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

**Members Present:** Cllr Hoyle (chairman for this meeting) Cllr Milburn, Cllr Watson Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Brown, Cllr Baxter, K. Birch (Clerk),

**Also present:** PCSO Roberts, Cllr Brereton CCC/SLDC, M.Postle (Broadband champion), one member if the public attended the chairman's surgery

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>074/18 Apologies</b>            Cllr Dean (holiday) Cllr Coward SLDC (meeting)</p>	
<p><b>075/18 Minutes of Last Meetings</b>            It was resolved that the Vice-Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018</u> as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>076/18 Declarations of Interest</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>077/18 Requests for Dispensations</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>078/18 Public Participation</b>            A police report was given by PCSO Roberts as follows;  <i>There were 4 calls for service during the period 17th September 2018 – 15th October 2018. These break down as follows:</i>            1 Suspicious vehicle            1 Theft of Outboard Motor - Coniston            1 Domestic incident resulting in 2 arrests            1 OPL (over prescribed limit) arrested and pending enquiries.            PCSO Roberts confirmed that she is now Colton's local PCSO and that all issues can be raised through her as she will pass on as appropriate.</p>	
<p><b>079/18 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed action group – PCSO confirmed that she is waiting for clarification from her Inspector as to how the speed monitor devices can be lent out and used as there are changes in process.</li> <li>• Kirkby Moor Wind Farm – Witness statement needs to be composed, examples provided by KMP, volunteer needed to write this. Cllr Dean offered to look at the sample letters and draft an appropriate response.</li> <li>• ACV applications submitted – Glass Knott Wood and Yewbarrow Woods submitted awaiting confirmation of acceptance. Cllr Hoyle plans to submit the remaining woodlands of concern over the next few weeks</li> </ul> <p>LDNPA Local Districts Communities Fund – This has been applied for for the replacement of Lakeside noticeboard. Awaiting confirmation of success of application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadband update – provided by M.Postle later in the meeting</li> </ul>	<b>Cllr Dean</b>
<p><b>080/18 Comments from District and County Councillors</b></p> <p>Report provided by Cllr Coward was read out. This included noting that SLDC had provided good updates during the recent storm. The upgrading of leisure facilities at Ulverston and the customer connect programme which allows SLDC services to be accessed on line.</p> <p>Cllr Brereton gave an update including;</p> <p>Parking at Swan Hotel is being looked into. Cllr Willis has helped set up a speed action group in Spark Bridge. Speed action group could look at getting signage as well as borrowing a speed gun from Ulverston police station. Would like to arrange walk about wit V.Upton CCC to look at highway's issues.</p>	
<p><b>081/18 Broadband update</b>            M.Postle (Broadband Champion)            93% of Cumbria can now get Superfast broadband and 95% have &gt;10mb. Connecting Cumbria contract is well under way and general message is if it is not happening now it won't be for a while. Blawith could be connected soon which will help Nibthwaite. Connecting Cumbria has</p>	

