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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 in Rusland Reading Room at 7pm

Members Present: Cllr Barr (Chair) Cllr Dean Cllr Champion Cllr Hoyle Cllr Lodge-Brown Cllr Patterson Cllr Potts Cllr Watson Ms M Lane (Clerk)

Also present: 1 member of the public

034/16 Apologies Cllr Fletcher SLDC/CCC (other engagement) Cllr Milburn (lambing)	ACTION
035/16 Minutes of Last Meeting It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 15th February 2016</u> as a true record.	
036/16 Declarations of Interest None	
037/16 Requests for Dispensations None	
038/16 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Notice-boards:</u> The Clerk would ask Peter Helme to quote for refurbishment of the Oxen Park notice-board and its installation at Colton. • <u>Assets of Community Value:</u> No further submissions have yet been made. The Clerk and Cllr Hoyle would meet during April to progress this. • <u>Bouth playground repairs:</u> Playdale had been asked to proceed with the repairs. Cllr Dean would monitor progress. • <u>Walney Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund:</u> Cllr Dean would notify the Council of any information about procedures for fund distribution. 	Clerk Clerk/Cllr Hoyle Cllr Dean Cllr Dean
039/16 Public Participation <u>Charlotte Hall</u> from the South Cumbria Rivers Trust had been due to speak but had been unable to attend the meeting due to transport difficulties. <u>Mr Dean Spencer</u> representing the Green Lanes Association (GLASS) introduced himself. He was attending to express his and his organisation's concern about illegal off-roading in Colton Parish and surrounding areas. He had been in touch with the Illegal Off-roading Working Group and expressed support for their activities and in helping with green road repairs.	
040/16 Comments from District and County Councillors <u>Cllr Fletcher (CCC/SLDC):</u> Cllr Fletcher had provided a short brief for the Clerk: i) The replacement signpost for Thwaite Moss had been ordered. ii) Highways continued to be grossly under-resourced. iii) There were expected to be big changes with respect to the interaction between social care and NHS services.	
041/16 Elections May 2016 <u>Parish Council Elections:</u> The Clerk summarised the time-table for the forthcoming Parish Council Elections in May. All Councillors wishing to stand were to provide their completed Nomination and Consent to Nomination papers to the Clerk by 31 st March so that she could deliver them by hand to the SLDC offices on the 1 st April. The absolute deadline was 7 th April. <u>LDNPA Member Elections:</u> The time-table for the nomination and election of an LDNPA Member for the South Distinctive Area was noted. Nominations would be made at the May meeting of the Parish Council.	
042/16 Planning Cllr Barr declined to take part in discussions, being a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee. <u>The following planning application was discussed and responses agreed:</u>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7/2016/5127: The Old Post Office, Stott Park: Variation on condition 2 of 7/2014/5730. The original application had been objected to by the Parish Council, refused by the LDNPA, but allowed on appeal. Resolution: Neutral response. <p><u>The following planning permissions granted were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7/2015/5698: Bluebell Wood House, Lakeside: Proposed first-floor balcony and replacement windows. - 7/2015/5652: Bracken Barn, Thwaite Head, Rusland. Barn conversion for local occupancy. (Variation on application 7/2015/5153) 	
<p>043/16 Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p>i) <u>Road surface and drainage:</u> The Clerk had asked when repairs would be made to the damaged 'Waste Bridge' at Colton but had not yet received a reply.</p> <p>ii) <u>Traffic Management:</u> The Clerk had asked about road markings due to be completed in Oxen Park, Rusland Cross and Bouth last November, but had not yet received a reply.</p> <p>iii) <u>Green Roads:</u> The Clerk had noted that Mr Park had put some drains into the walls on Pegg Lane, Oxen Park. She had taken photographs and measured the extent of the deep puddles and would contact Highways again about a joint effort to repair the lane.</p> <p>iv) <u>Lengthsman:</u> Mr Workman had liaised with Cllr Champion and cleared many of the problematic drains in Finsthwaite.</p>	
<p>044/16 Finance and Accounts</p> <p><u>It was resolved</u> to approve an increase in PAYE services fee to £58 per year.</p> <p><u>The following payment made was noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheque no. 000784: A.Workman, Lengthsman, February working: £210.00 <p><u>It was resolved to approve the following payments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheque no. 000785: Cllr Champion, travel expenses to meetings, FY15/16: £22.95 - Cheque no. 000786: Cllr Dean, travel expenses to meetings, FY15/16: £46.35 - Cheque no. 000787: Cllr Milburn, travel expenses to meetings, FY 15/16: £9.00 - Cheque no. 000788: Cllr Barr, travel expenses to meetings, FY 15/16: £20.25 - Cheque no. 000789: A. Lane, Clerk, travel expenses to meetings, FY15/16: £140.85 - Cheque no. 000790: A. Lane, Clerk's home office allowance for FY 15/16: £150.00 <p>A resident of Colton (hamlet) had issued a claim against the Parish Council for damage to her car caused by the door of a notice-board being left open. The Clerk confirmed that such a claim would be covered by the Council's insurance company, should the Council wish to claim against it. She would ask the resident to obtain some quotes for the work.</p>	Clerk
<p>045/16 Colton Publication Scheme</p> <p><u>It was resolved</u> to approve and adopt an updated Publication Scheme, V2, October 2015.</p>	
<p>046/16 Colton PC Training Policy</p> <p><u>It was resolved</u> to approve and adopt an updated Training Policy, V2, February 2016.</p>	
<p>047/16 Risk Assessment</p> <p><u>It was resolved</u> to approve the Risk Assessment for FY 2016/17.</p>	
<p>048/16 Meetings</p> <p><u>The following meeting reports were received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High Furness Local Area Partnership</u>, 24th February. Cllr Hoyle attended, as did the Clerk and Cllr Barr (as an LDNPA member). Only 4 of the 10 parishes in the LAP had sent representatives. Parishes were asked to give reports about flooded properties in their area. The Clerk explained that she was now the LAP representative on a South Lakeland Highways sub-group that was aiming to work with Highways Officers to improve communications. Cllr Barr explained that the LDNPA's budget would remain unchanged, unlike other authorities which were expected to suffer further cuts. 	
<p>049/16 Consultations</p> <p><u>The following consultation was considered:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LDNPA Statement of Community Involvement</u>, by 5th April: The Clerk would assess the statement and send comments on behalf of the Council. 	Clerk
<p>050/16 Correspondence</p> <p><u>Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:</u></p>	

