



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June in Colton Church Hall at 7pm

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

**Also present:** PCSO Paul Harris, 1 member of the public

	<b><i>ACTION</i></b>
<p><b>076/16 Apologies</b>            Cllr Patterson (family reasons).            Cllr Lodge-Brown had tendered her resignation as she and her family were moving away. Cllr Barr thanked her for her commitment and input during her short time on the Council.</p>	
<p><b>077/16 Minutes of Last Meeting</b>            It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016</u> as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>078/16 Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct</b>            Cllr Champion signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice-Chair.</p>	
<p><b>079/16 Declarations of Interest</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>080/16 Requests for Dispensations</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>081/16 Public Participation</b>            PCSO Paul Harris reported that there had been no known crimes since the last meeting. There had been a complaint about a cycle race at Dale Park, and there had been 2 deer kills on the roads, not thought to be associated with poaching.</p>	
<p><b>082/16 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b>            There were no updates to report.</p>	
<p><b>083/16 Comments from District and County Councillors</b>            None present.</p>	
<p><b>084/16 Automatic Number-plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras</b>            PCSO Paul Harris had asked whether the Council would agree with the principle of installing ANPR cameras in the area to help with detection of rural crime and poaching in particular. The Council view was split, with some concerned about privacy. No decision was taken at this stage, but the Council would monitor their usefulness in other areas where they were being employed.</p>	
<p><b>085/16 Broadband</b>            Mr Postle, Broadband Champion, had given an update to the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Springfield was now receiving a speed of 20mb/sec as a result of the fibre cabinet installation at Spark Bridge.</li> <li>ii) There was no further news about the SFBB 'hole' around Colton and Oxen Park. The Phase 2 time-table had not been provided. However, Oxen Park residents had noticed hopeful-looking chalk marks about the size of a fibre cabinet next to the phone box. It was noted that an electricity cable lay under the ground there and it was suggested that BT/Openreach should be made aware.</li> <li>iii) Satterthwaite's SFBB cabinet had been activated but unfortunately was not expected to have a significant impact on Rusland speeds.</li> <li>iv) The Clerk and Chairman had been contacted by concerned residents of Spark Bridge that BT were proposing to install a second line of poles, where a perfectly good line of poles already existed. This was apparently due to Electricity NW not allowing BT to use their poles, despite initiatives to reduce the number of poles in the National Park. The land-owner was at present not</li> </ul>	

