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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th September 2016 in Finsthwaite Village Hall at 7pm

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

Also present: Mr Quentin Merritt (speaker) Mr Mike Postle (Broadband Champion) and 1 other member of the public

115/16 Apologies	ACTION
PCSO Paul Harris	
116/16 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Mr Walter Oates signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor for East Ward.	
117/16 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 18th July 2016</u> as a true record.	
118/16 Declarations of Interest Cllrs Champion and Hoyle declared an interest in item 14. Finance, concerning grant applications, being Village Hall committee members.	
119/16 Requests for Dispensations None	
120/16 Public Participation <u>Mr Quentin Merritt</u> ('Wingspan Consulting') gave a presentation on the 'Conserving Coniston and Crake' Heritage Lottery Fund project bid. The project aimed to improve water-quality, conservation, and biodiversity in the Coniston & Crake catchment. The bid, if successful, would start in Spring/Summer 2017. Mr Merritt would send documentation to Clerks of Parish Councils in the catchment area. Issues include i) reminding owners of septic tanks that they should be emptied annually, including an idea of setting up a service group to obtain a lower price, and ii) encouraging volunteering. The Council agreed to help promote the project on its website and notice-boards. <u>PCSO Paul Harris</u> had sent a police report: There had been a lot of poaching activity during July and August; poaching was now a priority issue for the area.	
121/16 Broadband <u>Mr Mike Postle</u> gave an update on progress with Superfast Broadband (SFBB) roll-out. Phase 1 of the project had officially been completed (although Lakeside and Finsthwaite residents had not yet been connected). Bouth and Satterthwaite were now connected. The Oxen Park area would be connected as part of Phase 2, but Colton and Rusland would not. Mr Postle had made a submission on behalf of these two areas to investigate options under the 'Community Fibre Partnership' initiative. He had also responded to a Cumbria County consultation offering 'gainshare' funding for connectivity. Meetings had been organised for Finsthwaite and Greenodd to encourage people with connectivity to sign up to SFBB; this helped demonstrate demand and therefore draw further 'gainshare' funds for connectivity in the remainder of the Parish.	
122/16 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting <u>Rural Crime - poaching:</u> A joint Colton and Satterthwaite Parish bid for funds to tackle poaching had been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Fund. Cllr Barr and members of the 'poacher-watch' group had met with the Police and Crime Commissioner to raise his awareness of poaching in the Rusland area, and the fact that the 101 non-emergency number was not operating effectively.	
123/16 Comments from District and County Councillors Cllr Fletcher was not present and sent no report.	
124/16 Clerk and Councillor Vacancies i) <u>Councillor Vacancy in Central Ward:</u> An expression of interest had been received. ii) <u>Clerk Vacancy:</u> The closing date for applications was 16 th September. Four expressions of interest had been received so far, two of which had submitted full applications. The interview	

