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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th March 2014 in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7.30 p.m..

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

Also present: Cllr Fletcher (CCC & SLDC) PCs Janine Wade and Helen Adams and 4 members of the public

Before the meeting, a minute's silence was held in memory of a former Councillor, Mr Birkett Cooper, who had served on the Council for 11 years.

042/14 Apologies

Cllr Patterson (ill health)

ACTION

043/14 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 17th February 2014 and Monday 3rd March 2014 as a true record.

044/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Barr declared an interest in item 15, Correspondence: the request for a meeting about parking in relation to the cinema in Oxen Park.

045/14 Requests for Dispensations

None

046/14 Public Participation

Mrs Christine Hill gave a statement expressing the concerns of some residents of Oxen Park about parking arrangements in relation to the cinema.

PC Janine Wade summarised crime reports in the area: The only reported crime in Colton in the past month had been a stolen bicycle. Chainsaw thefts from outbuildings in the surrounding area were still continuing. Cllr Watson reported that a white van had stopped him in Ulverston asking whether he wanted to buy a chainsaw. Any such experiences should be reported immediately to the police on 101. Warning notices had been issued to trail bikers caught riding illegally off-road.

047/14 Correspondence

It was agreed that this item be brought forward in the Agenda to allow members of the public to speak on the following item before the main Council business:

Request from some residents of Oxen Park that the Parish Council hold a meeting to clarify parking arrangements for the community cinema. Cllr Barr left the room during discussion and decision; Cllr Champion took the Chair. **It was resolved** that a public meeting be held to clarify arrangements; representatives would be invited from the authorities and parties involved in the parking agreement.

Other correspondence was noted (the list follows these minutes).

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048/14 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Fletcher was not present.

049/14 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:

- 7/2014/5028: High Cottage, Bouth: Demolition of existing garden store. Erection of new sun-room at rear and new oil tank. **Resolution: No objection**
- 7/2014/5121: Buck Yeats Lodge Park, Lakeside, Newby Bridge: Application for removal of conditions 1 and 3 on planning application NL 1/4/865 to allow year-round holiday season and permanent stationing of caravans on site. **Resolution: Object**

The following responses to planning permissions were noted:

- 7/2014/5092: Rowany, Woodland Close, Lakeside: Demolition of store and car-port. Two single-storey extensions and a first-floor extension. *No objection.*
- 7/2014/5120: Far End Bungalow, Lakeside: Variation of condition 2 of planning approval to allow for re-siting of replacement dwelling. *No objection*

The following planning permissions granted were noted:

- 7/2013/5718: Yew Tree Cottage, Colton. Two-storey side extension.
- 7/2013/5594: High Ickenthaite Farm. Micro-hydropower scheme.
- 7/2013/5628: Crosslands Farm, Rusland. Single storey side extension.
- 7/2014/5040: Lakeside Hotel, Lakeside: Erection of building for biomass boiler & woodchip store

The following Notices of Intention confirmed as permitted development was noted:

- 7/2013/5721 & 5722: Holywell Wood, Greenodd: Forestry building and woodland maintenance track.

The Clerk had queried why some forestry and agriculture development required planning permission and some were only required to issue a Notice of Intent. The compliance officer explained that if such development had taken place without issuing a Notice of Intent, then full retrospective planning permission was required.

050/14 Highways and Lengthsman

i) Traffic speed in Oxen Park. Highways had approved the painting of SLOW markers on the road either side of the village, estimating the cost as £250 which would need to come from the County Councillor's budget. It was resolved that the Clerk apply to Cllr Fletcher for funds. Clerk

ii) C5023 Tollbar to Farmer's Arms short-cut route: traffic speed and litter: The Council had asked Highways for a width restriction sign on the A590 to stop large lorries trying to access this route; she would ask again. It was resolved also that the Clerk write to Inspector Spedding to arrange a police presence on this road. Litter: SLDC is monitoring this road. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would set up a meeting about this route with County, SLDC and the police. Clerk
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iii) Overhanging Trees, Lowick Bridge: Highways were in correspondence with the landowner.

iv) Field of Pigs, Finsthwaite: Highways had reported that the flooding issue had been resolved by the landowner and the potholes filled.

051/14 Illegal Off-Roading

The Clerk had attended a meeting of the Illegal Off-road Working Group on 18th March. The Group's members reported that Illegal activity had got significantly worse over the past 6 months. It was unfortunate that key organisations appeared to have withdrawn from the group; for example, Cumbria Police, Forestry Commission and Natural England were not present. It had been agreed that the group would try to re-engage them.

It was resolved that the Council support the Illegal Off-road Working Group's work, specifically i) its request for a permit system to be applied to the Nibthwaite-to-Parkamoor green road, ii) re-engaging the key authorities who seem to have withdrawn from the issue, and iii) looking for funding opportunities for more robust signs. Clerk

052/14 Community Asset Register

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

053/14 Risk Assessment

It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment for FY 2014/15.

