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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016 in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7pm

Members Present: Cllr Barr (Chair), Cllr Bibby (item 159 onw.), Cllr Champion (Vice Chair), Cllr Dean, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Patterson, K Birch (Clerk),

Also present: M Lane (Previous Clerk), Cllr Fletcher (items 157 to 162), Lengthsman and 2 members of the Public

151/16 Apologies Cllr Watson (family illness) Cllr Oates (holiday)	***ACTION***
152/16 Minutes of Last Meeting It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th October 2016 as a true record.	
153/16 Declaration of acceptance of Office Declaration signed by Cllr Bibby	
154/16 Declarations of Interest None	
155/16 Requests for Dispensations None	
156/16 Public Participation All were discussed under agenda items	
157/16 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting – Bouth Village Green repairs (Cllr Dean): - ROSPA inspection revealed the following issues: Wear of shackles, cost £280, work completed; Rotten pole on swing, cost £370, confirmed work to go ahead - Playdale recommended in-house replacement of safety surface. Sample will be done and a decision made based on the outcome. On hold until early spring. – Lakeside Footpath (Cllr Barr): - A route has been found on railway land. The LDNPA would consult on the new route in the new year. Visit date to be confirmed by Cllr Barr.	**Cllr Barr**
158/16 Comments from District and County Councillors – Cllr Fletcher – District - Re the roll out of cardboard and plastic recycling, there is evidence that 2000 properties in district may not be suitable for collections; some of these may be in Colton Parish. - Consultation documents being considered by SLDC include District boundaries, Air Pollution, Parks and Open Spaces (for which there could be funding through the Recreation budget). – County - Cllr Fletcher showed a map of Culverts & Gullies in the Parish. It was requested that Cllrs add to this map their local knowledge. Cllr Barr would hold the map and discuss a way forward with the Lengthsman. Regarding information on winter grit and lack of communication, Cllr Fletcher would keep pressure on the County Council on the Parish's behalf. Cllr Fletcher reported that Highways had been reorganised according to function, not location. - Re the NW Coastal Connections proposals, Cllr Fletcher suggested individuals need to respond to give more weight to the objections. He suggested requesting all cables be underground with rationale of 'detrimental to tourism'. Opinions to be given via National Grid's website (http://www.northwestcoastconnections.com/)	**All Cllrs** **Cllr Barr** **All Cllrs & Clerk**
159/16 Planning The following planning applications were discussed and responses agreed: – 7/2016/5751: Hulleter Little Pastures, near Oxen Park. Installation of EE telecommunications apparatus, ancillary cabinets, fenced compound. Statements were read by Ms Lane and Mr Wingate-Saul. Cllr Bibby read a letter from a concerned resident. Mr Smith asked questions and expressed concerns about the location. Cllrs debated the application.	