<p>allowing way-leave. Mr Postle and the Clerk would set up a meeting to try to resolve the issue.</p> <p>v) The proposed public sessions to encourage sign-up to fibre for Spark Bridge/Lowick and Finsthwaite/Newby Bridge were not likely to happen until September. Cllr Champion would liaise with Mr Postle over the booking for Finsthwaite Village Hall.</p> <p>Cllr Champion was concerned about the lack of communication from BT to householders about linking up to the fibre cabinet; she knew of no-one in Finsthwaite who had yet been connected, despite rumours that it was available.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Champion</b></p>
<p><b>086/16 Planning</b></p> <p>Cllr Barr declined to take part in discussions, 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"> <li>- 7/2016/5258: Buck Yeats Lodge Park, Lakeside: Works to existing park entrance. Dry stone wall to replace existing. Granite cobble edging and rumble strips at entrance. New wooden motorised gates. <b>Resolution: Neutral</b>, but with concerns about the 'suburban' look of the proposal.</li> <li>- 7/2016/5312: Greenbank, Oxen Park: Single storey extension to rear of property. <b>Resolution: Support</b></li> </ul> <p><u>The following responses to planning applications were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- T/2016/0060: Skinners Pasture, Rusland: Removal of one branch of beech tree overhanging the road, due to diseased cavity above. <i>Support.</i></li> <li>- 7/2016/5295: Bridge End Farm, Penny Bridge: Covering existing midden/silage pad with steel-framed/grey cement roofing to match existing, with panels and Yorkshire boarding on east elevation. <i>Neutral.</i></li> </ul> <p><u>The following planning applications granted were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7/2016/5197: Windy Hall, Rusland: Erection of double detached garage. (<i>Parish Council: Neutral</i>)</li> <li>- 7/2016/5172: Mast, Finsthwaite: Removal of existing spine headframe supporting 3 antennas and replacement with new supporting 4. Alterations within equipment cabin and ancillary development. (<i>Parish Council: Neutral</i>)</li> <li>- 7/2016/5103: High Hay Bridge, Bouth: Minor extensions and sewage treatment plant. (<i>Parish Council: Neutral</i>)</li> <li>- 7/2016/ Bullace Cottage, Finsthwaite: Modernisation and alteration of existing cottage. (<i>Parish Council: Neutral</i>)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>087/16 Highways and Lengthsman</b></p> <p>i) <u>Road Surface and Drainage:</u> The Clerk reported that 'Waste Bridge' at Colton had now been repaired, drainage works had been carried out at Pegg Lane, Oxen Park, and overflow drains had been installed at Millstream Cottage, Lakeside. Cllr Champion reported that a number of residents had reported to the Highways Hotline the poor state of the road between the Old Vicarage, Finsthwaite and Stott Park; this had resulted in some tarmac patches, which were wholly inadequate. The Clerk would find out how to ensure that this stretch of road was included in maintenance plans for the forthcoming financial year.</p> <p>ii) <u>Traffic Management:</u> Despite a number of email requests over the past few months, there has been no progress on our long term requests for road markings, promised last November. She would ask again.</p> <p>iii) <u>Lengthsman:</u> Mr Workman had been strimming, clearing drains and cleaning signs at Bouth during May. Cllr Milburn asked if he could strim back vegetation at the Lowick junctions next, and Cllr Watson also asked about the drain at 'Sheepwash' Oxen Park; the Clerk would refer these requests to Mr Workman.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>088/16 Finance and Accounts</b></p> <p><u>It was resolved that the following payments be made:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cheque number 000805: Mr A Workman, Lengthsman, May working: <b>£210.00</b></li> </ul> <p><u>It was resolved that the Financial Regulations be modified</u> according to NALC recommendations.</p> <p><u>It was noted that funds of £2103.23</u> had been received from Bouth Defibrillator fund-raising and paid into the accounts.</p>	
<p><b>089/16 Grant Awards</b></p> <p><u>It was resolved</u> to defer the awarding of grants until September, to enable sufficient time for advertising. The Clerk would include an article in the summer newsletter.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