<p>£3.9m but nothing is likely to happen with this until 2020 as the government has stated all properties should have fibre to property rather than fibre to cabinet and then copper to property. Fibre to property is a more expensive option that the £3.9m won't cover. Most of Colton PC can now get fibre either to the property or to a cabinet. Two remain spots are parts of Colton Hamlet and the area to the North of the parish on the Satterthwaite exchange. Community Fibre Partnership Scheme (CFPS) is now our best hope. If your internet speed is &lt; 2mbs a voucher of up to £350 can be applied for through Better Broadband <a href="https://www.gov.uk/business-finance-support/better-broadband-subsidy-scheme-uk">https://www.gov.uk/business-finance-support/better-broadband-subsidy-scheme-uk</a> Another alternative is using 4G and buying a router that uses mobile data to provide home internet.</p>	
<p><b>082/18 Community Plan review</b></p> <p>Cllr Hoyle updated on Health &amp; Well-being portfolio. Village halls have been asked for feedback on what their main issues are. Council has given grants to several village halls this year. ACV are being applied for to protect specific areas of the parish for community use and enjoyment. Council are communicating with the community well by noticeboards, website, Colton Link, email, etc. Funding is being sourced to replace the noticeboard at Lakeside.</p>	
<p><b>083/18 New Councillor and Chairman/Vice-chair review</b></p> <p>Cllrs all agreed that a self-evaluation of the council was an appropriate process. A discussion was had on planning applications and how to best prepare for the decision-making process. Clerk to contact Planning and invite to meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>084/18 Litter</b></p> <p>The response to the Colton Link email showed that more of the community was interested in an organised litter pick than in an adopt a road scheme. Cllr Brown therefore proposed that there should be an organised litter pick but that it should be held off until the spring. All were in agreement. Cllr brown to email SLDC to find out about borrowing equipment.</p>	<p>Cllr Brown</p>
<p><b>085/18 Planning</b></p> <p><u>The following planning applications were discussed:</u></p> <p>7/2018/5257 – Replacement windows &amp; roof, single storey extension, Town End, Nibthwaite NEUTRAL</p> <p>7/2018/5569 – Conversion of 2 barns with link construction to form a new dwelling. Fall Stile Farm, Bouth NEUTRAL</p> <p><u>The following planning applications decisions were noted:</u></p> <p>7/2018/5423 – Single storey extension, Approved with conditions, Windy Hall, Rusland (Colton PC SUPPORT)</p> <p>7/2018/5489 – Forest building, refused under NOI procedure, Stott Park Heights, Newby Bridge</p>	
<p><b>086/18 Highways and Lengthsman</b></p> <p><u>An update on the Highways portfolio</u> was received from Cllr Brown.</p> <p>The Lengthsman has driven around a lot of the parish after the recent storm and heavy rain checking that the roads were clear. Most were, and this is thanks to Archie's hard work over the recent months ensuring that all drains are free of detritus. There was a blockage at the rear of Rusland Hall and for this the gully sucker needs to be requested. There is a frustration over the lack of action from CCC on the councils top 5 highways issues all of which have been logged sometime ago and chased on numerous occasions.</p> <p><u>Grit bin status</u> – Cllr Hoyle to assign individual bins to relevant councillors and circulate the list</p>	<p>Cllr Brown</p> <p>Cllr Hoyle</p>
<p><b>087/18 Finance &amp; Accounts</b></p> <p><u>The following payments were noted:</u></p> <p>000942 – A Workman Sep hours <b>£242.00</b></p> <p>000943 – K Birch Q2 wages <b>£1339.00</b></p> <p>000944 – Kirkby Moor Protectors donation <b>£100.00</b></p> <p>000945 – cancelled</p> <p>000946 – Finsthwaite village hall, community grant <b>£500.00</b></p> <p>000947 – Rusland WI, community grant <b>£264.00</b></p> <p>000948 – Bouth village hall, community grant <b>£151.00</b></p> <p>000949 – Tottlebank Chapel, community grant <b>£400.00</b></p> <p>000950 – CALC, 2 x Cllrs attending planning training course <b>£76.00</b></p> <p><u>The following payments were approved:</u></p> <p>000951 – Sue Dean, Bouth Village Green petty cash reimbursement <b>£200</b></p> <p>000952 – Royal British Legion, Poppy Wreath <b>£17</b></p>	

<p><b>088/18 Meetings</b></p> <p><u>Reports from meetings attended were received as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – District Meeting – 20th September, Cllr Dean not present to report</li> <li>• Lake District Parish Forum – 10th October, Cllr Jarvis. Discussed local housing, the concept of visitor travel not to be increased beyond 2040. A review of government landscapes and the Dark Sky Initiative with associated Light management plans.</li> </ul> <p><u>The following forthcoming meetings were noted:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Coniston Water Association – Cllr Milburn</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – SC Squirrel Management – Cllr Jarvis</li> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – SL District Association – Cllr Dean</li> </ul>	
<p><b>089/18 Correspondence</b></p> <p><u>The attached correspondence list was noted, and no questions were asked.</u></p> <p>A letter from Great North Air Ambulance was read out. Cllr's requested to add Council donations as an item to next agenda.</p> <p><b>CALC/NALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoice x 2 for Planning course</li> </ul> <p><b>CCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x Commons notification – Not for Colton</li> </ul> <p><b>LDNPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning decisions – None for Colton</li> <li>• Letter sent to David McGowan re planning application responses</li> <li>• Planning application notice – Fall Stile Farm, Bouth</li> <li>• Planning application notice – Town end Nibthwaite</li> <li>• Letter received from David McGowan re planning processes</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC Squirrel management forum – invite for 9/11/18</li> <li>• Keswick to Barrow walk road closures for May 19</li> <li>• Information from KMP on R6 support, payment and paperwork</li> <li>• Great North Air Ambulance – request for donation</li> <li>• British Legion – Order for wreath</li> <li>• Several declines from possible people to make noticeboards</li> </ul>	
<p><b>090/18 Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council Meeting on <u>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018</u> in Rusland Reading Rooms starting at 7pm.</p>	