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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 in Bouth Village Hall following the Annual Parish Open meeting at 7pm.

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

Also present: Cllr Brereton & 6 member of the public including David Hamer (Chairman Bouth Village Green & playground advisory committee) and Archie Workman (Parish Lengthsman)

	ACTION
<p>001/18 Election of Chair for Council Year 2018/19 Cllr Brown proposed Cllr Dean as Chairman, Cllr Milburn seconded. Cllr Ken Dean was elected Chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office</p>	
<p>002/18 Appointment of Vice-Chair for Council Year 2018/19 Cllr Hoyle proposed but not present; will be ratified at June meeting</p>	
<p>003/18 Apologies Apologies from Cllr Watson (holiday) and Cllr Hoyle (holiday) were approved.</p>	
<p>004/18 Minutes of Last Meetings It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 26th March 2018</u> as a true record.</p>	
<p>005/18 Declarations of Interest None</p>	
<p>006/18 Requests for Dispensations None</p>	
<p>007/18 Register of Members' Interests Cllr Baxter confirmed changes were needed, form issued to be returned to SLDC. All other Councillors confirmed no change in Declaration of Interest.</p>	Cllr Baxter
<p>008/18 Public Participation PCSO Harris was unable to attend and no report was provided Member of the public to speak on planning application at agenda item</p>	
<p>009/18 Appointment of Representatives to Working Groups and Outside Bodies for 2018/19 It was resolved to make no changes to the working groups</p>	
<p>010/18 Highways and Lengthsman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An annual report was received (to be added to website) from the Lengthsman (available on the website) summarised as; 187 drains cleaned out across the parish including the whole length of Bessy Bank road when a new road surface covered the drains with tar. 91 drains marked on maps for CCC, many drain covers found upside down. Several culverts cleaned out and new ones added to annual inspection list. There was a write up in The Guardian following Storm Orphelia damage. Rocks removed from carriageway and 3 sacks of rubbish collected near Bouth. Hay bridge road sign restored and filming for a short documentary about a parish Lengthsman. Current works – Rusland triangle verge to cut back and Give Way sign to re-erect. Oxen Park drain to dig out. Strimming; Oxen Park, Bouth, Finsthwaite & Crossland. Bridges to weed; Newby Bridge and Penny Bridge. • Rusland triangle drainage improvements – Verges have been scraped and debris removed. One section still remains which Lengthsman will do. • Top 5 highway issues – As yellow lines at Bouth are completed councillors discussed replacement. List now is; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collapse/erosion of passing places along Ashes Beck between Roger Ridding & Thwaite Head (added 14/5/18) 2. Spark Bridge and the need for traffic calming measures 3. Signage of narrow lanes (e.g. Unsuitable for HGV's, Narrow Lanes) e.g. Tollbar to Tottlebank 	Clerk

