

**Colton Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Rusland Reading Room**

Cllr K Dean (Chair), Cllr Hoyle (Vice Chair), Cllr Baxter, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Brown, Cllr S Pender(Clerk)

Minute no	Action Point	Person
25/19	<b>Apologies resolved</b> - to accept apologies from Cllr Milburn, Cllr Watson, Cllr Brereton, Cllr Hall and Cllr Coward	
26/19	<b>Minutes of the February 2019 Meeting of the Colton Parish Resolved</b> – that the minutes presented be accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair	
27/19	<b>Declarations of interest</b> - none received	
28/19	<b>Requests for Dispensations</b> – none received	
29/19	<p><b>1. Public Participation</b></p> <p>i)Community Participation: <b>resolved</b>, the following information was accepted:</p> <p><b>Rusland Horizons Phase 2:</b> A verbal report was received from Rick Emslie on the plans to carry forward work started by the Rusland Horizons project, on a smaller and hopefully sustainable level, embedded in the community. The group were also hoping to secure funding for apprenticeships. For more information contact <a href="mailto:rick@emsleanalytics.co.uk">rick@emsleanalytics.co.uk</a> .</p> <p><b>Parish Lengthsman:</b> David Archibald thanked the Parish Lengthsman for the work undertaken on the bend behind Rusland Hall and noted that the flooding is significantly improved.</p> <p><b>Highways:</b>The issue of traffic and road safety on Fearing Brow was raised and it was suggested this should be “one way”. Action agreed that the Clerk would continue to follow this up, with the support of Cllr M Brereton.</p> <p>There was an update on the Community Broadband project by Mike Postle, given by Cllr Hoyle. It was noted that very good progress has been made with access to broadband and it was noted that 79% of the community had access now. For more information please contact <a href="mailto:mjpostle@dsl.pipex.com">mjpostle@dsl.pipex.com</a>.</p> <p>A number of planning concerns were also raised and the Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii) District Council update (none received) iii) County Council update(none received) iv) Police report (none received)</p>	SP/MB

30/19	<p><b>Mobile signals in the Parish:</b></p> <p>Two issues were discussed, firstly the Crake Valley where concerns have been raised by members of the Parish who are experiencing poor signals. This apparently is due to Vodafone’s plans to de-commission the Lowick Common mast and the implementation of a temporary solution.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Vodaphone expressing concerns about the impact of the loss of signal on vulnerable people on the Parish, on businesses and generally on people’s ability to work and live in the Valley.</p> <p>Secondly the issue of the EE Mast at Hulleter was discussed, planning permission was approved for this in 2016 however, this does not appear to be functioning yet, although residents and the local emergency services require the service as a matter of urgency.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to EE in relation to commissioning the mast.</p>	SP
31/19	<p><b>Community Plan update:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllrs have reviewed their sections of the plan and agreed all the themes were still relevant. The management of visitors to the Parish, as a result of Word Heritage Status was felt to be a possible new theme. It was agreed that the next step was for leads to review their sections and send any update to Cllr Hoyle.</p> <p>It was then agreed that community consultation would take place, either in the form of “join the conversation” or a survey, or both. These could be communicated through the Colton Link. An action plan, including proposed timescales would be brought back to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask for minutes of a recent community engagement event by ACT Cumbria in Gosforth.</p>	ALL  DH/FB  SP
32/19	<p><b>Playground update:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> It was noted that working with the Bouth Village Green Committee the Parish Council is looking to make some safety improvements to the playground this summer. The Village Green Committee has requested for some quotes for the work to be undertaken and have been exploring grant funding opportunities. Once the scope of the improvements were agreed, it was agreed there would be some community consultation to decide on the solution.</p> <p>It was also noted the monthly playground reports are not being received by the Clerk. Cllr Brown agreed to follow this up. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it has ultimate responsibility for the management of the playground, including all the associated HSE legislation and the implications of a serious safety event. Due diligence in completing regularly safety checks and the recording of this are important.</p>	MB/KC  MB

