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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Bouth Village Hall at 7pm.

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

**Also present:** 4 x parish residents, Cllr Brereton, Cllr Fletcher, M. Postle

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>156/17 Apologies</b> Cllr Brown (Illness), PCSO Harris	
<b>157/17 Minutes of Last Meetings</b> It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017</u> as a true record.	
<b>158/17 Declarations of Interest</b> None	
<b>159/17 Requests for Dispensations</b> None	
<b>160/17 Public Participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A police report was read out.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30/10 – Evidence of Poaching, Hulleter</li> <li>• 03/11 – Remains of Roe deer (head &amp; Skin), Corker Lane</li> <li>• 03/11 – Poacher activity, Rusland Moss area</li> <li>• 15/11 – Burger Van broken into, arrest followed</li> <li>• 16/12 – Poachers at Hulleter, same vehicle spotted previous weekend</li> <li>• 05/01 – Burglary at Royal Oak, offenders disturbed, various other crimes outside parish same day.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Newsletter sent from Conserving Coniston &amp; Crake – Clerk read out. Various events and volunteer days, New Project Office in post, Dr Mike West. Planned works; Water course work at Water Park, slate shard removal on river Crake, Eel Pass at Yew Tree Tarn spillway, Fencing work and tree planting on National Trust land. Upcoming events; Wetland walk 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, Nestbox workshop 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. contact <a href="mailto:kath@scrt.co.uk">kath@scrt.co.uk</a>.</li> <li>• Letters from residents regarding planning applications to be read at relevant agenda item</li> </ul>	
<b>161/17 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any issues with HMS (Highways Hotline) and faults not been actioned then escalate to Cllr Brereton, <a href="http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/reportingproblemswithstreetsorhighways.asp">www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/reportingproblemswithstreetsorhighways.asp</a> then choose carriageway defects. Cllr Brereton reported Spark Bridge has been flagged with Peter Hoskins, not just speeding but also the quantity of surface water. Spoke to PCC Peter McCall re speeding. Cllr Brereton was asked to follow up. Clerk to send PSCO details</li> <li>• Culvert damage from OpenReach works raised with Cllr Brereton – No response received from CCC. Clerk to contact Cllr Brown to get a exact location pin pointed on a map. This can then be passed to Cllr Brereton</li> <li>• Grit Bins – all bins currently stocked, further requests through Winter service on CCC website <a href="http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp">http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp</a></li> </ul>	Clerk  Clerk Cllr Brown
<b>162/17 Broadband Update – Provided by M.Postle</b>  Superfast Broadband now available in Newby Bridge, Finsthwaite, Bouth and Spark Bridge. Oxen Park to follow shortly. Areas of poor connectivity remaining; Colton, Nibthwaite and parts of Rusland. People need to be encouraged to swap to Superfast when available as the more people that do the more money is ploughed back into the scheme. Costs are becoming prohibitive as remaining properties become more remote, max £1,700 threshold. Currently no option for community to provide top up funds. Mike & Cllr Hoyle to work together to submit a restructured application for Satterthwaite exchange (Rusland area). Hard to reach properties will have to be	Cllr Hoyle

