



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7.30 p.m..

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

**Also present:** Cllr Fletcher (CCC & SLDC) and 1 member of the public

<b>095/14 Apologies</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Cllr Milburn Cllr Patterson (both at Bethecar Commoners meeting) Cllr Potts	
<b>096/14 Minutes of Last Meeting</b> It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014</u> as a true record.	
<b>097/14 Declarations of Interest</b> None	
<b>098/14 Requests for Dispensations</b> None	
<b>099/14 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Community Plan</u>: The working group met and reviewed comments from the various authorities consulted on the draft Plan. The Clerk had written again to County to remind them about responding. It was hoped that a final draft would be ready by the middle of August.</li> <li>• <u>Public Meeting Oxen Park Cinema</u> parking arrangements: The meeting would take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August in Rusland Reading Rooms. Representatives from the LDNPA, SLDC and County Highways would be present. Councillors were asked to attend if they could.</li> </ul>	
<b>100/14 Public Participation</b> Comments were received during the next Agenda item, 'Comments from District and County Councillors', in relation to Highways.	
<b>101/14 Comments from District and County Councillors</b> <p><u>Cllr Fletcher (CCC)</u>: The lack of response from Highways was very frustrating for all parishes in South Lakeland. It was worth repeating requests via the Highways Hotline. Extra funds had been made available from the government for potholes and repairs were now being made as a result. Verge cutting operations were running about a fortnight late, but they were attempting to catch up. There was a new budget for white-lining. Cllr Barr reminded Cllr Fletcher that he had surveyed all the junctions in Colton and sent a report into Highways with photographs of each and assessments of condition. No response had been received. The Clerk would remind Highways.</p> <p>Mr Smith asked about his request over a year ago for re-painting the double-yellow lines around the playground in Bouth. The tarmac required replacing at the same time. Cllr Fletcher has asked Highways about the yellow-lining, but the need has been questioned as Highways felt this parking restriction was unenforceable. This did not seem to Mr Smith or the Council as a valid reason for not renewing the lines.</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher was asked whether he had been in touch with the County Councillor with the portfolio for Highways and also the Highways Local Committee. He agreed to do so. Asked about his budget and spending, he explained that this was only £6050 for the whole of High Furness, and that there had been a particular issue in one of the parishes which required much of this budget.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for an update on the possibility of painted SLOW signs on the road at Oxen Park which the Traffic Engineer had approved, subject to funding through Cllr Fletcher's budget. Cllr Fletcher explained he was intending to fund signs elsewhere in Colton. The Council had a list of priorities for signs from residents' requests and would have liked to have been consulted before Cllr Fletcher made decisions on budget spending.</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher left the meeting.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>102/14 Planning</b> Cllr Barr declined to take part in discussions, being a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee.	

<p><u>The following planning applications were discussed and responses agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7/2014/5381: Millstream Cottage, Lakeside: New vehicular access to property. <b>Resolution: No objection</b>, but concerns about drainage onto the road where it frequently floods.</li> <li>- 7/2014/5427: Millstream Cottage, Lakeside: Replacement doors and windows. <b>Resolution: No objection</b></li> <li>- 7/2014/5366: Stock Bird Head, Penny Bridge Estates: Change to access gate and exposure of track surface to wagons. <b>Resolution: No objection</b></li> <li>- 7/2014/5449: Swan Hotel, Newby Bridge. Variation of condition 8 of permission 7/2012/5247 to allow kitchen facilities in new suites. <b>Resolution: No objection</b> provided the building remained attached to the hotel as associated accommodation.</li> </ul> <p><u>The following planning permissions granted were noted</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-7/2014/5301: Land's End Farm, Rusland: New vehicular access, driveway, garage, car port</li> <li>-7/2014/5262: Fairhaven, Finsthwaite: Single storey extension to rear.</li> </ul> <p><u>The following Notice of Intention was noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-7/2014/5380: Finsthwaite House, Finsthwaite: Agricultural building to house store, workshop and biomass wood-chip store.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>103/14 Finance and Accounts</b></p> <p><u>Satisfactory conclusion of Audit for FY 2013/14 was noted and approved.</u></p> <p><u>The issue of new 1 year contract for the Lengthsman, Mr Workman, was approved (subject to approval of appointment under item 10. Highways)</u></p> <p><u>The following payments were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cheque no. 000695: A. Workman, Lengthsman. June working: <b>£221.00</b></li> <li>-Cheque no. 000696: A.Lane, Clerk, salary 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY 14/15: <b>£1060.75</b></li> <li>-Cheque no. 000698: HMRC PAYE, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, FY14/15: <b>£265.00</b></li> </ul> <p><u>It was resolved that the following payments be made:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cheque no. 000697: A.Lane, Stamps/postage: <b>£75.82</b></li> <li>-Cheque no. 000699: BDO, Auditors 2013/14 Audit: <b>£120.00</b></li> <li>-Cheque no. 000700: NW Air Ambulance: <b>£70.00</b></li> <li>-Cheque no. 000701: Citizen's Advice Bureau: <b>£30.00</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>104/14 Highways and Lengthsman</b></p> <p>i) Possible SLOW signs at Oxen Park: This had been discussed during the County Councillor's Agenda item. It was agreed to re-visit this at the September meeting.</p> <p>ii) Possible Grizedale signs at Rusland: The Clerk had emailed David Lowe, Forestry Commission at Grizedale but had not yet had a reply.</p> <p>iii) Lowick Bridge, clearing of brashings from tree-cutting; the Clerk had had a look and these appear to have now been cleared.</p> <p>iv) C5023 Tottlebank road. The Clerk had yet to arrange a meeting with Highways, the police and SLDC about traffic and litter. Mr Smith reported that the road had recently been swept.</p> <p>v) Bouth: yellow lines around playground. This had been discussed during the County Councillor's Agenda item. It was agreed to re-visit this at the September meeting.</p> <p>vi) Green Roads maintenance: No response had yet been received to the second reminder letter. Cllr Hoyle asked about the replacement signpost at the junction for Thwaite Moss. It had been about 3 years since the Council first made a request; one of the signs had since dropped off . No response had been received. The Clerk would add it again to the list of ongoing issues and it was agreed to re-visit it at the September meeting.</p> <p>Mr Smith asked that the dip in the road by Colton Beck Cottage at Bouth Road Ends be filled. All were asked to contact the Highways Hotline.</p> <p><u>Lengthsman:</u> Tony Atkinson had decided not to resume his position as Lengthsman following his back operation. Although the operation had been a success, his farm work had to take precedence. The Council recorded its thanks for all his efficient hard work during his time as Lengthsman and approved a modest retirement gift in appreciation. The Clerk was pleased to confirm that Mr Workman, who had been temporary Lengthsman during Mr Atkinson's illness, was happy to take up the position. <b>It was resolved</b> to appoint him as Lengthsman, on an annual renewable contract.</p> <p>Mr Smith asked for the Lengthsman to clear the vegetation at 2 bridges near Bouth.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk/All Cllrs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>
<p><b>105/14 Meetings</b></p> <p>Reports were received from meetings as follows:</p> <p>i) <u>LDNPA South Distinctive Area Tour, 17<sup>th</sup> June:</u> Cllrs Champion and Hoyle had attended. a) The tour visited the Backbarrow Iron Works site – an important historic site, development of which had failed in 2008. b)The Backbarrow hydro scheme was also visited and commended. c) The</p>	