<p><b>090/16 Community Plan Action Plan</b></p> <p>The Community Plan portfolio-holders reported on progress with the current Action Plan as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Local Economy</u>: Cllr Potts, portfolio-holder for this topic, had resigned as Councillor. It was decided to await the co-option of new Councillors before progressing this topic.</li> <li><u>Landscape</u>: i) Cllr Champion suggested that the Council promote 'dark skies' in its forthcoming newsletter; the Clerk would include an article. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to SLDC and LDNPA to ask for progress about the night-time lighting at the Swan Hotel ii) The Clerk continued to represent the Council on the Illegal Off-road Working Group which had organised recent successful enforcement days and approved signs for Bethacar Common. iii) Cllr Barr provided an update on the Rusland Horizons Programme: staff had been appointed, a launch event had been planned for 26<sup>th</sup> June at Stott Park Bobbin Mill, and applications for apprenticeships were to be invited from 20<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li><u>Communities and Well-Being</u>: i) Cllr Hoyle and the Clerk would schedule a meeting to discuss next steps for registering Assets of Community Value. ii) Notice-boards: Mr Helme had been asked to refurbish the Oxen Park notice-board and place it in a new location at Colton. iii) Cllr Hoyle proposed that he set up a subscription email newsletter, similar to the 'Hawkshead Link'; this was agreed. He would draft an introductory email. iii) Health: Cllr Hoyle had written a letter of concern on behalf of the Council about the proposed closure of Kentmere Ward at Westmorland General Hospital.</li> <li><u>Housing</u>: Cllr Dean had received the latest version of the housing database from the Clerk and he would split this into area sections for sending to Councillors to complete, according to their newsletter round.</li> <li><u>Roads, Traffic and Transport</u>: The Clerk was a member of a South Lakeland sub-group attempting to improve communications with Cumbria Highways. Cllr Barr had tried several times to contact Community Transport about the possibility of using mini-buses for providing local transport, but he had received no response.</li> <li><u>Energy and Sustainability</u>: Cllr Patterson was not present to provide a report.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hoyle/ Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hoyle</p> <p>Cllr Dean</p>
<p><b>091/16 Meetings</b></p> <p>No meetings had been attended since the last Council meeting.</p>	
<p><b>092/16 Consultations</b></p> <p><u>The following new consultations were noted and procedure for responding agreed:</u></p> <p>i) <u>Local Government Boundary Commission: Proposed changes to South Lakeland District Wards, by 18th July</u>. The basis for any change was unclear. Concern was expressed the size of the proposed wards and the idea that 3 Councillors would then represent a single ward. It was unclear how local communities would know which Councillor to contact about which issue. The geography of the wards seemed not to have been taken into account. The name of the ward which included Colton had an un-representative name based on settlements in the far west of this ward only. The Clerk would draft a response.</p> <p>ii) <u>South Lakeland Housing Allocation: Changes to criteria for housing allocation, by 27<sup>th</sup> June</u>. The changes seemed appropriate. Cllr Dean would respond.</p> <p>iii) <u>Highways England: Invitation to provide evidence for future works 2020-2025, by 30<sup>th</sup> June</u>. Cllr Champion suggested that the Council asked for priority signs on the bridge at Newby Bridge, since tail-backs were starting to be a problem on the A590. The Clerk would submit this suggestion.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Dean</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>093/16 Correspondence</b></p> <p><u>Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:</u></p> <p><b>CALC/NALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC May Circular</li> <li>• Lake District Parish Forum notes from 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and Lake District Partnership list of organisations</li> <li>• Forwarded from Sebergham Parish Council – concern about scammers accessing Parish bank account details and HMRC records. Suspicious calls and emails.</li> <li>• Clerk's Forum 28<sup>th</sup> June and notes /information from previous meeting</li> <li>• Presentation on Rights of Way to Upper Kent LAP from CCC and LDNPA – for information.</li> <li>• Presentations on Broadband to South Westmorland LAP by CCC and B4RN</li> <li>• South Lakeland District Association meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> June, Gilpin Bridge</li> <li>• Highways England – request for evidence for Road Improvement Strategy 2020-2025. By end June.</li> <li>• Guidance on voting in the forthcoming EU referendum</li> </ul> <p><b>ACT/Cumbria CVS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletters and training information</li> </ul>	

- Flood recovery questionnaire
- South Funding Event
- For South Lakeland MIND: Closure of Kentmere mental health ward, WGH.
- Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund – top-up and hardship grants

#### **CCC**

- Correspondence about drainage at Tarn Potts, Lakeside and repairs to Pegg Lane, Oxen Park
- Response from Highways on request for update on road marking works. Promised soon.
- Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan (outwith Lake District) consultation

#### **SLDC**

- For information: Annual Council Meeting Agenda, 18<sup>th</sup> May
- Electoral Services – post election information and procedures
- Notice of Referendum (EU Membership) - posters
- Housing Allocations Policy Consultation, by 27<sup>th</sup> June
- E-news Bulletin 31/5/16

#### **High Furness LAP**

- Notification of High Furness LAP meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> June, Coniston
- Agenda and papers for High Furness LAP meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> June, Coniston

#### **LDNPA**

- Proposal for site visit to Penny Bridge Estate former woodlands.
- Illegal off-roading: correspondence re mapping and illegal activity - various
- Feedback from the Local Plan Community Engagement events
- Cycling event (sportive) – route includes east of lake (Coniston) road. 25<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Government Departments and Agencies**

- Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Electoral review of South Lakeland – draft recommendations for comment

#### **Other Correspondence**

- Blawith PC – Agendas for Annual meetings, 9<sup>th</sup> May
- Request from Egton PC about process for placing a defibrillator in phone box
- Correspondence on lack of notification about outdoor events – with event organisers, LDNPA and SLDC.
- Police – request to consider possible placing of cameras to reduce poaching.
- Coniston PC – Agendas for Annual meetings, 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Fields in Trust – Apply to nominate green space as a centenary field
- National Trust – invitation for drop-in session to Fell Foot 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Concern from resident in Spark Bridge about BT installation of new poles for broadband
- Rusland Horizons launch event info: 26<sup>th</sup> June, Bobbin Mill

#### **094/16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7pm.