054/14 Finance and Accounts

The following payments were noted:

- Cheque no. 000682: A.Workman, Lengthsman – Feb working: **£195.00**
- Cheque no. 000683: A.Lane (Clerk), salary Q4 FY 13/14: **£1060.59**
- Cheque no. 000684: HMRC PAYE Q4 FY 13/14: **£265.15**

The following payments were approved (the second in principle, pending receipt):

- Cheque no.000685:A. Workman, Lengthsman - metal detector and drain rod attachment: **£32.39**
- Cheque no.000686:A. Workman, Lengthsman – 2 x 'SLOW Lengthsman Working' signs: **£12.50**

055/14 Meetings

The following meeting reports were received:

i) High Furness Grants Committee (25th February): Cllr Dean had attended. Grants had been approved for Coniston Sports and Social Club and for the Lowick Green Committee.

ii) South Lakeland LAP Conference (4th March): Cllr Dean had attended. More than 100 people were present. The main focus had been how local authority practices would need to change in the face of severe budget cuts.

056/14 Consultations

LDNPA: Windermere event speed limit exemption. It was agreed that the Council would abstain from this consultation as a resolution could not be reached on the issue.

057/14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings were confirmed as the Annual Parish Open Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6th May in Bouth Village Hall , 7.30 p.m.

058/14 Correspondence

List of correspondence received:

CALC/NALC

- Legal Topic Note: Pensions (no obligation below 5 employees)
- Briefing Note on likely change in law concerning cheque payments. Advise no change for small councils.
- PAYE end-of-year submission changes
- Highways charges for filling parish council grit bins. Confirmed should be no charge if bin replaces heap.
- BBC2 : the Big Allotment Challenge - poster
- South Lakeland District Association meeting papers for 6th March
- Draft Regulations on Openness of Local Government bodies, including parish councils
- Cumbria in Bloom competition information
- CALC Circular for March
- Review of health services – press release about imminent open days (Sat 22nd March, Ulverston) and consultation.
- Repeal of statutory requirements for cheque payments and associated new model financial regulations.
- Council Tax Support Grant and accounting procedures
- NALC – new requirements for electronic PAYE payments to HMRC.

CCC

- Correspondence with Tony Beaty about the Pig Field flood and pothole.
- High Furness Neighbourhood Forum meeting on Health. 27th Feb
- Emergency Road Closure – U5222

SLDC

- South Lakeland Development Briefs: Phase 1. (outwith National Park)
- Clerk's enquiry about procedure for nominations to the Community Asset Register and reply from SLDC
- SLDC Community Rights webpages: <http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-neighbourhood/community-rights/>
- SLDC Council Plan for 2014-2019 on SLDC website
- Consultation on Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (outwith National Park)

High Furness LAP

- Notification of next High Furness LAP meeting, 9th April, Broughton.

LDNPA

- Consultation on Windermere speed limit exemption – by 27th March
- Event notification: cycle sportive event, 27th April
- Signing of cycle route – east side Coniston down to Spark Bridge
- Malcolm Wilson Rally – rights of way closures, Sat 8th March
- Notification of damage to barriers at The Strands, Rusland
- Event Notification: 'Lakes in a Day' run through the Parish, 11th October
- Coniston Water Association meeting notification, 1st April
- Illegal off-road working group Agenda for 18th March

Government Depts and Agencies

- Office for Nuclear Development: Consultation on decision design for Advanced Boiling Water Reactor
- Nuclear Waste Geological disposal facility – consultation responses webpages
- Office for Nuclear Development: Consultation on management of fuels at THORP, Sellafield.

Cumbria CVS and Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT)

- Newsletters Feb/March

Other Correspondence

- Neighbouring Parish Council Agendas and minutes
- Cumbria Rural Housing Trust – Judith Derbyshire leaving
- Carole Shaw, Windermere Lake Users' Forum: offer to talk to Council about current consultation on exemption application
- Correspondence on marked increase in illegal off-road traffic and bad behaviour. Also possible permit system for High Parkmoor route.
- RWE Energy: Kirkby Moor Windfarm – offer to speak to Council pre consultation.
- Correspondence on litter at Tollbar with Bouth resident and SLDC. Has been cleared, but accumulating again. Awaiting info on how scheduled cleaning
- Enquiry from resident of Oxen Park on progress with speed limit and/or slow signs
- Hawkshead Surgery – evening appointment system (3.30-5.30pm)
- Robinson's Brewery: Response to letter asking about the future of The Manor, Oxen Park
- Pure Outdoors Events: notification of trail run through the Parish on 13/14 Sept.
- Letter from some residents of Oxen Park asking for a meeting about parking and the cinema
- Windermere Lake Users Group Chairman: information about consultation on speedboat event.