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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th June, 2015 in Colton Church Hall at 7.30 p.m..

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

Also present: PCSO Janine Wade and 2 members of the public

082/15 Apologies	ACTION
Cllr Dean (holiday)	
083/15 Minutes of Last Meeting It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on <u>Tuesday 5th May 2015</u> as a true record.	
084/15 Declarations of Interest Cllr Patterson declared a personal interest in respect of item 9. Planning: consideration of Fell Foot Park developments.	
085/15 Requests for Dispensations None	
086/15 Public Participation <u>Andrew Wilkinson, LDNPA Ranger and Sally Minchom (LDNPA Volunteer Ranger)</u> spoke about their roles in relation to the maintenance of rights of way (ROWs) in the parish. Andrew was the Ranger for the Lake District's 'South Distinctive Area'. He worked with four trained Volunteer Rangers, one of which for the local area was Sally Minchom. All ROWs were surveyed for access and condition every four years on a rolling programme. Work parties were also arranged once a month, for which there was an open invitation to help. Sally coordinated ten volunteers for the local area for surveys of frequently used paths. The Rusland Horizon programme's 'Greenwood Trail' would be regularly walked and surveyed. <u>It was agreed</u> that the Clerk would meet with Sally Minchom to discuss volunteering and a possible 'Adopt-a-Footpath' scheme in Colton parish. <u>Police:</u> PCSO Janine Wade: The police had received no calls for service for the Colton area in the last month. She explained that Ulverston police station was to be closed in September, with police based only in Barrow and Kendal. There was a Drink-Drive campaign operating at present.	
087/15 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Notice-boards:</u> i) Bouth: The notice-board was now fixed and in operation. ii) Oxen Park: Cllrs Barr and Watson had agreed that a lightweight notice-board would be the most suitable solution for fixing to the gig-house door; the Clerk would investigate how best to source one. • <u>Illegal Off-road report, Bethocar Moor:</u> The Clerk had asked the police why the report (with number plates) had not been logged and followed up. PCSO Paul Harris apologised that it had 'slipped through the net' and confirmed that he would send out warning letters. • <u>Old Hall Wood, Community Woodland:</u> The OHW Liaison Group had confirmed that it was happy for Rusland Horizons programme to use the wood, as long as the management regime remained as 'light touch'. The Clerk and Cllr Barr had met with Mr Edward Mills (Rusland Horizons) and a formal Agreement and MOU were being drafted, based on the original Forestry Commission version. 	Clerk
088/15 Comments from District and County Councillors Cllr Fletcher was not present.	
089/15 Representatives on Working Groups and Outside Bodies <u>Reserve attendees to outside bodies were confirmed</u> as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CALC South Lakeland District Association: Cllr Dean (reserve: Cllr Hoyle) - CALC Lake District Parishes Forum: Cllr Champion (reserve: Cllr Barr) - High Furness Local Area Partnership (LAP): Cllr Hoyle (reserve: Cllr Barr) It was agreed that internal working groups and their memberships would be delayed until the Community Plan had been finalised.	

