

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL ACTION PLAN May 2015 to May 2016

Note: The table below details only the specific Council actions with deadlines for the coming year, derived from the Colton Community Plan 2015 Action Plan. It is not a complete list of Council activities.

ACTION	HOW?	WHO?	PRIORITY	By WHEN	REVIEW
<p>Overarching Action:</p> <p>A. Planning Policy Summary document To ensure that planning decisions made are informed by parish policies.</p>	Parish councillors have the responsibility to ensure they understand LDNPA and Colton PC policies and are confident with the decision-making process.	Clerk to produce. Councillors to ensure use of document to inform decisions.	High	Dec 2015	Annually
<p>1. THE LOCAL ECONOMY <i>Portfolio-holder: Cllr Potts</i></p>					
<p>AE5 We will take an active part in the Connecting Cumbria Broadband initiative through supporting our 'Broadband Champion' in raising awareness and in lobbying for super-fast broadband connections in the parish. We will explore with the appropriate authorities how to connect those properties excluded from the Connecting Cumbria Phase 1 initiative.</p>	<p>We will continue to support and liaise with the appointed Broadband Champion for the parish .</p> <p>PC to be kept informed of progress and to respond positively to requests for support and help.</p>	<p>Broadband Champion</p> <p>Broadband Champion and Parish Council</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p>	During Phase 2 of Connecting Cumbria initiative 2015/16	6-monthly
<p>AE7 We will explore the potential benefits of keeping a register of business premises operating in the parish.</p>	<p>Seek information from parishes that may have tried this.</p> <p>Agree approach in the light of findings.</p>	Cllr Potts and Clerk	Low	Dec 2016	Annually

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2. LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT					
<i>Portfolio-holder: Cllr Champion (with Cllrs Watson and Milburn wrt Farming)</i>					
AL1 We will remain alert to increasing problems of illegal off-roading and deer-poaching, refer concerns to the appropriate authorities and provide information on legal vs illegal activity.	Maintain representation on relevant Working Groups. Work with the authorities in explaining legal vs illegal activity and encourage residents to report illegal activity through website notices and newsletter articles. Councillors to inform clerk and contact police where appropriate.	Council nominee. Clerk (with authorities) All councillors.	High	March 2016	Annually
AL4 We will request regular up-dates on the progress of the 'Rusland Horizons Landscape Partnership Heritage Lottery Project ' (www.ruslandhorizons.org) and circulate information to residents.	Through Council nominee reporting to Council meetings and through circulation of newsletters and website information.	Council nominee: Cllr Barr	Medium	Throughout 2015/16	Annually
AL7 We will encourage appreciation of 'dark skies' and work to reduce light pollution in the parish. We will ask properties and caravan sites to turn off lights at night or use low-output lighting (if lighting is regarded as necessary).	Encouragement via newsletter articles.	Newsletter Group	Low	By end 2015, and then occasional reminders	Annually

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3. COMMUNITIES AND WELL-BEING					
<i>Portfolio-holder: Cllr Hoyle</i>					
AC3 We will seek to include important community assets on a 'Community Assets Register' (Localism Act 2011) where they meet the necessary criteria.	Working Group to produce Community Assets Register and start to submit priority nominations to the District Council.	Cllr Hoyle and Clerk.	High	October 2015	2-yearly
AC6 We will maintain our eight parish council notice-boards and keep them up-to-date. We will examine ways of improving communications with parishioners, particularly the vulnerable and hard to reach, using appropriate formats. We will develop and put in place an 'Information and Communications Strategy'.	Monitor condition of notice-boards, prioritise and budget-for renovation or renewal. Set up a Working Group to draw up a communication strategy. Maintain and further develop the website. Review the newsletter format.	C & I strategy group	High	Dec 2015	Annually
AC7 We will support the development of resilience plans for each settlement in the Parish, based on the plan drawn up for Finsthwaite, and encourage the participation of parishioners.	We will ensure interested settlements have access to practice and procedures developed elsewhere. We will encourage the participation of parishioners. We will invite applications for funding.	All Councillors to encourage residents in their wards. Newsletter Group. Clerk.	Medium	Mar 2016	On Plan review
4. HOUSING AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT					
<i>Portfolio-holder: Cllr Dean</i>					
AH2 We will continue to monitor the housing stock in the parish, particularly the proportion of main residences vs second homes, holiday lets and empty homes.	We will maintain a register of housing stock and use this to inform decision-making.	Cllr Dean and Clerk	Medium	Update by May 2016	Annually

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5. ROADS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT					
<i>Portfolio-holder: Cllr Barr</i>					
AR1 We will press for better communication, liaison and consultation with the County Highways on road maintenance and traffic management.	Work with the High Furness Local Area Partnership team to represent the concerns of High Furness Parishes to County Highways	Clerk (as representative)	High	Dec 2015	6-monthly
AR3 We will consider community self-help schemes where feasible, for example encouraging able residents to clear local drains of surface debris to prevent flooding.	Encouragement through newsletter articles. Look for any funding opportunities.	Newsletter Group. Clerk. Councillors	Medium	Dec 2015	Annually
AR5 We will lobby for speed limits and speed reduction measures particularly along well-known 'black routes', for example the C5026 Newby Bridge to Stott Park road, the C5023 Tollbar to Spark Bridge route and the C5022 through Oxen Park.	Encourage residents to report their speed and safety issues to the Council via newsletter articles and website. Consider priority issues and liaise with the appropriate authorities (County, Police).	Newsletter Group. Clerk. Council.	High	Throughout 2015/16	Annually
AR6 We will assess the need for public transport and community transport schemes in the parish and will lobby for provision of such services in relation to demand. We will publicise and encourage the use of transport services by residents and visitors.	Assess the potential for new public services based on use of any existing services in the local area. <i>(update: the last bus service in the Parish was withdrawn in October 2015)</i> Promote the use of community transport schemes (ref Community Plan Annex D) through notices, newsletters and website.	Council nominee Newsletter Group. Clerk.	Medium	March 2016	Annually

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6. ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY					
<i>Portfolio-holder: Cllr Patterson</i>					
AS1 We will explore options for further recycling schemes to be made available in the parish.	Liaise with District Councillor with recycling portfolio.	Cllr Patterson	Medium	Dec 2015	Annually
AS2 We will help to maintain fuel oil/gas syndicates and to publicise their activities.	Ensure syndicate details are available in newsletters, on website and on notice-boards.	Clerk	Medium	Dec 2015	Annually
AS3 We will talk to local organisations and agencies about the potential for local fuel-wood purchasing schemes.	Liaise with Rusland Horizons Programme for local wood supply.	Cllrs Barr and Patterson	Medium	May 2016	Annually