



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Colton Church Hall at 7.30 p.m..

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

**Also present:** 1 police officer and 1 member of the public

### 080/14 Apologies

Cllr Fletcher (CCC,SLDC)

**ACTION**

### 081/14 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 as a true record.

### 082/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Patterson in respect of item 8. Planning. Cllr Potts in respect of item 10. Finance and Accounts. Both signed the register.

### 083/14 Requests for Dispensations

None

### 084/14 Public Participation

Police report: There had been no reported crime in the area over the past month. Mr Smith reported that there had been some problems at Colton Church again. Cllr Barr mentioned the increasing off-roading problem which was being followed up through the 'Illegal Off-roading Working Group' and Inspector Spedding.

### 085/14 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

- Community Plan: Helpful comments had been received from some of the former Working Group members and also from the LDNPA and SLDC. None had yet been received from the County Council. The present Working Group would be meeting this week.
- Public Meeting, Oxen Park Cinema Parking arrangements: A member of the CALC Executive Committee, Mr David Peters, was willing to Chair the meeting; the Clerk would follow this up and circulate the authorities and interested parties for a possible date.

### 086/14 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Fletcher (CCC) had contacted Cllr Barr to explain that he had planned to come with a County representative to discuss the proposed cuts to bus services, but was unable to attend. The Clerk would ask him to provide a summary of the issues if he was unable to attend the July meeting.

**Clerk**

### 087/14 Planning

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

The following planning application was discussed and responses agreed:

- 7/2014/5301: High Ickenthaite Farm, Rusland: Erection of farm building (retrospective). Cllr Patterson left the room for this item. Mr Patterson explained that the building had been erected before formal application to the Planning Authority, because of an urgent welfare need for his geese. **Resolution: Support**, subject to conditions concerning treatment with a colour that minimises impact on the landscape, and screening with appropriate trees/shrubs.

Concern was expressed about the number of retrospective applications. It was agreed that the Council would monitor them and report concern to the LDNPA if numbers increased.

**Clerk**

The following responses to planning applications were noted:

- 7/2014/5262: Fairhaven, Finsthwaite: Single storey extension to rear: *No objection.*

The following planning permissions granted were noted:

- 7/2014/5028: High Cottage, Bouth: Demolition of garden store and erection of new sun-room.
- 7/2014/5121: Buck Yeats Lodge Park, Lakeside: Removal of conditions on planning application NL 1/4/865 to allow year-round holiday season and permanent stationing of caravans. Concern was expressed that this had been approved as it appeared to override the Park's own policy

- T9 and the decision appeared to set a precedent for year-round sites.
- 7/2014/5109: Boater's Restaurant (Lakeside Hotel), Lakeside: A two storey extension to provide, additional meeting space, storage and office.
  - 7/2014/5156: Charcoal House, Nibthwaite: Change of use of house with ancillary accommodation to allow seasonal use of ancillary accommodation as holiday let.

The following Notice of Intention was noted:

- 7/2014/5278: Townley Wood, Rusland: Timber shed with internal store

A member of the public expressed concern about developments at Mill Gate, Bouth. The background to the application was explained, namely that permission had been granted for a detached garage with home office over, boiler room and store. The Council would check developments and, if appropriate, contact the compliance officer.

Clerk

The huge size and extensive walling of the entrance way to woodland opposite the YMCA had attracted the attention of residents; the compliance officer had been contacted to check that it was within the bounds of the permission granted; feedback was awaited.

#### 088/14 Grant Awards

The Clerk explained that £100 had been budgeted for grant-giving this financial year. She suggested that the Council might wish to review its policy on grant-giving. The Community Plan would include a section on precept-spending and policy which could guide grant-giving in future years. It was resolved that this year, £70 would be sent to the NW Air Ambulance and £30 to the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Clerk

Cllr Barr asked whether the Council would be prepared to bid for £1500 into the Lake District Communities Fund to support the Rusland Horizons project. This was approved.

Cllr Barr

#### 089/14 Accounts

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

- Cheque no. 000692: A.Lane (Clerk). External disk drive for Colton files backup: **£55.00**
- Cheque no. 000693: Cumbria Clock Company Ltd, Finsthwaite Clock maintenance: **£174.00**
- Cheque no. 000694: A.Workman, Lengthsman. May working: **£182.00**

#### 090/14 Highways

i) Proposed SLOW signs on the road at Oxen Park: Cllr Fletcher had queried whether these had been approved. The Clerk sent him the email from the County's Traffic Engineer approving the works, subject to funding from Cllr Fletcher's budget; she had heard nothing more. The Clerk was asked to write again to County for clarification about Councillor communication with Parishes and bids to Councillor budgets, no reply having been received to the original letter.

Clerk

ii) Grizedale Signs for Rusland: Increasing numbers of vehicles were getting lost in Rusland when looking for Grizedale, particularly at the junction by Rusland Vicarage and the junctions around the church and Thwaite Moss. Cllr Patterson reported that the Forestry Commission had applied to County for signs. The Clerk would write to David Lowe (FC).

