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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th July 2016 in Rusland Reading Room at 7pm

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

Also present: PCSO Emma Forrester and 7 members of the public

	ACTION
095/16 Apologies Cllr Milburn (working)	
096/16 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 6th June 2016</u> as a true record.	
097/16 Declarations of Interest None	
098/16 Requests for Dispensations None	
099/16 Public Participation Matters were raised under following Agenda items.	
100/16 Rural Crime Cllr Patterson, Mr Alastair Boston (Deer Initiative Liaison Officer), Mr Robert Jarratt (South Lakes Deer Management Group) and Forestry Commission officers present all expressed serious concern over increasing incidents of rural crime, particularly deer poaching, thefts of vehicles and damage to property. Poaching in particular was on the increase, with organised gangs using dogs to pull down deer, causing much suffering. Dogs were also used for baiting other wildlife. Poaching, thefts and property damage appeared to be related, probably being carried out by the same criminal gangs. Mr Jarratt explained that the 'poacher-watch' initiative had worked closely with the designated wildlife crime police officer for 30 years. The use of cameras was discussed. There was some evidence that cameras, including Automatic Number-plate Recognition (APRN) systems had been used successfully in Devon to reduce rural crime. PCSO Emma Forrester was thanked for attending in her own time, as other police officers were deployed elsewhere. She reported the crimes in the area logged on the police database. There was some concern that this did not appear to reflect the number of incidents said to be reported to the police 101 number from the area. PCSO Forrester emphasised the importance of reporting incidents to 101, or 999 if a crime was in progress. She advised that cameras could only be used to take pictures on the owner's land. She encouraged everyone to sign up to the Cumbria Community Messaging system. It was resolved that the Council would write to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing concern about the increase in rural crime, the apparent under-logging of reported incidents and the fact that local police are no longer informed of 101 calls that concerned crimes their area. It was resolved that a sub-group, led by Cllr Patterson, be formed to put together an application for funds to buy radios, signs and cameras and to promote awareness.	Clerk Cllr Patterson
101/16 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Notice-board at Colton</u>: The newly refurbished notice-board from Oxen Park had now been installed at Colton junction by Mr Helme, with help from the Lengthsman, Mr Workman. It had been re-positioned so that it would not be adjacent to parked cars. • <u>Bouth Village Green & Playground</u>: The Clerk and Cllr Dean had met with the new BVG Committee to discuss ways of working, health & safety, insurance and required playground repairs identified by recent inspections. 	
102/16 Comments from District and County Councillors Cllr Fletcher was not present.	

<p>103/16 Vacancies on the Council</p> <p>i) <u>Vacancy in East Ward (arising from the Elections in May)</u>: One application had been received for this vacancy from Mr Walter Oates of Lakeside. It was resolved by unanimous vote that Mr Oates be co-opted. The Clerk would notify him.</p> <p>ii) <u>Vacancy in Central Ward (arising from resignation of Cllr Lodge-Brown)</u>: The Clerk had initiated the required process advertising for the calling of a bye-election.</p>	Clerk
<p>104/16 Retirement of Clerk</p> <p>The Clerk, Mandy Lane, notified the Council of her intention to retire this year as soon as a replacement could be found. She would draft an advertisement.</p>	Clerk
<p>105/16 Planning</p> <p>i) <u>Planning Applications</u>: Cllr Barr declined to take part in discussions, being a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee.</p> <p><u>The following planning applications was discussed and a response agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7/2016/5424: Millstream Cottage, Lakeside: Single storey outbuilding as garage/shed. Log store. Proposed porch. Resolution: Neutral response <p><u>The following response to a planning application by the Clerk was noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - T/2016/0081: Skinners Pasture, Rusland: Removal of diseased beech tree limb over the road. <i>Neutral.</i> <p><u>The following planning applications granted were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7/ 2016/5208: Kirkthwaite Cottage, Oxen Park: Replacement tin and felt roofs with pitched slate, and small replacement extension. (<i>Parish Council: Support</i>). - 7/2016/5208: Ridding Bay Lodge, Lakeside: replacement boathouse with extended jetty (<i>Parish Council: Support</i>) - 7/2016/5059: Ridding Bay Lodge:, Lakeside: Alterations and extension for private pool and recreation area. (<i>Parish Council: Neutral</i>) - T/2016/0060: Skinners Pasture, Rusland: Removal of one branch of beech tree overhanging the road, due to diseased cavity above. (<i>Parish Council: Support.</i>) - 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>Parish Council: Neutral.</i>) - 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. (<i>Parish Council: Neutral with comments.</i>) - 7/2016/5312: Greenbank, Oxen Park: Single storey extension to rear of property. (<i>Parish Council: Support</i>) <p>ii) <u>LDNPA Local Plan Review</u>: The review team had asked parish councils to supply information on i) B&Bs for sale, and ii) The location and potential of traditional barns for residential or employment development. It was resolved that the Council would <u>not</u> respond to this request as i) B&B sales information could be found on the internet, and ii) it was felt inappropriate to report on barns without the owners knowledge. The Clerk would respond.</p> <p>iii) <u>SLDC's Empty Homes Initiative</u>. It was resolved that the Council would not report empty homes to SLDC, but would encourage owners of empty homes to seek ways of bringing them into use through contacting SLDC for advice.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>106/16 Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p>i) <u>Road surface and drainage problems</u>: Some longstanding drainage issues had been resolved through the very helpful Mr Huck, Area Network Officer: a) culvert repaired on the U5060, Thwaite Head to Graythwaite road, b) U5212 void under road at bridge south of Bandrake Head. c) C5049, by Finsthwaite Vicarage, repairs to road edge where road eroding into beck.</p> <p>However, County Highways were not listing a number of other longstanding road surface issues as a priority: i) C5049 between Finsthwaite Vicarage and Stott Park, ii) Bouth: C5024 road surface, iii) Bouth Road Ends – dip in road where gas pipeline had been laid. The Clerk had emailed Cllr Fletcher and also Mr Hosking of County Highways to discover how items could be placed on the priority list for the next financial year. She had not had a reply from either party. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Cllr Keith Little, portfolio-holder for Highways, about the lack of communication about road maintenance priorities.</p> <p>ii) <u>Traffic Management and Road Safety</u>: a) <u>Lining requests</u>: The Clerk had last heard in May from Victoria Upton, Traffic Management Officer, that the lining requests in Bouth, Oxen Park and Rusland Cross would be carried out this summer. A number of other junctions in Colton and Satterthwaite parishes were without junction lines following re-surfacing; the Clerk would refer this to Highways. b) <u>Spark Bridge speeding traffic</u>: No progress. The police did not feel able to</p>	Clerk