	Resolution: Support (Proposed: Cllr Hoyle, Seconded: Cllr Champion. 6 for, 1 against; proposal carried) – 7/2016/5764: Black Beck Farm, Bouth: Conversion of agricultural building to 3 bedroom dwelling with rear garden. Background information provided by Cllr Dean, including information on local occupancy clause. **Resolution: Support** (Proposed: Cllr Dean, Seconded: Cllr Patterson. 6 for, 1 abstained; proposal carried.) The following responses to planning applications by the Clerk were noted: – 7/2016/5712: Ford Cottage, Rusland. Extension of cottage into barn. Neutral. – 7/2016/5817: The Knoll Country House, Lakeside: New sewage treatment plant. Neutral. The following planning permissions granted were noted: – 7/2016/5545: Colton Farm, Colton: Change of use and extension of existing agricultural building to agricultural worker's dwelling. *(Parish Council: Support)* – 7/2016/5527: Hill Top, Penny Bridge: Single storey extension and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage. *(Parish Council: Neutral)* – 7/2016/5644: Land at Arklid Great Wood: Removal and replacement of antennas on mast. *(Parish Council: Neutral.)* – 7/2016/5592: Boaters Restaurant (Lakeside Hotel), Lakeside: Extension for storage space and office accommodation. *(Parish Council: Neutral)* – 7/2016/5664: Rocky Bank, Lakeside: Single storey extension to provide new kitchen, enlarged existing dining room and master bedroom. *(Parish Council: Neutral)*	
160/16	**Highways and Lengthsman** i) Road surface and drainage: Culverts had been repaired on the C5022 near Hulleter. ii) Traffic Management and Road Safety: Lack of white line road markings had been reported to V Upton who apologised and said that that they should be done within the next few weeks. iii) Lengthsman: Mr Workman has now cleared 155 drains; 36 gullies cleared at Finsthwaite. All gullies to be checked ahead of the flood season. Finsthwaite railing chosen; Mr Workman to paint. Mr Smith raised concerns about the gas pipeline and collapsed drain near Bouth. Cllr Barr suggest residents in Bouth should be encouraged to ring the Highways Hotline. Clerk to write to Highways on behalf of Parish Council.	**Clerk**
161/16	**Charitable Donations** Cllr Hoyle proposed purchase of a medical mannequin for First Responders and Cllr Patterson proposed support for a conservation charity, e.g. Hay Bridge. Discussions lead to Proposal of Mannequin for First Responders by Cllr Hoyle, seconded Cllr Champion, 6 for, 1 abstain Clerk to write check for £150 to First Responders	**Clerk**
162/16	**Accounts** **It was resolved** to approve and sign updated accounts for FY 2015/16 **It was resolved** to approve the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit by finance WG **It was resolved** to approve the Clerks salary for FY 2016/17 (10hrs/wk @ SCP20 £9.99/hr, subject to performance) **It was resolved** to approve the Lengthsman's contract fee for FY 2017/18. **It was resolved** to approve the budget for 2017/18 as recommended by the Finance WG. The Precept had not been increased as surplus funds needed to be spent. Cllr Barr asked Portfolio holders to consider what Community Plan actions were still outstanding and what money would be needed to complete them. Relevant Cllrs to bring this information to the February Council meeting. **It was resolved** to approve the following payments: – Cheque no. 000829: A Workman, October working: **£266.00** – Cheque no. 000830: A.Lane, Computer, software, printer, backup disk for new Clerk: **£673.97** – Cheque no. 000831: A.Lane, Office supplies (paper, files, labels): **£70.56** – Cheque no. 000832: A.Lane, Travel expenses, FY 16/17: **£60.75** – Cheque no. 000833: A.Lane, 8 months' home office allowance: **£144.00** – Cheque no. 000834: A.Lane, salary for part of 3rd quarter (Oct-Nov) 16/17: **£783.51** – Cheque no. 000835: HMRC PAYE for part of 3rd quarter (Oct-Nov) 16/17: **£196.00** – Cheque no. 000836: C.Barr, renewal of domain name for 5 years: **£60.95** – Cheque no. 000837: CALC, Clerk's Forum, October 2016**: £5.00** – Cheque no. 000838: CALC: Good Councillor's course (to be part reimbursed): **£170.00** – Cheque no. 000839: Pony Boy Printing Newsletter printing to end 2015 (re-issued cheque):	**Cllrs who are Portfolio holders**

£185.80 – Cheque no. 000840: A Workman, November working: **£238.00** The following receipt was noted: – Lowick Parish Council: Pro-rata payment for Good Councillors course (3 Councillors) **£61.50** The following was also noted; Payment for damage to residents car from parish noticeboard has been politely declined with thanks.	
163/16 The Lakeside Institute Charitable Trust **It was resolved** to approve the request for renewal of Trusteeship for Mr Gwyn Williams.	
164/16 Meetings The following meeting reports were received: • LDNPA South Distinctive Area tour 29th Sep (Cllr Champion): The main item discussed was affordable housing in Coniston. It provided a good example of communities working together. They had carried out legal backtracking to check whether some second homes were allowable. Cllr Dean would look into possibility of backtracking for properties in Colton Parish. • CALC South Lakeland District Association 24th Nov (Cllr Dean); Presentation from South Area Manager discussed following main issues: Collaboration and communication; Issues raised over lack of communication with County Cllr; re-organisation of highways department; Money being spent on maintenance to future-proof flood areas was separate to general funding. • LAP local flooding event 24th Nov (Cllr Champion); Top 3 risks for Colton Parish are Power loss, Pandemic flu and Flooding. Identified households need their own disaster kits; there was an emphasis on training and self-support for communities. Cllr Hoyle to take up issue over community resilience through newsletter articles. • Rural crime meeting 28th Nov (Cllr Patterson); Emphasised importance of reporting all rural crime to police as have to justify funding. Cllr Patterson would design cards to be put into notice boards explaining this. Comms awareness campaign established with two Q&A sessions planned; Cllr Patterson to confirm dates. Decision made to use funds for equipment and for leaflets and copy material to be done in-house. Cllr Barr raised issue of effectiveness of the101 emergency number.	**Cllr Dean** **Cllr Hoyle** **Cllr Patterson** **Cllr Patterson**
165/16 Consultations The following new consultations were noted and procedure for responding agreed: • National Grid North West Coast Connections, by 6th Jan: Update by Cllr Oates read by M Lane. Cllr Oates sought Council approval to support neighbouring parishes in their objections and propose considering off-shore options. **It was resolved** to approve the request. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to CALC and also to respond to the consultation as a Parish Council. Cllr Barr thanked Cllr Oates for all his time and effort on this item. • NALC Dependant carers' survey, by 17th Jan; Introduced by Cllr Hoyle. NALC are looking for evidence to support this policy which is already in place for higher councillors. Money to pay an allowance would come from Council budget. Need to consider both current Cllrs and those in the community who may become Cllrs if such an allowance was approved. All Cllrs need to respond to Cllr Hoyle in next 2 weeks. Cllr Hoyle to advise Clerk if item needs adding to next meeting's agenda. The following response was made to nomination of Councillor responsible for Local Plan Review; **It was resolved** that Cllr Barr would coordinate a response.	**Clerk** **All Cllrs** **Cllr Hoyle**
166/16 Correspondence Receipt of the following correspondence was noted: **CALC/NALC** • Invitation to attend workshop on National Grid power line route. 21st November. Venue to be advised. • CALC AGM Agenda and papers • Letter from CALC to National Grid responding about the time-frame of the formal consultation on NW Coast Connections • Advance notice of an election in the South Distinctive Area of the National Park • NALC Community Asset Transfer Guide link (website: http://mycommunity.org.uk) • Papers for CALC South Lakeland District Association Meeting, 24th November • NALC Local Council Award Scheme congratulation and survey. • CALC Circular, November 2016 • NALC consultation on parish councillors having the same rights to Dependent Carer's Allowance as District and	