Clerk

iii) Lowick Bridge – overhanging trees: These had been recently cut back by the landowner, following a communication from Highways. The Clerk would ask the Lengthsman to attend to clear the brushings.

Clerk

iv) Finsthwaite Drainage: Cllr Potts gave an update: The Lengthsman and local working parties had cleared many of the drains and culverts which had not been touched for many years. The owner of the field opposite the Bobbin Mill was still to open up the culvert that directed water under the road. Cllr Fletcher had provided funding to the Church and the Flood Group to help sort out the flooding at the church car-park and repair the surface.

v) Tottlebank Cross-roads: planned road closures: The Clerk and Cllr Barr had been in discussion with Highways regarding their planned series of closures for cable work during July and unsuitable route diversions (Cappy Lane/Hellpot Bridge). A helpful meeting with Highways and NW Electricity representatives had resolved the issues: the closures would be delayed until November and more suitable diversion routes had been agreed.

vi) C5023 Tottlebank road – proposed meeting about traffic size, speed and litter: The Clerk had yet to set up a meeting. The litter problem was as bad as ever.

Clerk

vii) Bouth: replacement yellow lines around village green: The Clerk had sent another submission to the Highways Hotline. She would continue to press for this work to be done.

Clerk

viii) Green Roads: request for a meeting with County: In the absence of any response from Highways to Cllr Barr's letter of 12<sup>th</sup> March, he had sent another letter.

#### 091/14 Meetings

Reports from meetings attended were received as follows:

- i) CALC Lake District Parishes Forum, 12<sup>th</sup> May (Cllrs Hoyle and Barr): Presentation were given on a) United Utilities' plans for changes to the water supply in the NW Lake District. b) Progress

with the LDNPA Partnership Plan and the application for World Heritage Status, and c) Mobile phone not-spots about which there had been no progress. The draft LDNPA Partnership Plan would be sent to Parish Councils for consultation.

ii) Kirkby Moor Wind Farm Plans, 9<sup>th</sup> May (Cllrs Barr and Dean): Seven turbines each of 115m high were now planned to replace the existing turbines, which were about 1/3 the size. These would be highly visible from e.g. Colton Church. The LDNPA were likely to be consulted on the plans even though the site was not within the National Park. It was unclear whether Colton Parish Council would be consulted. There was likely to be community funding from this development, though it was unclear whether Colton would be included.

iii) CALC South Lakeland District Association, 5<sup>th</sup> June (Cllr Dean): SLDC gave presentations on the new Community Infrastructure Levy and their new economic strategy. Cllr Dean raised the issues around poor communications with Highways to see whether other parishes were experiencing the same; they were. CALC would invite a representative from Highways to attend the November meeting.

iv) Illegal Off-road Working Group, 20<sup>th</sup> May (Clerk): There had been a lot of illegal activity recently in the area, including on Bethacar Moor, Grizedale, Hay Bridge Nature Reserve (where behaviour had been aggressive) and Moss and Height Spring Wood at Bouth. The group was due a campaign planning meeting with the police on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 092/14 Consultations

LDNPA draft leaflet – 'Code of Conduct for Rights of Way Users': Whilst the overall design and positive tone of the leaflet met with approval, there was concern about: i) the use of a closely dotted green line symbol to indicate routes for motor vehicles, which looked too much like a 1:25000 scale map footpath symbol, ii) no mention of farm stock, gates or keeping dogs under control, iii) little mention of legal routes for motor vehicles. The Clerk would respond.

Clerk

#### 093/14 Correspondence

Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:

##### CALC/NALC

- Highway schemes in South Lakeland for 14/15– forwarded via CALC following November SLDA meeting
- Papers for Lake District Parish Forum, 12<sup>th</sup> May
- Election of Parish Member to the LDNPA – responses due by midday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- South Lakeland District Association meeting papers for 5<sup>th</sup> June
- CALC Circular June 2014

##### CCC

- Urgent Road closure notice for Bouth, 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Temporary road closure notice, Tottlebank crossroads, July/August. CJB responded with concerns about diversion route and timing. Clerk attending meeting.
- Community Grant opportunities

##### SLDC

- Standards Procedures and Protocols information
- Age UK "Better Care Together" information and SLDC's economic growth programme

##### High Furness LAP

- Note from the Chairman in relation to transparency of accounts

##### LDNPA

- South Lakeland Distinctive Area Tour, 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Coniston Water Association minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April
- LDNPA E-Newsletter
- LDNPA Code of Conduct for Rights of Way users. Responses due by 20<sup>th</sup> June

##### Government Depts and Agencies

- National Grid – update on North-west connections project. Consultations to be held in the autumn

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

- Newsletters May

##### Other Correspondence

- Agendas for meetings of Blawith PC, 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Healthwatch Cumbria - Newsletter
- Police Commissioner's Office: Recruiting for a Partnership & Strategy Manager - Secondment/Temporary Contract
- Coniston Parish Council – Annual Parish meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Care Quality Commission and North West Ambulance Service Event 23rd June
- Agenda for meetings of Satterthwaite PC, 6<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### 094/14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7.30 p.m.