problem of the dangerous A590 road dividing the village was discussed; County, District and the Highways Agency were working with the local community to try to alleviate the problem.

ii) LDNPA Rights of Way Committee meeting, about Height Lane, Finsthwaite, 10<sup>th</sup> July: Cllr Barr reported that the meeting was held to decide whether to pursue conversion of Height Lane as a formal right of way. Cllr Barr was a Committee member, but had declared an interest as Colton Parish Council had been the applicant. Statements were heard from interested parties. The ROW Committee concluded that routes on non-access land ownership should be modified into formal footpaths, given their historic use; they would start the legal procedures for doing so.

iii) Finsthwaite Resilience Plan: Local Area Partnership officers has been impressed with the Finsthwaite Resilience plan and had met with Cllr Champion to discuss applying it to other similar communities in the High Furness area. It was suggested that the police be contacted when an issue arose that brought the Plan into operation.

## 106/14 Correspondence

Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:

### **CALC/NALC**

- Energy Performance Certificates for local authority-owned buildings.
- Clerk's Forum, 26<sup>th</sup> June, Gilpin Bridge (Clerk away so not attending)
- Impact of deficit in Local Government Pension Schemes – for scheme members
- Rural Housing Policy Review – questionnaire to examine why some parishes want affordable housing and some do not. Clerk responded.
- NALC – submission of nominations for the Birthday Honours List – deadline 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- United Utilities: West Cumbria Water management Plan – public inquiry
- Student project questionnaire – future of the Lake District
- CALC Circular: July/August 2014
- NALC – Governance and Accountability Guide - updated version
- NALC – Model Complaints Procedure – to be adopted
- ACT Gazette, Summer 2014
- South Lakeland District Association – copy of SLDC Economic Strategy presentation.

**CCC** (*No correspondence received*)

### **SLDC**

- Parish Charter – proposed workshops for parishes in the National Park
- Copy of presentation on the Community Infrastructure Levy (given at the SLDA meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> June)
- Electoral Services – request for confirmation of any changes to members' registers of interests by 8<sup>th</sup> August.

### **High Furness LAP**

- High Furness LAP – minutes of last meeting and draft Terms of Reference

### **LDNPA**

- Event notification – Windermere triathlon, 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Lake District Parishes Forum notes from 12<sup>th</sup> May meeting
- Go-Lakes Travel – newsletter June 2014
- LDNPA Digest – June 2014

### **Government Depts and Agencies**

- EA-Windermere Reflections – end of project event, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

- Newsletters - various

### **Other Correspondence**

- Police and Crime Commissioner – Letter of introduction from Victim's Advocate
- Cumbria Healthwatch news
- Coniston Parish Council – agenda for 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Blawith Parish Council – agenda for 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Society of the Protection of Ancient Buildings – training days
- Rebecca Oaks – Moss and Height Spring Wood – correspondence re off-roaders and coppicing works.
- Satterthwaite PC – Agenda for 8<sup>th</sup> July, subsequently cancelled.
- Satterthwaite PC – Notice of meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine, July 2014
- Carole Shaw - Invitation to Windermere Motor Boat Racing on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Nurture Lakeland – small grant applications invited.
- CLASP – Bulletin on environmental resilience and climate change for local authorities

## 107/14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September in Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.