



Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Annual Parish Open Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May 2013 in Bouth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Members Present Cllr Barr (Chairman) Cllr Champion Cllr Dean Cllr Hoyle Cllr Milburn Cllr Patterson Ms M Lane (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr Fletcher (SLDC and CCC), PCSO Wilcock, and 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Watson (working) Cllr Robinson (other engagement) Cllr Potts (other engagement)

2. **Minutes of 2012 Open Meeting**

The minutes of the 2012 Annual Parish Open Meeting were signed by the Chair as a true record. An update on actions from this meeting was given by the Clerk, as follows:

i) Traffic speed in Oxen Park: A speed-monitoring device had been fitted in the village during 2012. The Clerk had requested the results. The report stated that "the average speed recorded was 23mph with 85 % of drivers going at 29mph or below. No drivers exceeded the speed limit of 60mph. The data indicates that the majority of vehicles travel at an appropriate speed for the area. The speed limit could be reduced, however from current driver behaviour it would not be expected that there would be any real change in speeds or a great benefit as speeds are already low." On further enquiry about maximum speed, it was reported that 6 vehicles exceeded 40mph with 2 of these in the 45-50mph bracket. From the report, the Clerk concluded that County were unlikely to agree to a speed limit. The problem, however, was the relatively small number of drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds through the village. The Clerk would ask if traffic calming measures might be applied, such as the '20's plenty' signs at Bouth.

Clerk

She would also ask for the results of the Bouth questionnaire on traffic speed.

Clerk

ii) Police suggestion for newsletter reminder about not leaving tools in vans. It had not been possible to include this item at the time. However, this spate of thefts seemed to have ceased.

3. **Chairman's Report for 2012-2013**

The Chair summarised the Annual Report (a copy attached to these minutes).

4. **Open Forum**

- Policing: PCSO Diana Wilcock reported on the following incidents in Colton Parish:
 - i) Vehicle thefts: one in Rusland and one in Spark Bridge, both of which had been taken without keys.
 - ii) Colton Church: broken window.
 - iii) Heating oil thefts from farms. The advice was to lock oil tanks, but also fit an alarm which sounds if the level suddenly drops, as many thefts were carried out by drilling a hole in the tank. Easily accessed tanks were the main targets.

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 2013-2014

Date	Meeting	Venue
7 th May 13 (Tues)	Parish Open Meeting & Annual Parish Council 2013	Bouth Village Hall
10 th June 13	Parish Council	Colton Church Hall
22 nd July 13	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
9 th Sept 13	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
21 st Oct 13	Parish Council	Bouth Village Hall
2 nd Dec 13	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
13 th Jan 14	Parish Council	Bouth Village Hall
17 th Feb 14	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
24 th Mar 14	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room

All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. Public and press welcome. The Chairman will be available from 7.00 for 'surgery sessions'. Notices 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. Agendas and minutes are available from the website or from the Clerk (see contact details on notice board banner).