CALC/NALC

- Office for National Statistics – survey on better statistics for parishes. (to complete if parishes have time).
- Cumbria in Bloom competition information
- New CALC website – request for photos from parishes. Clerk sent Rusland Valley photo.
- CALC Circular for March
- Smaller Authorities Audit Arrangements update
- Queens birthday beacons - arrangements
- LDNPA Parish Forum – forthcoming meeting Monday 25th April, Murley Moss, Kendal, 7pm. Request for topics for the Agenda. (already includes Local Plan review)
- New expenditure limit for S137 items: £7.42
- Advance notice of Election of Parish Member to LDNPA for South Distinctive Area (every Parish Councillor has one vote).
- Carlisle solicitors offering free legal advice in connection with flooding.
- Nature Lakeland: encouragement to vote for funding for footpath maintenance on Coniston Old Man.

ACT/Cumbria CVS

- Act Gazette Spring 2016
- Cumbria CVS – newsletters/training events

CCC

- Grant funding to help local communities celebrate Armed Forces Day (apply by 25th March)
- Flood Fact Sheets Feb/March
- Flood Forum events for residents suffering flooding, including 14th March, Kendal.
- Flood Forum Event, Ambleside, 16th March

SLDC

- For information: Agenda for Council meeting 24th February
- Clean for the Queen initiative information
- Invitation to Election Briefing, for Parish Clerks, 3rd March. Clerk unable to attend but will be sent material.
- Information about taking part in the Queens Birthday Beacons, 21st April
- South Lakeland Community Newsletter
- Parish Council Elections – Briefing and arrangements. Nomination papers to be submitted by 7th April.

High Furness LAP

- High Furness LAP – Agenda and papers for meeting Weds 24th Feb, Hawkshead
- Correspondence with LAPs Highways Working Group
- High Furness LAP meeting minutes of meeting 24th Feb

LDNPA

- New car-parking charges
- Statement of Community Involvement Consultation (including for forthcoming Local Plan Review)
- Via Forestry Commission – temporary closure of bridleways in Grizedale during felling and extraction activities.

Government Departments and Agencies

- Forestry Commission: Grizedale – notification of replacement of Grizedale sign at Haverthwaite cross-roads following Colton PC reporting.

Other Correspondence

- Mr and Mrs Millership – Statement that Colton PC minutes were incorrect in reporting the outcome of the Height Lane Enquiry. Clerk replied citing LDNPA assessment of the outcome, reflected in the minutes.
- Age-UK – press release announcing termination of the Village Agent programme
- Northumbria University student asking if PCs are willing to complete a survey on community defibrillators. Clerk responded 'Yes'.
- Rotary Club of Lancaster – 'Wrynose or Bust' annual cycle Sportive charity fund-raising event, Sunday 24th April. Bouth road ends to Spark Bridge and then south from Esthwaite via Dale Park and Rusland beeches. See http://www.wrynose.org/downloads/wrynose_description.pdf
- Correspondence with Mr Smith, Bouth, on the Clean for the Queen initiative: WI might take this up.
- Brendan Burley and Sarah Johnson – Cumbria Wildlife Trust - Information on progress with Ireland Moss works
- Cumbria Rural Housing Trust – announcement of closure
- Complaint about lighting from new developments at Swan Hotel shining into residential properties.
- Bethacar Commoners (Jim Dobson): advice on proposal for repairs on Parkamoor UCR
- Request from local resident to claim for damage to her car caused by open door on notice-board.
- Minster Parish Council – alert to parishes to support online petition for appeal rights against planning decisions now that there is a presumption in favour of development.

051/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings were confirmed as a Parish Open Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th May 2016 in Bouth Village Hall, with the Open Meeting starting at 7pm.