



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Annual Parish Open Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7.30pm.

**Members Present** Cllr Barr (Chairman) Cllr Champion Cllr Dean Cllr Hoyle Cllr Potts Cllr Robinson Ms M Lane (Clerk)

**Also present:** Cllr Wilson (CCC) Cllr Davies (SLDC) PCSO Harris

### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Cunliffe (Ill health) Cllr Watson (other engagement) Cllr Fishwick (leave)

### 2. **Minutes of 2011 Open Meeting**

The minutes of the 2011 Annual Parish Open Meeting were signed by the chairman as a true record.

### 3. **Chairman's Report for 2011-2012**

The chairman read the Annual Report (a copy attached to these minutes). The financial summary was correct up to this date; a full statement of accounts would be printed in the Annual Report to be published after the audit.

### 4. **Open Forum**

- Traffic Speed in Oxen Park: The Clerk had received a request from a resident of Oxen Park that the issue of traffic speeds and a possible speed limit be raised again. The hamlet did not have the requisite length of house frontage for a speed limit, according to Dept of Transport guidelines used by County. However, Cllr Wilson recommended that the Clerk arrange a site visit with the County Traffic Engineer, as some discretion was possible for speed limit implementation in certain circumstances.

*Action (carried forward to Parish Council meeting):* **Clerk**

- Policing: PCSO Paul Harris reported on the following incidents:

i) Illegal off-roading remained a problem; the police were patrolling and following up reports.

ii) Poaching: some useful intelligence had been gained from the recent 'poacher-watch'.

iii) Colton Church break-ins and damage: The church had been re-opened at night; since then the book in the porch had been scribbled in indicating that the culprit was still at large.

In neighbouring areas:

iv) There had been heating oil thefts from household oil tanks. He recommended that everyone lock their tanks.

v) Vans had been broken into for tools. The Clerk would place a warning in local newsletters recommending that tools be removed when not in use.

*Action (carried forward to Parish Council meeting):* **Clerk**

### 5. **Dates for Next Year's Meetings**

The dates for the coming year were distributed (a copy attached to these minutes).

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETINGS 2012-2013

Date	Meeting	Venue
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> May 12	<b>Annual Parish Council 2012</b>	Bouth Village Hall
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun12	Parish Council	Colton Church Hall
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 12	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 12	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 12	Parish Council	Bouth Village Hall
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 12	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 13	Parish Council	Bouth Village Hall
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 13	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 13	<b>Parish Open Meeting and Parish Council</b>	Rusland Reading Room

- All meetings start at 7.30 p.m.
- Public and press are welcome.
- The Chairman will be available from 7.00 for a 'surgery session'.
- Agendas and minutes are available from the website or from the Clerk (see below).
- Notices and agendas will be placed on notice boards by 3 clear days before each meeting.
- Location maps for venues are available on the website or from the Clerk.
- The Council has no committees or sub-committees

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