<p>090/15 Planning</p> <p>Cllr Barr and Cllr Champion had sought clarification from the LDNPA on the meaning of their guidance on responding to planning applications. In particular, it was noted that a 'No objection' was interpreted by the LDNPA as a 'neutral' response, whereas for this parish council it carried a presumption in favour of development. A neutral response would not, for example, 'force' an application to be taken to the Development Control Committee if the officer's recommendation was to refuse the application.</p> <p>It was resolved that in future, if the parish council had no objection to a proposed development and was content for it to go ahead, it would issue a 'Support' response. If it wished to defer the decision to the National Park, it would issue a 'Neutral' response. If it wished to object, then it would issue an 'Object' response, giving reasons.</p> <p>Cllr Barr declined to take part in further discussion, being a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee.</p> <p><u>The following planning applications were discussed and responses agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 7/7/2015/5247: Fell Foot Park, Newby Bridge: Redevelopment of Park to include new access, increased car parking, water-sports centre, 18 camping pods and shower block, biomass building and new jetty. Cllr Patterson declined to take part, having registered a personal interest. Resolution: Support (5 for, 1 abstention) – 7/2015/5248: Side House, Bandrake Head: Small conservatory on NW corner of property. Resolution: Support (5 in favour, 1 neutral) <p><u>To note the following planning application withdrawn:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 7/2014/5441: Lakeside Cottage, Lakeside (previously known as Buck Yeats Coach House): Renewal of consent for replacement dwelling house with detached garage 	
<p>091/15 Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p>i) <u>Road Surface & Drainage</u>: Colton's list of issues was being worked through by the local Highways team and some long-standing drainage problems have been resolved. Communications at this local level were now excellent. However, communications remained poor at upper management and committee level: CALC had alerted parish councils to a close deadline (2 days) for responses by their County Councillor to proposals for re-surfacing works in their area in 2016/17. The Clerk had not been notified by Highways or Cllr Fletcher. She would submit priority routes to highways before the deadline: i) Stott Park to Finsthwaite, ii) Shive of Cheese junction to Ealinghearth (past pig field), and iii) Colton to Snows road.</p> <p>ii) <u>Traffic Management and road safety issues</u>: a) Speeding traffic in Spark Bridge: the Clerk had heard nothing since March about a proposed speed gun campaign; she would enquire. b) Grizedale Signs: The Clerk and Chairman had met with David Lowe of the Forestry Commission to decide on the best locations for Grizedale signs; the FC would submit these to Highways for approval. c) Thwaite Moss Finger Post: No progress. d) Road markings: no progress.</p> <p>iii) <u>Lengthsman</u>: The Lengthsman continued to do great works clearing drains and the Clerk had received some grateful feedback from the community. His work-lists were now on the website.</p> <p>iv) <u>Green Roads</u>: Communications on green road repairs continued to be a black hole, with no responses from County. Cllr Barr would write to the portfolio-holder for County Highways.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Barr</p>
<p>092/15 Finance and Accounts</p> <p><u>The legal duty for all employers to offer a workplace pension by 1st May 2017 was noted.</u> The Clerk would ensure the necessary procedures were put in place.</p> <p>It was resolved that the following payments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Cheque no. 000747: Rusland Reading Room Hire for FY14/15 (incl. Heart-start courses): £70.00 –Cheque no. 000748: Bouth Village Hall Hire for FY 14/15: £60.00 –Cheque no. 000749: Finsthwaite Village Hall Hire for FY 14/15: £30.00 –Cheque no. 000750: R.J. Milburn, re-installation of Nibthwaite post box in wall: £50.00 <p><u>The following payments were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Cheque no. 000751: A.Workman, Lengthsman, May working: £168.00 <p>It was resolved that the parish council would cover insurance (at no additional cost) for volunteers clearing Ashes Beck, on request from the Environment Agency.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>093/15 Community Plan</p> <p>The Community Plan was in its final production phase. The Clerk had proof-read it and dealt with a few inconsistencies between it and the Action Plan. She would submit these changes to Ms Baxter in the next few days.</p> <p>It was agreed that a specific meeting on the Community Plan Action Plan would be convened to decide how to take the actions forward.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>094/15 Local Council Awards Scheme (LCAS) It was confirmed that the Council met the criteria for the LCAS Foundation Level award.</p>	
<p>095/15 Revision of Standing Orders The Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chair had worked through the revision of Colton's Standing Orders according to the new NALC model. The draft would be sent to Councillors by email and also put up on the website for consideration and proposed adoption at the July Council meeting. All were asked to read the draft and send any comments to the Clerk before the meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk All Cllrs</p>
<p>096/15 Community Asset Register Cllr Hoyle was investigating the procedure for registering 'Assets of Community Value' (ACVs). These could be facilities such as pubs and village halls, and also land such as woodland. The Clerk and Cllr Hoyle would meet and come up with a short-list for priority registration to be considered at the July council meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllr Hoyle</p>
<p>097/15 Meetings The following meeting reports were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CALC Lake District Parishes Meeting</u>, 1st June, Thirlmere (Cllr Champion & Cllr Barr): Only 5 parishes were represented at this meeting (possibly due to the high winds and rain). i) David McGowan (Head of Development Management) was keen to move towards electronic delivery of planning applications; Colton might be one of the parishes involved in a pilot study. In practice, however, the lack of internet and IT facilities in village halls was a key issue. Councillors also felt it was difficult to view large plans on screen. ii) Links between the Partnership Plan and the World Heritage Bid were explained. • <u>High Furness LAP</u>, Satterthwaite, 2nd June (Cllr Barr): The Chair (Anne Brodie) stood down and no-one was nominated to take her place. There would be no more LAP funding for parishes. Mr Butterworth from Hawkshead Pharmacy explained the importance of a separate dispensing pharmacy, since the GP surgery could only dispense to its own patients. <p>Attendance to the following meeting was approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LDNPA: Oxenholme to Grasmere, Hawkshead and Coniston corridor travel plan</u>, 12th June. Cllr Patterson would attend. 	<p>Cllr Patterson</p>
<p>098/15 Consultations <u>The following new consultations were noted and procedure for responding agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Moorside Nuclear Power Station proposal</u>. Consultation events were taking place from 16th May for 10 weeks. The Clerk would circulate the information. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>099/15 Correspondence <u>The following correspondence was highlighted in particular:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>H&H land</u>: Letter concerning woodland management at Stott Park Heights in response to Cllr Champion's request for information. The letter was helpful in explaining the reason for the access track upgrade, the proposed management scheme and temporary deer fencing. • <u>Notification of public enquiry wrt Height Lane footpath order</u>, 20th October, Swan Hotel. Cllr Potts would be attending. • <u>LDNPA - Rusland Horizons</u>: Letter from Steve Ratcliffe (Director of Sustainable Management) asking for support and small financial contribution to the Rusland Horizons Project. This would be considered at the council's July meeting. • <u>LDNPA – Proposed creation of Rights of Way</u>: Proposals for i) formalising the permissive path through Border Moss, Rusland, as a public footpath to connect the footpath at Crooks Bridge with the Rusland Beeches road, and ii) Creation of a bridleway through Stony Hazel woods, Rusland. <p><u>Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:</u></p> <p>CALC/NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake District Parishes Forum notification & Agenda for meeting 1st June, Thirlmere • CALC Circular for May • South Lakeland District Association meeting Agenda for 4th June • NALC Newsletters • CALC Pension enrolment workshop – Clerk unable to attend but has asked for information – apparently compulsory for Parish Councils to offer pensions. • Letter to Councils from NALC – asking Councillors to 'engage with MPs, support CALC and enter into the Local Council Awards Scheme' • Our Place programme for supporting service delivery. Turnover of over £50,000 required to be eligible. • NALC Legal Briefing Note: Prayer at Council meetings. • CALC Circular for June <p>CCC</p>	