<p>operate a speed gun in the area, despite the majority of traffic travelling over the limit. The Clerk had followed up their suggestion to join with Lowick and Egton Parish Councils in joint purchase of a speed gun, but this had not been successful either.</p> <p>iii) <u>Lengthsman</u>: Mr Workman had been working at Tottlebank cross-roads and Colton junction and outside the church, strimming verges and clearing drains. He had also dug the holes for the Colton notice-board posts.</p>	
<p>107/16 Finance and Accounts</p> <p><u>It was resolved that the following payments be made:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cheque no. 000806: Cumbria Clock Company: Finsthwaite Church Clock: £174.00 – Cheque no. 000807: Rusland Reading Room Hire for Heartstart course, 24th May: £15.00 – Cheque no. 000811: Mr Helme. Refurbishment & installation of notice-board at Colton: £340.00 <p><u>The following payments were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cheque no. 000808: A.Workman, Lengthsman, June working: £294.00 – Cheque no. 000809: A.Lane, salary for Q1, 2016-17: £1127.08 – Cheque no. 000810: PAYE for Q1, 2016-17: £281.60 <p><u>The bank reconciliation (1) to 30th June was approved and signed.</u></p> <p><u>The pay award for Clerks for FY 2016/17 was noted and approved.</u></p> <p><u>The change of signatories on the Parish Council bank account was noted.</u></p>	
<p>108/16 Finsthwaite Clock Review</p> <p><u>It was resolved</u> to fund the maintenance of Finsthwaite Church Clock for a further three years, up to the limit of £150+VAT.</p>	
<p>109/16 Bench at Colton</p> <p>The bench at Colton corner was in a poor state of repair. The Clerk had investigated ownership and found that it was not a Parish Council asset, but belonged to Colton House. A local resident, Mr King, had offered to repair it.</p>	
<p>110/16 Meetings</p> <p><u>The following meeting reports were received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High Furness Local Area Partnership, 8th June, Coniston</u>: Cllr Hoyle reported that the meeting was not quorate as only 2 parishes were represented; this was disappointing. Topics discussed included affordable housing need in relation to the LDNPA Local Plan review, broadband progress, and use of social media. • <u>CALC South Lakeland District Association, 9th June, Kendal</u>: Cllr Dean had attended. Topics included i) an update of progress following the flooding, and ii) the Boundary Commission proposals for ward boundaries in South Lakeland; most parishes had sent in objections. • <u>Illegal Off-road Working Group, 28th June, Torver</u>: The Clerk had attended. i) 'Keep to the road' signs had been put up on Bethacar Moor gates. ii) Successful multi-agency enforcement days had been held, followed by a press release. iii) The group had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner to raise his awareness. • <u>Local Area Partnership Chairs meeting, 5th July, Kendal</u>: Cllr Hoyle had attended. It became clear that the LAPs were working well in other areas, and that High Furness LAP was unusual in not operating well. Colton was due to host the next meeting and would try to explore the problem. • <u>Coniston and Crake Catchment Partnership HLF Project</u>: Cllr Barr and the Clerk had attended. Only 2 parishes were represented (Colton and Blawith). Discussion covered how best to raise the awareness of local people about pollution and the need to use environmentally friendly products, and the need to empty all septic tanks regularly. 	
<p>111/16 Consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SLDC Parish Charter</u>: Cllr Champion would respond. It was very aspirational, but there was little information about how aims would be achieved and success monitored. For example, it was unclear how encouraging District Councillors to engage better with parishes would be monitored. 	Cllr Champion
<p>112/16 Local Council Award Scheme</p> <p><u>It was noted that</u> CALC had confirmed that Colton had achieved 'Foundation Status'.</p>	
<p>113/16 Correspondence</p> <p><u>Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:</u></p> <p>CALC/NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC circular for June • Change in law wrt bankruptcy and becoming a Councillor 	