<p>4. Dip in the road leading to flooding – Top of Ealinghearth towards Newby Bridge 5. Uneven road surface (unknown raised areas in road), Bessy Bank road</p> <p>Cllr Brereton suggested working with Conserving Coniston & Crake partnership to help with a solution to road collapse along Ashes Beck. Cllr Jarvis to send Cllr Brereton photos and exact location. Clerk to contact C&C Partnership to see if they can help where watercourses are impacting on highway conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road sweeper has been in some areas of the parish • New signage at Bouth – Cllr Dean reported that the signs aimed at cyclists were provided by the WI. • Cllr Brereton informed the council that the Tour de Britain route would be coming along the Parish boundary and that there was an ask of local residents to organise something to help celebrate this. Contact at CCC is Carol Last. • Cllr Milburn reported that the trees at Bell Wood have now been cut back. 	<p>Cllr Jarvis Clerk</p>
<p>011/18 Comments from District and County Councillors</p> <p>Councillor Brereton (CCC & SLDC) – Unsure how District councillors will divide the parishes, awaiting initial training. Clerk read out letter from Cllr Coward introducing herself as she was unable to attend the meeting, she will endeavour to attend meetings where possible and has been updated on current council issues.</p> <p>CCC – Update on delay obtaining SID data, suggestion that CCC order speed watch measuring through V. Upton. Cllr Brereton to push for this to happen. Possibility of a speed action group could have access to speed gun for their use. Clerk to ask Lowick PC if they have such a group.</p> <p>Issues in Spark Bridge not being helped by the water run off from the pole that OpenReach positioned in a drain. Cllr Brown to chase OpenReach on resolving this as needs to be done before any speed calming actions can happen. Parking by The Swan at Newby Bridge is still something Cllr Brereton will help to tackle. Suggests residents take photos of specific issue to help with course of action. Clerk to email resident that identified the issue.</p> <p>Member of the public asked Cllr Brereton a question regarding funding from both CCC and SLDC; Highways fund and Community Grant Fund available from CCC, Locally Important Projects (LiP) fund from SLDC.</p>	<p>Cllr Brereton Clerk Cllr Brown Clerk</p>
<p>012/18 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spark Bridge – Update given earlier in meeting • Risk Assessment and inspection of phone boxes – Cllr Hoyle completed the Oxen Park one, with no immediate concerns. Cllr Milburn to complete for Nibthwaite • Cllr vacancies – Member of public attended meeting as a possible introduction to being an East Ward councillor. Cllr Hoyle to have follow up chat • GDPR – Awaiting news from CALC on the possible amendment to the regulations that will mean parish councils do not need a DPO. No further action needed in appointing one until confirmed. 	<p>Cllr Hoyle</p>
<p>013/18 Bouth Village Green & Playground</p> <p>Mr David Hamer presented the Bouth Village Green Advisory Committees Annual Report to the Council. A summary of this follows; 2 work parties have taken place. Grass had been cut by volunteers on a rota basis. Maintenance done on stone wall to secure coping stones. Stone bins converted to flower beds. Bins now being emptied locally rather than through SLDC refuse collection Areas of the safety matting edged with tarmac to reduce trip hazard. RoSPA inspection identified some wear on chain links, this will be monitored. Monthly inspections continuing. No accidents reported. Thanks to all those who have helped and contributed.</p>	
<p>014/18 Community Action Plan update</p> <p>Deferred until June meeting as not enough time to allow discussion. Cllr Dean to provide update on Housing at next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Dean</p>
<p>015/18 Litter</p> <p>Cllr Brown reported that given the areas of the Parish that need litter picking it would be better to have bags, pickers and hi-vis waistcoats available to borrow on an ad hoc basis rather than organising large numbers of people to undertake a pick on a set day. It was suggested that people picking litter log the type of litter (or take photos) to see if there are any trends. Councillors agreed that a working group should be formed. Cllr Brown and Cllr Jarvis to organise. Clerk to contact resident to see if they wish to be involved.</p> <p>Specific issue on High Dam. Cllr Baxter to contact LDNPA to see if a ranger can do a visit and assess.</p>	<p>Cllr Brown & Jarvis Clerk Cllr Baxter</p>

