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The following are the minutes of the Additional Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017 in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7pm.

Members Present: Cllr Dean, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Brown, K. Birch (Clerk),

Also present: 4 x parish residents

	ACTION
<p>135/17 Apologies Cllr Watson</p>	
<p>136/17 Minutes of Last Meeting It was resolved that consideration of the minutes of the 16th October meeting be deferred until the next full Council meeting.</p>	
<p>137/17 Declarations of Interest None</p>	
<p>138/17 Requests for Dispensations None</p>	
<p>139/17 Planning <u>To following planning applications were discussed</u> 7/2017/5665 – Agricultural Building on land adjacent to Thwaite Bridge House, Rusland. A proposal was made to object, 5 councillors were in favour and 1 was against. The resolve was therefore to OBJECT on the grounds detailed below; • Smells & effluence – Concern that the effluence from the pigs will create a smell sufficient enough to cause distress and disruption to nearby residents and their businesses. • Flood risk – Proposed site is within a flood risk area. If there is to be effluence on the site from the pigs then there is a risk that this could, in the occurrence of a flood lead to effluence being carried off site. • Nature conservation & environmental impact – Possible damage not only to the land from the pigs, but also to water courses from the effluence running into them. • Landscape characteristics – Pig farming in this area is not thought to be traditional farming type. It should be noted that whilst the council objects they do support farmers diversifying and they do want to see agriculture within the parish being encouraged. The areas of concern are not to do with the structure of the building but the purpose the building will be intended for, i.e. a pig farm with an undisclosed number of pigs. 7/2017/5630 – Poly tunnel on land at Fall Stile, near 3 The Causeway, Bouth. A proposal was made to object, 2 councillors were for and 4 abstained. The resolve was therefore to OBJECT on the grounds detailed below; • Saved Policies (1999) A1 Agriculture and Forestry Buildings. The application does not meet the required 5 criteria for this policy, namely a) the scale and siting of the development would be well related to existing farm or forestry buildings and landscape features – It does not meet this test. Clearly stands out in an area with no other farm buildings, very close to the road with no shielding from trees and is in close proximity to private dwellings and highly visible to them in a previously unrestricted view. b) it is of an appropriate standard of design and incorporates materials of suitable texture, colour and appearance – it does not meet this test. The use of white makes the building stand out excessively especially as it stands alone. c) the proposal would not cause demonstrable harm to landscape, local amenity, nature conservation interests, cultural heritage or amenity of public rights of way.- it does not meet this test. The poly tunnel is not in sympathy with the surrounding landscape, which is mostly open farmland and estuary lowland, also a number of mature trees have been felled to allow siting of the poly tunnel. A public footpath runs through the site next to the tunnel as well as a UCR d) it would result in the pollution of any watercourses or ground water. The poly tunnel is approximately 20 metres from Rusland Pool which in recent times has flooded the road adjacent to the site.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies CS09 South Distinctive Area, CS11 Sustainable Development Principles, CS25 Protecting the Spectacular Landscape Due to its stand-alone siting, its appearance and it being out of character with the surrounding landscape the poly tunnel does not meet any of the requirements included in these policies. <p>Additional to not meeting the requirements of the above policies the poly tunnel has already been installed and the application is retrospective.</p> <p>7/2017/5692 - Holiday letting at The Barn, Brandrake House A proposal was made to object, all councillors were in favour. The resolve was therefore to OBJECT on the grounds detailed below; The change from residential accommodation to holiday letting does not meet the local housing need identified in Colton Community Plan is also not in keeping with the National Park aims for vibrant communities</p> <p>It is also contrary to a number of policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy CS22a states the re-use of an existing building for holiday letting will only be considered if it does not meet the need for local housing. Councillors consider that this property could be used as a residential let. • Policy CS02 states exceptionally we will only support development in the open countryside where it demonstrates it provides for a proven and essential housing need . In this instance we already have a property ideally suited for this purpose, and the need, but not a holiday let. • Policy CS09 3.24.1 states there is a lack of affordable housing throughout the area. Recent surveys have identified a housing need of 198 affordable dwelling units. In addition, by 2025 we anticipate that 31 per cent of the population will be age 65 and over, which will influence future residential needs. 3.24.4 states pressure for more tourism related development in Hawkshead and Coniston is unlikely to diversify the economy, and may not be compatible with local community interests. This is also relevant in this application. 	
<p>140/17 Finance and Accounts</p> <p><u>The following grant payments were approved:</u> 000894 Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall £500.00 000895 Oxen Park Cinema £50.00 000896 Oxen Park Reading Rooms £300.00</p> <p><u>The following payment was approved:</u> 000897 S McKinnon, Oxen Park Defib battery £219.30</p> <p><u>The following petty cash re-claim payment was approved</u> 000899 Bouth Village Green petty cash £200 paid to Sue Dean</p>	
<p>134/17 Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on <u>Monday 4th December 2017, in Rusland Reading Rooms 7pm.</u></p>	