- New paycales for Local Council Clerks.
- NALC Legal Topic Notes i) LTN 41: Wording to be attached by a local council to any copies of plans provided or placed on its website (*Note: ColtonPC simply links to the LDNPA website where presumably this wording exists*). ii) LTN 60: Responsibility of local councils as landowners.
- News from Cumbria Community Foundation
- NuGEN Consultation (Moorside Power Station) – drop-in events
- Note about parish council insurance policies – ensuring assets are covered

ACT/Cumbria CVS

- Questionnaire Design training course, 13th July, Kendal
- ACT Gazette Summer 2016
- Cumbria Floods Action Plans

CCC

- Connecting Cumbria - Broadband newsletter. (Replied that some links don't work.)
- Library opening hours consultation – closing date 17th June
- Mike Postle – Broadband – 'offer letter' for bringing fibre to Colton (hamlet) - £34K – not likely to be viable.
- New ticketing system for Windermere Ferry
- Weekly Critical Road/Bridges update

SLDC

- Cumbria Central Heating Fund – poster for notice-boards
- Draft SLDC Parish Charter for comment
- Empty Homes Guide: How to report empty homes in your parish

High Furness LAP

- Minutes of meeting 8th June and request to host October meeting
- Invitation to LAP Chairs meeting, 5th July, Kendal.

LDNPA

- Events notifications (EAG1 forms): i) Grizedale Night run, 10th Dec 2016. ii) Montane Trail, 5th Feb 2017 iii) L'Ancienne vintage cycle event, 10th July. iv) Grizedale Mountain Bike Challenge, 10th Sept.
- Notification of adoption of 'Statement of Community Involvement' for the LDNPA Local Plan Review process.
- Local Plan Review – website: <http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-review> and document listing issues raised by parishes and 'Distinctive Areas'.

Government Departments and Agencies

- Highways England: Notification of roadworks on A590, Lindal-in-Furness
- Dept Communities and Local Govt.: Coastal communities fund call for applications
- Home Office: Emergency Services Network: proposed EE mast, Rusland, Hulleter Farm.
- Local Government Boundary Commission – Colton PC submission to the Electoral Review of South Lakeland District, and acknowledgement of receipt
- DECC: Nugen News (Moorside Nuclear Power station)

Other Correspondence

- Blawith PC – Agenda for meeting, 13th June and minutes of last meeting
- Cumbria Partnership NHS – press release - Kentmere Ward closure delayed
- Millom Without Parish Council – notes from meeting with MP regarding National Grid Power Line plans.
- Coniston and Crake HLF Project - notification of forthcoming invitation to attend a meeting, to be advised.
- Royal British Legion – invitation to a commemoration service Sun 3rd July, St Annes, Haverthwaite.
- Sportive Lakes – notification of 'L'ancienne' cycle event in Parish, Sunday 10th July
- Coniston and Crake Catchment Partnership – survey and meeting on Weds 6th July, Greenodd VH, 7.30
- Cumbria Partnership NHS: Press release: drop-in event on Kentmere Ward 30th June
- Cumbria Partnership NHS: response to Council's letter about Kentmere Ward.
- Cumbria Partnership NHS: news releases.
- ROSPA Playsafety – notification of forthcoming Bouth playground inspection for 2016
- Coniston Parish Council: Agenda for 20th June and minutes of last meeting
- Application for the Councillor vacancy in East Ward
- Mike Postle: Broadband: Digital inclusion workshops planned for 8th September, 7pm, Finsthwaite Village Hall, and Friday 9th September, 7pm, Greenodd Village Hall.
- Mr R Smith: concern about the lack of response from Highways to Colton PC's requests over the last 2-3 years.
- Blawith PC – Agenda for 11th July and minutes of last meeting
- Save the Children – grants for families affected by flooding in Cumbria
- Coniston Parish Council – Agenda for 18th July and minutes of last meeting
- De Montfort University – request for parish councils to participate in the Councillor Commission 'evidence call'.
- Rusland Horizons programme: Invitation to attend a meeting at Spark Bridge Village Hall, 21st July, 5.30pm.

114/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th September in Finsthwaite Village Hall at 7pm.