:</u> All Councillors to look at the Plan and to feed responses to Cllr Barr for submission 	<p>All Cllrs</p>
<p>164/14 Correspondence</p> <p><u>Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:</u></p> <p>CALC/NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda for South Lakeland District Association meeting 27th November • Neighbourhood Planning – grants for workshops available • Pay proposals for local government employees - updates • CALC AGM 15th November - papers • CALC Circular for November • South Lakeland District Association – minutes of meeting 18th Sept • Nominations for membership of NALC small councils committee • LDNPA Partnership Plan – information from CALC • Local Council Pay Award notification • NALC monthly newsletters • Lake District Parishes Forum – notes from meeting 20th October • Copy of letter from Caldbeck Parish Council concerning local occupancy conditions, along with LDNPA's reply • Government funding for community minibuses <p>CCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soutergate and Low Beckside Flood Forum meeting, Grizebeck Village Hall, 20th Oct • Budget Consultation – deadline 20th Jan • Correspondence with Cumbria Trading Standards about pigs at Colton. County are aware, but have no concerns. • Highways response to Community Plan • Community Grant Opportunities in High Furness • Correspondence with Highways and landowners concerning flooding at Lakeside • Notes from the Community Grants Panel, 15th July. • Allocation of £300 from Cllr Fletcher's budget for replacement Oxen Park sign • Correspondence concerning: i) fallen trees, Stricely Fell UCR, ii) Riggs Wood culvert iii) Lakeside, Ridding Bay flooding spot 	

- Flood Risk Strategy consultation
- Commons and Village Greens updated legislation

SLDC

- Dementia Awareness Event, Ulverston Coronation Hall, 23rd October.
- SLDC Development Briefs Phase 1 – for Local Plan (outwith National Park)
- South Lakeland District - Overview and Scrutiny - Health meeting (17/9) - Final minutes
- South Lakeland Health Event – LAP reps to attend. 13th November.
- Guide to Council Services, Autumn 2014
- Timescales for completion and return of parish precept forms.
- SLDC Planning process presentation document
- Notification to proceed with co-option for casual vacancy on the Council
- SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel recommendations for FY 15/16
- Community project appeal for Millerground, Windermere
- South Lakes Community News e-bulletin 25/11/14
- Request form for copy of electoral register

High Furness LAP

- Papers for meeting 23rd October, Coniston Institute.
- LAP meeting minutes 23rd October
- Template letter for response to National Grid consultation

LDNPA

- Lake District Partnership Plan consultation. Deadline 18th January.
- Grizedale paths closure order for Malcolm Wilson Rally, 22nd November
- Correspondence with Sara Spicer, LDNPA Ranger about illegal off-roading at The Strands, Rusland.

Government Depts and Agencies

- North West Coast Connections Project – further consultation events
- Department of Communities and Local Government: Delivering Differently in Neighbourhoods grants for devolving powers
- Environment Agency – offer to speak about flood risk in Rusland on 1st December.

Cumbria CVS and Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT)

- ACT Gazettes, Training and funding information

Other Correspondence

- Satterthwaite PC – Agenda for 28th October
- Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter
- Copy of letter of objection to application 7/2014/5730 The Old Post House, Stott Park
- Correspondence concerning replacement for Low Nibthwaite post box
- National Trust – application for Fell Foot Park – offer to talk to the Council in the new year.
- Blawith PC – Agenda for meeting 24th November
- Satterthwaite PC – Agenda for meeting 25th November

The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Cllr Milburn to decide a location for the Low Nibthwaite post-box.
Clerk

165/14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th January in Bouth Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.