<p>excluded otherwise all will miss out due to cost. Remote nodes (on poles) could be an option here. Government have decided there will be a legal right to 10mb/s though this may not be until 2020 at earliest.</p>	
<p><b>163/17 Comments from District and County Councillors</b></p> <p>Councillor Brereton (Cumbria County Council) – Requested to be kept updated of any issues within the parish that he can raise at County level. Agrees the parish is in a particularly bad position with regards surface water on roads and the issue this causes with both flooding and ice. Possibility of CCC working with Conserving Coniston &amp; Crake to improve culverts, drains and roads. Top 5 priority list has been useful. Reminder about the CCC grants available until the end of the January.</p> <p>Councillor Fletcher (South Lakeland District Council) – Discussed increase in rates to match budgetary needs and the impact this has on rural communities. 98% of houses in SLDC now have increased recycling facilities. Smaller vehicle to be used for remaining 2%. Locally Important Project funding still available until 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan with a wide range of uses. Comment made that paperwork is not user friendly.</p> <p>No questions were asked of either Councillor.</p>	
<p><b>164/17 Planning</b></p> <p><u>The following planning application were discussed:</u></p> <p>7/2017/5878 – Roof over existing cattle facilities, Bridge End Farm, Penny Bridge. Resident spoke about the importance of farming in a working rural landscape. A proposal was made to SUPPORT, all in favour.</p> <p>7/2017/5316 – Raising roof to provide 1st floor accommodation, Low Wood. Lakeside. Letter read from member of the public concerning incorrect sewage details in application. A proposal was made to be NEUTRAL to this application but with concerns over sewage. All in favour.</p> <p>7/2017/5804 – Change in open season, Black Beck Caravan Park, Bouth. A proposal was made in SUPPORT of the application and all were in favour.</p> <p>7/2017/5799 – Change of use of domestic annexe to holiday let, The Barn, Bandrake Head. Applicant discussed what they wanted to apply for and why. Cllr Dean read out last response from Colton PC to the previously withdrawn application. A proposal was made to OBJECT to the application on the same grounds as previous application 7/2017/5692, local housing need. 4 were in favour and 2 against. Objection carried.</p> <p>7/2017/5870 – Non-material amendments to planning app 7/2013/5621, Facilities, Lakeside YMCA. A proposal was made to SUPPORT the application, all were in favour.</p> <p><u>The following planning applications approved were noted:</u></p> <p>7/2017/5671 - Creation of new channel to divert stream, Water Park, Nibthwaite. Approved with Conditions (Colton PC Supported)</p> <p>7/2017/5784 - Erection of purpose built dairy, Tottlebank Farm, Greenodd. Approved with Conditions (Colton PC Supported)</p> <p><u>The following planning applications refused were noted:</u></p> <p>7/2017/5665 – Agricultural building for multi-use, Land adjacent to Thwaite Bridge House (Colton PC Objected)</p> <p>7/2017/5630- Permission to erect polytunnel for agricultural use, near 3 The Causeway, Bouth.(Colton PC Objected)</p> <p><u>The following planning applications withdrawn were noted:</u></p> <p>7/2017/5692 – Conversion of barn to residential accommodation variation from original planning consent. The Barn, Bandrake Head</p> <p><u>The following Notice of Determination was noted:</u> Correction to entries 47 &amp; 48 of the Commons Register for Bethacar Moor</p>	
<p><b>165/17 Highways and Lengthsman</b></p> <p><u>An update was received from the Clerk as follows:</u></p> <p>December was a busy month in Finsthwaite unblocking drains that were causing flooded roads. 1st one at Town End where water was freezing on the road. The water seeping out of the wall has been redirected into a pipe and will dam it up, so it cannot flow on the road again. Archie got residents to agree to remove the mud from alongside Green Cottage.</p> <p>2nd drain unblocked further along the road with two more to do here.</p> <p>3rd was on the bad bend at Finsthwaite Hall and did a lot of sweep mud off the road here. The SLOW signs have arrived and been used, cars are on the whole slowing down when they pass. Archie thanks the council for the signs.</p> <p>4 more drains to unblock at the farm entrance to Finsthwaite Hall then will move on to others at Tottlebank Farm.</p> <p>Still have the trees to take down at Bridge House in Penny Bridge.</p> <p>Completed map of Finsthwaite drains for Cumbria County Council</p> <p>The Hay Bridge sign is now completed</p>	