County Councillors. (Clerk asking for further info.)

- Parish Member Vacancy for LDNPA. Invitation to nominate. Deadline 13th Feb 2017
- Cumbria in Bloom AGM Trustees report.

CCC

- Links to various flood reports.
- Correspondence with Highways (Victoria Upton) about lack of road markings.

SLDC

- Licence application for Swan Hotel. Discussed at October 24th Parish Council meeting. No response felt necessary.
- Timescales for parish precept claims
- South Lakeland Community news 31/10/16
- Consultation on Draft Development Plan Management Policies DPD (outwith the National Park)
- Free car parking on Sundays running up to Christmas
- SLDC Parish Charter 2016/17
- Annual review of SLDC Constitution. Councils invited to raise any issues by 13th Jan
- SLDC Keep Britain Tidy Campaign changed emphasis. Now aimed at education.
- Request to SLDC for road sweeping of leaves on Ickenthwaite loop.

High Furness LAP

- Invitation to attend a LAPs Flooding Conference, Kendal, 24th Nov
- Open invitation from Grange and Cartmel LAP to attend meeting on 16th November

LDNPA

- Closure of footpaths and bridleways for Malcolm Wilson rally, 26th November
- Correspondence about lack of barriers for seasonal TRO at Strands, Rusland Pool. Barriers now up.
- 'Voices of the Somme' poster for events at Brockhole
- Cumbria ACT / CVS
- ACT Gazette, Winter 2016

Government Depts

- Highways England – invitation to provide feed back on A590 works
- Local Government Boundary Commission: Final recommendations for South Lakeland Boundary Review
- National Grid: Press release on NW Coast Connections project: route of pylon lines and invitation to Parish Councils meeting, 27th October, Ulverston.
- National Grid: NW Coast Connections – consultation open. Deadline 6th Jan
- National Grid: NW Coast Connections – workshops: South Lakeland and Barrow, 27th October, and report.
- National Grid: NW Coast Connections – workshop presentation and papers from the 21st November Parish Councils workshop, Dalton
- Via CALC: List of Environment Agency works in Cumbria (none in our area).

Other Correspondence

- John Strutt Foundation: Flood Risk Assessment for re-wetting of Hulleter Moss
- Note from the Rusland Valley Mosses Liaison Group wrt the FRA for Hulleter Moss
- Notification of 'Breca Coniston 2017' swim and run event, October 2017
- Management Plan for Black Hole Wood, Stott Park
- Rusland Horizons Programme: Invitation to Partner Conference, 29th November.
- Highways England, stakeholder perception survey
- John Ruskin School: consultation on proposed federation of 3 local schools
- Blawith PC – Agenda for 14th November and minutes of last meeting
- Police Desk at Eagles Head, Satterthwaite: 19th Nov, 2nd Dec and 16th Dec
- National Trust Fell Foot – update on closure of south car park over winter
- Enquiry about whether the parish boundary at Greenodd included the old slipway. Concluded it didn't.
- Black Hole Wood, Stott Park: management plan consultation.
- Coniston Parish Council. Agenda for meeting 21st Nov and minutes of 17th Oct
- Cumbria Partnership NHS various press releases. Forwarded to DH if seem of interest.
- Blawith PC – Extraordinary meeting, 5th December: National Grid consultation
- Rusland Horizons Partner Conference invitation, 29th November.
- Highways England: Notification of works at Lindal, A590, over winter period
- Highways England: Seeking any feedback following completion of works on A590

167/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 16th January 2017 in Bouth Village Hall, 7pm

Confirmation of change of date and location of February Parish Council to Monday 13th February 2017 in Finsthwaite Village Hall