	<p><b>Great British Spring Clean:</b>  <b>Resolved:</b> The Parish Council will be joining this national campaign organised by the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. It will be running a pilot litter pick on Friday 26th April starting at Bouth Village Hall at 10.30. The Parish will provide litter pick tools, gloves and reflective vests and arrange for the disposal of the litter collected.</p> <p>DH to put out a message on the Colton Link and SP to do Posters  It was agreed that 8 additional litter pickers and high vis coats should be purchased.</p>	<p>MB/KJ</p> <p>DH/SP</p> <p>SP</p>
33/19	<p><b>Colton Parish Council Equality and Diversity Policy</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that the policy meet the requirements of the Equality Act and is approved by the Parish Council</p>	<p>SP</p>
34/19	<p><b>LDNPA Plan Update:</b>  It was agreed that a hard copy of the Response to the Consultation be requested and that comments be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. It was particularly noted the emphasis on tourism and lack of attention to traditional industries such as farming. No mention of farming until page 90 and then only in relation to farm diversification</p>	<p>SP</p>
35/19	<p><b>Planning</b> – the follow applications were <b>reviewed</b> and it was <b>resolved:</b>  <b>7/2019/5095 at Pine Wood, Low Stott Park, Ulverston, LA12 8AX</b> – the view of the parish is that we do not support this application.</p> <p>It was felt that this is not ancillary accommodation to the existing holiday let Pine Wood, it is a large independent dwelling situated a considerable distance from the holiday let.</p> <p>It was noted that there are land ownership, access permission and parking issues . It does not meet the aims of Policy CS09 and CS26 as its scale and design is inconsistent to the small group of dwellings in which it sits  It does not meet the aims of policy CS09 and CS26 as the design of the garage and window style is inconsistent with the appearance and character of Pinewood and at odds with its function as ancillary accommodation  It was felt to be not consistent with policy CS22a or in keeping with the aspirations of Colton Community Plan section 4 Housing</p> <p><b>7/2019/5118 at Mill Gate, Greenodd, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 8HZ</b>  The Parish Council supports this application. It is noted that the application includes a garage.Application 7/2011/5140 approved a detached garage with home office at first level,boiler room,and store for biomass boiler at this property. A condition (number 6) was placed on this approval and our support is subject to this condition continuing to be linked between the Mill Gate House and the detached newly developed garage.</p>	<p>SP</p>

	<p><b>T/2019/0021 Bucks Yeats Lodge Park, Lakeside, Newby Bridge, Cumbria (Tree preservation)</b></p> <p>The Parish Council do not support this request due to the impact on the character of the woodland and the loss of screening provided by the trees. It was noted that a similar request was previously refused T/2017/0108</p> <p><b>7/2019/5111 Millstream Cottage, Lakeside, Ulverston LA128AU</b></p> <p>The view of the Parish Council was neutral.</p>	
36/19	<p><b>Parish Website Improvements:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> It was noted that a grant application has been submitted to CCC in respect of improving the Parish Website.</p>	SP
37/19	<p><b>Highways and Lengthsman – the following was resolved:</b></p> <p>That Archie Workman be thanked for all his hard work during the recent wet period.</p>	MB/AW
38/19	<p><b>Finance and Accounts – resolved</b> the following payments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Lengthman £300</li> <li>• Clerk expenses £83.70</li> <li>• Cllr Brown reimbursement £59.71 for litter picking equipment</li> </ul> <p><b>Also resolved:</b></p> <p>To note grant received £100 from Cllr Coward for litter picking equipment and note grant offered from Cllr Hall re playground £100</p> <p>It was noted that retired accountant Ray Harrison has agreed to act as internal auditor for the Parish.</p>	
39/19	<p><b>Correspondence and Consultation:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> the update be accepted for information</p> <p>Future Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change Meeting in Lancaster on 29.3.19 (FB)</li> <li>• World Heritage Status Question Time Debate Keswick (KJ)</li> <li>• Red Squirrels Meeting (KJ)</li> </ul> <p>Correspondance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crake Valley Mobile Signal -circulated 10.3.19</li> <li>• Fearing Brow – circulated through February</li> <li>• CALC – Councillor and Clerk training 10.3.19</li> <li>• Community Governance Review – note Clerk to respond to no changes required to the Parish Boundary.</li> </ul>	SP
40/19	<p><b>Next Meeting - resolved</b> the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Bouth Village Hall, starting at 7pm that the (Chair’s surgery from 6.30pm)</p>	