<p>016/18 Accounts</p> <p><u>The Bank reconciliation for year end FY17/18</u> was approved</p> <p><u>The following payments were noted:</u></p> <p>000925 – A.Workman – March Lengthsman Hours £126</p> <p>000926 – Cumbria County Council – Defib signs for Oxen Park £56.40</p> <p>000927 – CALC Annual subscription £225.00</p> <p>000928 – DM Payroll Services Ltd – PAYE 18-19 £68.00</p> <p>000929 – A.Workman – Lengthsman hours April £126</p> <p><u>The increase in Clerk hourly rate was noted</u> in line with National Joint Council for Local Government Services Spinal Column Point 20 - £10.30/hr</p> <p><u>The over payment was noted</u> that had been made to the Clerk in error by the Payroll contractor</p>	
<p>017/18 Standing Orders</p> <p>The latest addition of Standing Orders from NALC were noted – specific reference was made to email agendas now being acceptable, however Councillor wish to still receive paper copies. Clerk to look at Colton standing orders and incorporate new model standing orders from NALC</p>	Clerk
<p>018/18 Planning</p> <p><u>The following planning applications were discussed:</u></p> <p>7/2018/5245 – Front extension and garage, The Manse, Greenodd. A member of the public spoke in objection due to traffic management issues. A proposal was made to give a NEUTRAL response to the application, all in favour, with a note added to the planners expressing concern over access and traffic management and a concern over the impact of use of the right of way.</p> <p>7/2018/5238 – Single storey extension and ramp, Millstream Cottage, Lakeside. A proposal was made to SUPPORT the application, all were in favour</p> <p><u>The following planning permissions granted were noted:</u></p> <p>7/2018/5037 – Roof structure over farmyard store, Nibthwaite Grange Farm (Colton PC Supported)</p> <p>7/2018/5039 – EE installations, Hulleter Little Pastures, Oxen Park (NOI approved)</p> <p>7/2018/5067- First Floor level extension, Birch How, Lakeside (Colton PC Neutral)</p> <p>7/2018/5141 – Forest Track, Rigg Wood, North of High Nibthwaite (Notice of Intention)</p> <p>7/2017/5749 – Boathouse and living accommodation adjacent to Kid Haw Island, Newby Bridge (Colton PC Objected)</p> <p><u>The following planning submission by the clerk were noted</u></p> <p>7/2018/5179 – Utility, balcony, sliding roof and log store, Snows Cottage, Greenodd NEUTRAL</p> <p>7/2017/5749 – Development on land, river Leven adjacent to Kid Haw Island, Newby Bridge OBJECTION</p> <p><u>It was noted that</u> the Planning training offered by CALC was not specific to the LDNPA planning. It was resolved to wait until more specific training is available.</p>	
<p>019/18 Meetings</p> <p><u>The following reports were received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive reports from meetings attended as follows: • South Cumbria Squirrel Management Forum: 27 April 2018 – Cllr Jarvis. There are increased sightings of Red Squirrels, discussion on introducing Polecats and how this may increase numbers further. • What can we do with World Heritage Status; ACTion event, Fri 11th May – Cllr Jarvis. A view collecting meeting. The general opinion of attendees was that there is poor understanding of what being a World Heritage Site actually means. More understanding needed before decisions can be made • Meet the planners, 24th April – Cllr Jarvis. A meeting to help prepare councillors for the launch of the consultation on LDNPA Local Plan. In summary the Local Plan is hoping to increase numbers of visitors across the whole lakes, not just honey pot sites, increase social housing and encourage home working so as to keep economy in the area. <p><u>The following upcoming meetings were noted</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Working Group – 21st May – Cllr Dean, Cllr Jarvis, Clerk • CALC District Association Meeting – 14th June, 7pm, Kendal Town Hall – Cllr Dean 	
<p>020/18 Consultations</p> <p><u>It was noted that there were no consultations to respond to</u></p>	
<p>021/18 Correspondence</p> <p><u>The following correspondence was brought to councillor’s attention</u></p> <p>WF Wilkin – Letter sent LDNPA to ask for confirmation of planning for a coal merchant is Bouth. Letter sent to WF Wilkin to notify them of this.</p>	

Longbow Forestry – Letter sent regarding felling work near Ealinghearth following concerns from a resident. Longbow Forestry confirmed site specific questions.

Correspondence List

CALC/NALC

- Governance and accountability update
- Snow survey
- Consultation for unauthorised developments

CCC

- 10 x Commons Notice – None for Colton

SLDC

- Notice of District Elections – for display in Parish
- License notices – None for Colton
- Agenda link for meeting 28/03/18
- Reminder of Notice for Elections
- Candidates confirmed for local election
- Link to Standards committee agenda
- Press release re Extra litter picking along A590
- Cyber awareness training

LDNPA

- Planning decisions – 7/2018/5037 Approved
- Meet the planners workshops – Local Plan info
- Planning decisions – None for Colton
- Planning decisions – None for Colton
- Planning decisions – 7/2018/5039 NOI approved
- Planning decision – 7/2018/5067 Approved
- Planning decisions – None for Colton
- Development Control Committee meeting notice 7/2017/5749
- Correspondence sent to LDNPA planners regarding WF Wilkin

Other Correspondence

- Invite from ACTion to “keeping safe in emergency” event
- Residents support of objection to planning application 7/2017/5749
- Cumbria CVS newsletter
- ACTion invite to world heritage status discussion
- Lakeland Trails – event notification
- ACTion – World Heritage Status meeting
- Letter from resident re tree felling near Ealinghearth
- Letter sent to Longbow Forestry re felling near Ealinghearth
- Letter sent to Forestry Commission re felling near Ealinghearth
- Reply received from Longbow Forestry
- Reply from Forestry Commission – Woodland Plan
- Amended payslips due to error by D Malley & various correspondence
- Letter from resident concerning increasing litter in the parish
- Fell Foot press launch invitation
- Letter sent to WF Wilkin

022/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council Meeting on Monday 11th June 2018 in Bouth Village Hall, starting at 7pm.

A change of date was noted Meeting in July to move from Monday 23rd July to Monday 16th July