

Colton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 at Bouth Village Hall

Attending: Cllr K Dean (Chair), Cllr Hoyle (Vice Chair), Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Brown, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Brereton, S Pender(Clerk), the Parish Lengthsman, David Harmer and various members of the public.

Minute no	Action Point	Person
41/19	Election of Chair and Vice Chair Resolved: That Cllr K Dean be elected as Chair of Colton Parish Council and Cllr D Hoyle be elected as Vice Chair	
42/19	Apologies resolved - to accept apologies from Cllr Watson, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Hall and Cllr Coward. It was also noted that Cllr Watson has resigned due to other commitments. Resolved :The Council expressed thanks for Cllr Watson’s long service to the Parish and wished him well in the future. It was agreed the Parish Council should actively seek to fill its vacancies and it was felt this would best be achieved by talking to interested individuals in the Parish.	
43/19	Minutes of the May 2019 Meeting of the Colton Parish Resolved – that the minutes presented be accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair	
44/19	Declarations of interest – Resolved - Cllr M Brown declared an interest in the Ruslands Horizon’s application due to being an active participant in the group.	
	Requests for Dispensations – none received	
45/19	1. Public Participation - resolved to accept the following: i)Community participation (nothing brought forward) ii) District Council update (none received) iii) County Council update Cllr Brereton discussed the issue of the Totterbank cut through from the A590 to the A5092 and the condition of the road and the safety related issues in particular speeding through Spark Bridge. It was agreed that the Parish and Cllr Brereton would send a joint letter to the highways agency regarding this road, that was used as a resilience and cut through from the A590. Cllr Brereton also agreed to follow up on the issues of parking at Lakeside. iv) Police report There were 10 calls for service during the period 11th Feb – 10th May 2019. These break down as follows: 1 incident of Highway Disruption – sheep on the road at Lakeside. 2 damage only RTC’s 2 suspicious incidents – one vehicle and another at a hotel. 2 road related incidents 1 crime of theft – farming equipment 1 incident of possible ASB – youths at Colton Church – no trace	MB/SP/MB

	1 reported wildlife incident – no trace.	
46/19	<p>Mobile signals in the Parish:</p> <p>It was noted that the Vodaphone signal in the Crake Valley had been restored. Secondly the issue of the EE Mast at Hulleter was discussed and the negative response from EE regarding there being no plans to switch it on, despite it being required both by the community and for the provision of emergency services in the valley. Cllr Hoyle noted he had written to Tim Farron MP on the issue. (Since the meeting Cllr Hoyle has received confirmation that the mast will be switched on in the near future).</p> <p>It was also noted that Ickenthaite was believed to be getting Fibre Broadband.</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed Cllr Hoyle would speak to Mike Postle about this. (Subsequently noted that 8 properties at Whitestock that have been connected up. There are no intentions at present to extend it to Ickenthaite)</p>	DHo
47/19	<p>Grant for Website Improvements:</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed that the grant application made to CCC should be followed up now it was the new financial year</p>	SP
48/19	<p>Community Plan update:</p> <p>Resolved: Cllrs agreed to review their sections of the plan and with Cllr Hoyle.</p>	ALL
48/19	<p>Playground update from David Harmer:</p> <p>On behalf of the Village Green Committee David Harmer informed the Council the annual ROSPA report indicated some work was required on the Burma bridge and swing seats in the near future. Quotes had been sought and he had negotiated a reduced price of £606 plus VAT.</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed that 50% of these costs would be funded by the Parish Council. The Parish Council thanked David Harmer for all his hard work in support of the Playground.</p> <p>It was also noted the monthly playground reports are not being received by the Clerk.</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed to develop a simple template for the playground monthly reports in the future.</p>	DHa SP
50/19	<p>Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p>i) Archie Workman gave a summary of the Lengthsman work he has been undertaking in the Parish, including clearing drains, strimming and clearing vegetation from bridges. The Parish Council expressed their thanks for all the hard work of the Parish Lengthsman.</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed that Archie would circulate the current strimming list for all Parish Councillor to review. Also agreed that he should purchase</p>	

	<p>some long length loppers for cutting back vegetation near bridges and that the Parish would refund the costs.</p> <p>ii) Update on Fearing Brow: Resolved: that this should be followed up with the County Council</p> <p>iii) Japanese Knotweed issue near Snows: Resolved: That Achie Workman would try to ascertain who the landowner was and would contact them in relation to the issue.</p> <p>iv) Overspill roadside parking problems at Old Hall Farm: Resolved: That the Parish clerk should write to Old Hall Farm regarding the parking issue and ask for their assistance in resolving this.</p> <p>v) Litter-picking feedback Resolved: It was agreed that this was a success and would be repeated in the future. Around 20 bags of litter were collected from across the Parish.</p>	
51/19	<p>Planning: i) 7/2019/5281 Lakeside YMCA, National Centre, Lakeside, Ulverston, LA12 8BD Resolved: a neutral view of this application was agreed.</p> <p>ii) informal consultation Mount Etna in Low Nibthwaite – the Parish Council agreed that although there were no obvious reasons for concern, no formal comments could be made until a planning application was received.</p> <p>iii) Recent enforcement enquiries, these were discussed in broad terms, although a specific reference was made to Crossland Barn so Cllr Jarvis declared an interest. Resolved: It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to the Planning Authority at LDNPA asking for a meeting in relation to enforcement activity and keeping the Parish better informed.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reminded Councillors of the need to declare an interest in planning applications and issues for land that was adjacent or opposite to the land that they have cited in their Declaration of Interest Forms submitted to SLDC. The closer a Member lives to the site, the greater the impact of any prospective development on their property, the greater the chance is that they would have a prejudicial interest which would require them to declare an interest and to withdraw from the meeting. If the parish councillors fail to declare a pecuniary interest, then this is a legal matter under the Localism Act 2011.</p>	SP
52/19	<p>LDNPA Plan Update:</p> <p>It was agreed that the original response to the initial consultation should be re-submitted to the LDNPA with a note saying that the Parish felt that the views expressed in the original consultation response had not been fully addressed and were still valid in this final version.</p>	KJ

	<p>Cllr Jarvis also wanted to request a further understanding on how visitor numbers to the Lake District are calculated.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Parish Council should re-submit the original response to the consultation</p>	
53/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – resolved the following payments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Lengthman £60 • Clerk expenses £42 • Internal Auditor £45 • £1000 contribution towards Rusland Horizons Project, following receipt of their application to the Parish, as the project delivers a number of Colton Community Plan objectives. 	
54/19	<p>Meetings, Correspondence and Consultation:</p> <p>Resolved the updates be accepted for information:</p> <p>Meetings attended: World Heritage Status Question Time Debate Keswick was attended by Cllr Jarvis, who fed back to the meeting that there was limited debate and challenge to the LDNPA.</p> <p>Future Meetings: not discussed due to time limitations</p> <p>Consultations responded to by the Parish:</p> <p>Brathay Marathon Road Closures 19th May, C5022 Near Satterthwaite 3rd May</p> <p>Correspondance: all circulated by email including: Notice of Election May 2019, Litter-picking arrangements</p>	
55/19	<p>Next Meeting - resolved the next meeting to be held on Monday 10th June 2019 in Colton Church Hall, starting at 7pm that the (Chair’s Surgery from 6.30pm)</p>	