- Correspondence – site meeting at Stott Park culvert, 14th May
- Notification of road closures for surface dressing - Light Hall/Windy Hall lane
- Resourceful Communities pilot – grants of £250 to support community groups in setting up community sessions on food waste reduction, swapping of household items, community repair events, grow-your-own.

SLDC

- Adoption of Phase 1 Development Brief Supplementary Planning Documents (outwith National Park)
- Overview and Scrutiny - for info/awareness - potential work for 2015/16 and Annual Report for 2014/15
- For information – Agenda, Annual Meeting of SLDC, 20th May
- South Lakeland Community Infrastructure Levy – Publication: www.southlakeland.gov.uk/cil-and-idp

High Furness LAP

- HFLAP Meeting notification and Agenda 2nd June, Satterthwaite
- Invitation to LAP members to attend Upper Kent LAP meeting on sustainable economies
- SLDC/LDNPA/CALC Planning events: Windermere 29th June, pm, Kirby Lonsdale, 6th July, eve

LDNPA

- Notification of public inquiry wrt Height Lane footpath order, 20th October, Swan Hotel
- Update on proposed sale of Waterside Knott
- Update on proposed sale of Blea Brows, now listed as an 'Asset of Community Value'
- LDNP Partnership E-News may 15
- Oxenholme to Grasmere, Hawkshead and Coniston Corridor Travel Plan meeting invitation for 12th June.

Cumbria CVS and ACT

- Entertainment in Village Halls guide (on request from Clerk) – legislation changes
- South Lakes Community News e-bulletin

Government Departments and Agencies

- HMRC – Notification of legal duty to offer workplace pension. Law comes into effect for CPC 1st May 2017. Request to nominate contact person (*done*).
- NHS England – Response to Colton PC's letter about Hawkshead Pharmacy
- Forestry Commission – request to speak to the parish council about volunteering at Grizedale.

Other Correspondence

- Cumbria Community Foundation – letter offering management of funds for local grant-giving bodies
- Coniston Parish Council – 7th report on loss of village homes in Coniston
- Blawith PC – Agendas for meetings 11th May
- Satterthwaite PC – Agendas for 12th May
- Walney extension wind farm consultation on community fund
- Open water swims for primary schools at Low Bank Ground, Coniston during May/July
- Sportive Lakes – notification of cycle sportive event Bessie Bank Oxen Park, Colton, Spark bridge, 24th May
- Helping Hands – Dementia Helpline information
- Nugeneration Ltd.: Moorside Nuclear Power Station – Stage 1 Public Consultation launch from 16th May for 10 weeks. Poster about consultation events. Nearest is Broughton, 16th June
- H&H Land – Letter explaining woodland management activity at Stott Park Heights following request for information from Cllr Champion
- Rural Crime Survey (via CJB)
- Stott Park Bobbin Mill – request to put leaflet holders on notice-boards
- Leven Valley Church Parishes: Invitation to attend Licensing & Installation service
- Sportive Lakes – request to speak to PC about running cycle events in the area

100/15 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that in future, Parish Council meetings would start at 7pm.

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 20th July in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7pm