<p><u>It was resolved that the following payments be made:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cheque no. 000813: Playsafety Ltd.: Bouth playground inspection: £79.80 – Cheque no. 000814: A.Lane, Clerk: Colton Church Hall Hire for June meeting: £10.00 – Cheque no. 000815: Eden Lifeline: community defibrillator for Bouth: £1650.00 <p><u>The following payments were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cheque no. 000812: A.Workman, Lengthsman, July working: £294.00 – Cheque no. 000816: A. Workman, Lengthsman, August working: £280.00 	
<p>129/16 Meetings</p> <p>i) <u>LAP/Highways meeting, 12th August, Kendal</u>: The Clerk gave a report on the meeting she had attended between Highways officers and South Lakeland LAP representatives. It had become clear that senior Highways officers were not interested in liaising with Parish Councils directly, just stating that anyone could report issues through the Highways Hotline. The South Lakeland LAP officer, Simon Blyth, took notes which were to be sent to the LAPs. The Clerk was investigating whether a County Parish Charter existed.</p> <p><u>Forthcoming meetings were noted and attendance agreed as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDNPA South Distinctive Area meeting, 29th Sept, Coniston.(Cllr Champion, Cllr Barr) • LDNPA Parish Forum, 10th October, Keswick. (Cllr Champion, Cllr Barr) • High Furness LAP, Rusland (Colton PC hosting), 19th Oct. (Cllr Hoyle, Clerk) • CALC South Lakeland District Association, 8th Sept, Gilpin Bridge (Cllr Dean) • CALC Executive Committee, 12th November, Kendal: CALC had asked if the Council would attend to accept its LCAS qualification certificate. It was agreed that the Clerk and another Councillor would attend. 	Clerk
<p>130/16 Consultations</p> <p><u>SLDC Draft Parish Charter</u>: Cllr Champion had responded. She had expressed concern about how the aspiration 'to work together to provide high quality local services' would work if Councillors did not respond to the encouragement to communicate with parish councils.</p>	
<p>131/16 Correspondence</p> <p><u>Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:</u></p> <p>CALC/NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation from study by De Montfort University for Councillors to take part in an evidence-gathering session for the government's Councillor Commission. Venue to be decided, but likely to be central cumbria. • CALC Circular for July/August • Notification of achievement of Local Government Award Scheme Foundation Status • Clerk's Forum info: i) Music, Royalties and licensing – survey for local authorities on simplification of licensing. • Clerk enquiring about running 'Good Councillor' course locally with other parishes. • Clerk's Forum info: Notes and info from South Westmorland LAP – includes LAP-wide Speed Indicator Device and Community transport schemes. • Clerk's Forum info: Coastal communities England Coast Path – Silecroft to Silverdale stretch. <i>(PCs along the route rumoured to have been contacted; we have not heard directly yet).</i> • Insurance Act 2015 – implications for insurers. • NALC survey on Community-Led housing • Invitation to nominate members to serve on the CALC Executive Committee • NALC Guide to being a Good Employer • CALC Reminder about Transparency Code compliance, and new Guidance doc. • Proposal to present Colton PC's LCAS certificate at the CALC AGM, Penrith, in November • Cumbria Crime Survey • Cumbria Green Build Festival wb 19th Sept. <p>ACT/CVS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVS volunteer training sessions, Penrith. • ACT AGM, 9th Sept <p>CCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Lakeland Flood Factsheets, July and August 2016 • Highways – correspondence on verge-cutting dates, Crosslands to Graythwaite. Not possible to bring date forward. Due mid-August to mid-sept. <p>SLDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling news – plastics and cardboard rollout • For information: Council Meeting Agenda for 26th July • Housing Needs Survey offer <p>High Furness LAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence concerning meeting of LAP reps and Highways 12th August • LAP Conference on flooding, Kendal, 24th November 	

LDNPA

- Consultation on application for Windermere speed-limit exemption events. Deadline 23rd August.
- Consultation on YMCA Lakeside construction traffic plan
- LDNPA South Distinctive Area meeting, 29th Sept, Coniston
- Project to support increased access for adapted cycling in the National Park. Invitation to join the steering group.

Government Departments and Agencies

- Highways England (Kier): notification of A590 drainage works at Lindal. Subsequently postponed.
- (via CALC) National Grid: North-west Coast connections – consultation due in September delayed until 2017.
- Environment Agency: programme of works on river catchments and coastal areas until March 2017

Other Correspondence

- Cumbria Tourism: information about local discount card for residents
- Millom Without Parish Council: Letter concerning lobbying of various authorities concerning pylon route. Invitation to attend a meeting on 10th August.
- Discussions with Satterthwaite PC about cooperation in relation to poaching and rural crime.
- Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust information and invitation to donate
- Cumbria Partnership NHS news release: Kentmere Ward to remain open
- Letter asking for information about re-building of Bouthrey Bridge from Jonathan Parkinson, Staveley. Clerk sent details.
- Police and Crime Commissioner: Acknowledgement of application for grant
- Mr Roderick Smith – information about road sweeping taking place on road between Tottlebank to Bouth Road Ends.
- Rusland Horizons Newsletter
- Northern Gas networks hardship fund for fuel poverty, environmental efficiency education and carbon monoxide awareness-raising. Deadline 22nd Sept.
- Correspondence about New Close wood, near Bouth, timber extraction causing concern (*Cllr Barr had checked with the owners, Penny Bridge Estates, that the works accorded with an approved forest management plan*).
- Sportive Lakes – notification of Ladies of the Lake cycling event in parish, 11th Sept.
- Rusland Red Squirrels start-up meeting, Weds 14th Sept
- Commercial company offering speed check device. Asking for cost.
- Egton PC – asking if we have been asked to contribute to the X11 bus service.
- Highways England – notification of roadworks on the A590 (includes Colton Parish)
- Invitation to attend Annual Service of Remembrance at Rusland, 6th November
- Resident of Nibthwaite – correspondence with Highways about drainage works at foot of Parkamoor UCR and concern about flooding at Bouthrey Bridge

Cllr Dean mentioned that residents had expressed concern about the appearance of the road edge between Bouth Road Ends and Toll-bar following removal of trees by Penny Bridge Estates. Cllr Barr confirmed that Mr Southern, the owner, had offered to give the Parish Council a tour of the area.

Cllr Barr

132/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 24th October 2016 in Bouth Village Hall, 7pm