



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Additional Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7.30 p.m..

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

**Also present:** 4 members of the public

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>017/15 Apologies</b> Cllr Watson (other meeting) Cllr Potts (other meeting)	
<b>018/15 Minutes of Last Meeting</b> It was resolved that consideration of the minutes of the 12 <sup>th</sup> January meeting be deferred until the next full Council meeting.	
<b>019/15 Declarations of Interest</b> None	
<b>020/15 Requests for Dispensations</b> None	
<b>021/15 Public Participation</b> All matters were taken under Agenda item: Planning.	
<b>022/15 Planning</b> Cllr Barr declined to take part in discussions or voting, being a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee. <u>The following planning application was discussed and a response agreed:</u> 7/2014/5046: Low Hay Bridge, Bouth: Peat bund around perimeter of Hay Bridge Moss to raise water table for restoration of mire.  The Chairman gave a brief summary of the recent background to this application, which had been amended since the Council had considered it in March 2014 and sent in objections, principally concerning possible flooding of surrounding farmland. The LDNPA Development Control Committee had considered the application in December 2014 and members had decided to delegate to the Head of Development Management to approve with conditions. No minutes were yet available from this meeting.  Further amendments had been proposed to the LDNPA by the applicants to help alleviate possible flooding. On behalf of the Council, the Clerk attended a recent meeting of LDNPA planning officers, the applicants (John Strutt Conservation Foundation), representatives of Natural England and a representative of the Rusland Mosses Liaison Group to discuss these amendments. In summary, these were: that the top of the peat bund was to be level with the surface of the bog, and that the height of the turf capping should be reduced from 250mm down to 150mm or possibly to 125mm in height. This turf capping would gradually reduce in height to be level with the bog surface over time; no remedial works were planned once the bund was in place. A site visit had also been held by the Parish Council on Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January.  <b>Resolution: To Support</b> the application, provided that the turf capping was a maximum of 150mm above the surface of the bog (with the understood exception of 2-3 drains where the capping would be a little higher).	
<b>023/15 Accounts</b> <u>It was resolved</u> to approve the purchase of drain rod extensions for the Lengthsman, at a cost of <b>£29.10</b>	
<b>024/15 Date of Next Meeting</b> The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on <u>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</u> in Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.	