<p>Colton Church bench – Strimmed and tidied the area around the bench.  All Oxen Park signs cleaned, chevrons positioned and sign post to Bouth realigned  <u>Top five Highways priorities</u> These have been reported to Cllr Brereton and actions need to be monitored  <u>Issues raised by member of the public;</u>  Tollbar to Bouth turning Rockfall onto the road HIMS Ref W182937087). Litter around Tottlebank crossroads &amp; Rusland (Cllr Fletcher agreed to follow this up (HIMS ref W182937082)). A590 Tollbar to Bouth turning drainage from field goes onto road and freezes giving dangerous driving conditions. (HIMs ref W182937093) Clerk has logged all on Highways Hotline</p>	<p>Clerk / Cllr Brown / L'man  Cllr Fletcher Clerk</p>
<p><b>166/17 Finance &amp; Accounts</b>  <u>It was approved to sign the precept claim form</u> for 2018/19 at an amount of £12,771  To note the following payments  000903 – Archie Workman, November Lengthsman Hours £280.00  000904 – PCC for Cumbria, Rural Crime grant repayment £4148.07  000905 – K.Birch, Clerk wage Q3 £1087.63  000606 – HMRC, Clerk PAYE Q3 £272.00  000907 – A.Workman, Dec Hours £84.00  000908 – A.Workman, Slow sign £59.82  <u>It was resolved to make a charitable donation of £150 to;</u> Hawkshead First Responders. Clerk to arrange cheque. It was also requested that the clerk find contact details for responders to publish within the parish  <u>It was resolved to appoint an Internal Auditor for 2017-18 FY accounts;</u> Clerk to contact Bobbie Dobson to ask if he will do it.</p>	<p>Clerk  Clerk</p>
<p><b>167/17 Grants</b>  Locally Important Project grants from SLDC and Community Grants from CCC were both discussed. Agreed they should be promoted within the community, especially to those looking after village halls. Funds still remain in the Colton PC budget for community grants and should anyone apply they will be considered, but there is currently no active promotion of the fund.</p>	
<p><b>168/17 Data Protection</b>  Clerk explained that the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) were due to change on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The main implications of the changes are that as an organisation that processes and holds data the parish council needs to appoint both a Data Handler and a Data protection Officer (DPO). The Data Handler will generally be the Clerk as the person holding and accessing various forms of data. The DPO needs to be someone other than the Clerk who will check that the regulations are being adhered to. This doesn't need to be a qualified person, it can be a lay person who has received the appropriate training. Cllr Hoyle offered to be considered for the role of DPO and undergo the training. Decision to be made once training available through CALC.</p>	
<p><b>169/17 Review representation on working groups and committees, consider the community plan</b>  New councillors allocated responsibilities. Clerk to circulate updated paperwork.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>170/17 Website Update</b>  The Clerk reported that the new Wordpress website is almost ready to go live and the old one be turned off. Clerk to circulate link details for new site so that all Councillors can have a look and comment where necessary. New site to be live by mid-February</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>171/17 Colton Parish Council Newsletter</b>  Newsletter editions have dwindled over the years from quarterly to annually. There are however approx 100 people subscribed to Colton Community Link email. Councillors resolved that time was better spent promoting the link than producing newsletters. Link to be advertised on website and with posters on noticeboards. Newsletters to be put on hold.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>172/17 Councillor Vacancy</b>  Cllr Jarvis suggested a resident of Finsthwaite that might be interested, He will speak to them. Cllr Baxter offered to put a poster up in the Finsthwaite noticeboard. Clerk to provide poster</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>173/17 Meetings</b>  <u>There were no reports to be received</u>  <u>The following upcoming meetings were discussed.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windermere Lake, Leven and Newby Bridge flood risk management meeting – Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March, invite only meeting followed by drop-in event – Cllr Dean possibly attending</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Dean</p>
<p><b>174/17 Consultations</b>  <u>The following consultations were considered, and responses noted:</u></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Space Protection Order – Clerk has enquired about a PSPO for BVG to ban dogs from the playground. SLDC have provided necessary paperwork and a consultation period would be necessary with the community if the council was to proceed. SDLC however need to check if a leased area of land can have a PSPO. Clerk to ask David Hamer (BVG committee) for his advice on proceeding</li> <li>Windermere ferry ticket system- Clerk to reply on behalf of councillors saying that Colton PC support the proposal of re-introducing the purchase of tickets on board as well as the option to pay online ahead of travel.</li> <li>Exemption of Coniston Water Byelaw application – Cllr Milburn to consider and respond on behalf of the Council</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Milburn</p>
<p><b>175/17 Correspondence</b></p> <p>It was noted that a letter has been sent to Mr Casperd re Bell Wood, Lowick Bridge and overhanging trees</p> <p>It was noted that a letter had been received from Mr Oldham regarding the restoration of a bench at Oxen Park.</p>	
<p>Correspondence List</p> <p><b>CALC/NALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CALC newsletter- Dec &amp; Jan – item on audit 2017/18</li> </ul> <p><b>CCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification of review of lengthsmen contracts – Peter Hosking</li> <li>8 x Commons register notification – Not for Colton</li> <li>Confirmation of correction of entries 47 &amp; 48 in commons register</li> </ul> <p><b>SLDC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LiP grant funding notification – Closing date 22nd Jan 2018</li> <li>Remuneration panel report</li> <li>Amended LiP application form</li> <li>Agenda for next SLDC meeting – 19/12</li> <li>License applications (Greenodd &amp; Graythwaite) – For info</li> <li>Invitation to respond to SDLC Council constitution</li> <li>LAP newsletter</li> </ul> <p><b>LDNPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Decisions – Withdrawn application (Bandrake Head), Refused application, Land adjacent to Thwaite Bride House</li> <li>Planning Decisions – None for Colton</li> <li>Planning Decisions – None for Colton</li> <li>Planning Decisions – 2 approved and one refused</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of concern from G.Rigbye regarding Black Beck Caravan Park</li> <li>Letter of objection to planning application 7/2017/5761</li> <li>Letter of notification of consultation for speed record attempt – Peter Dredge</li> <li>Request to comment on Woodland Plan for Henry Wood, Bouth (12/1/18)</li> <li>South Cumbria Rivers Trust – Project officer job vacancy</li> <li>Request from Peter McCall to complete increased police funding survey</li> <li>Bethacar Moor Commoners request for decision from Dec mtg</li> <li>Department for transport roads consultation link</li> <li>Highways England notification of works Junc 36 M6</li> </ul>	
<p><b>176/17 Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on <u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018</u>, in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7pm.</p>	