

Colton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019 at Finsthwaite Village Hall

Cllr K Dean (Chair), Cllr Hoyle (Vice Chair), Cllr Milburn, Cllr Watson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Hall, Cllr Coward, Cllr S Pender(Clerk)

Minute no	Action Point	Person
11/19	Apologies - resolved - to accept apologies from Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Brereton, Cllr Hall and Cllr Coward	
12/19	Minutes of the January 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	
13/19	Declarations of interest Resolved – The Clerk declared an interest in the tenders for the notice boards, due to her partner submitting a quote	
14/19	Requests for Dispensations Resolved – none received	
15/19	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>i) <i>Police report: not received</i></p> <p>ii) <i>Update from Cllr Matt Brereton by email:</i> <i>Thanks for the update; I can't make tonight's meeting unfortunately but please do let me know if Archie had any success with this issue or if I should pass it on to the steward's team.</i></p> <p><i>In other reports I am pleased to not the fixed leaking culvert on the way out of Spark Bridge but the area around the repair is quite messy; not sure if they have made a very professional job or not. All told the roads either side of Tottlebank need a good deal of gully cleansing and litter picking. I am particularly concerned about water on the highway on the other side of Tottlebank down to the A590, as well as fallen walls, broken fences and the usual litter, so will flag this to the steward's team and ask for urgent action. A couple of spots I note have developed potholes with the combination of water on the roads and the cold snap we've had and so this issue needs action. Also ice forming in patches there including this morning and it is only a matter of time before there's an accident.</i></p> <p><i>In other news there has been success in getting CCC to reinstate the Windermere Ferry Advisory Group. This has not yet been reconstituted but I will be ensuring it has full representation from local CCC members, parishes on either side of the lake, as well as the likes of the NT, LDNPA and other businesses. It is hoped it will be of use in advising the council on issues such as the ticket machines and mishandling of the situation post fire last year that have badly affected local businesses and commuters.</i></p> <p><i>Also I presented to the Kirkby Moor Windfarm extension planning inquiry as part of the Kirkby Moor Protectors group recently; we will find out in May what the final decision will be but I was very impressed by the coherence of</i></p>	

	<p><i>those speaking up against the extension and the arguments put in favour of the extension seemed spurious by comparison.</i></p> <p><i>I also note the issue of parking around Newby Bridge has arisen in some police and CCC emails today, so we will push for an update after last year's productive site meeting ahead of the tourist season getting back into full swing (Victoria Upton is now on maternity so will see if her interim cover is up to date on this matter). Is there likewise any update re the speeding action group being got up between yourselves and other parishes including Lowick please?! will hope to attend the next meeting; please update me by return of any issues arising or outstanding.</i></p> <p>It as also noted that a grant of £100 from their locality budgets had been granted to the Parish from Cllr Hall towards playground improvements and Cllr Coward towards litter picking equipment.</p> <p>Resolved – Updates accepted by the Parish Council. Cllr Brown to respond to M Brereton re his request for updated</p>	MB
16/19	<p>Community Plan update: Resolved: That a review of the community plan be undertaken and that a proposed way forward setting out the scope, consultation process and timeline be brought forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>All councillors to review community plan and give feedback on process, what to include, exclude at next meeting</p>	DH/FB ALL
17/19	<p>Planning – the follow applications were reviewed and it was resolved: 7/2019/5024 Fall Stall Farm, the view of the Parish Council was neutral. 7/2019/5054 Crossland House, Rusland, the view of the Parish Council was to support.</p>	SP
18/19	<p>Parish Website Improvements: The current website was discussed– the following was resolved:</p> <p>A discussion took place with regard to the security certificate being expired, the test site still live and the site being difficult to update. It as agreed that funding opportunities to improve the site should be explored, so that the current site could be transposed. It was agreed that quotes should be sort and a grant application made, then a further decision would be made.</p>	SP
19/19	<p>Notice Boards– the following was resolved: It was agreed that the quote should be accepted with regard to noticeboards for repairs to Finsthwaite and Rusland Cross noticeboards. This work could then be completed and the grant claimed from the Lake District National Park.</p>	SP
20/19	<p>Highways and Lengthsman – the following was resolved: That Archie Workman be thanked for all his hard work gritting and clearing drains during the recent cold spell. It was asked that Archie have a look at the drains at Rusland Hall, Hulleter (Sheepwash) and also at Nibthwaite. It was also agreed that a small pump could be purchased to assist the Parish Lengthsman in his work. Cllr Brown to ask Archie to get quotes for this It was agreed that the priority Highways issues should remain the same.</p>	MB/AW

21/19	<p>Litterpicking: the following was resolved: It was agreed a Parish litter collection should take place aligned to the Great Cumbrian Litter Pick the 26th and 27th April. More information to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	GJFB/MB
22/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – resolved the following payments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Lengthman £270 • Clerk expenses £83.70 • Clerk reimbursement for grit £27.74 • Tony Richards (Laptop Repair) £30 • Clerk’s Salary and PAYE arrangements <p>It as agreed that retired accountant Ray Harrison be approached to see if he would be willing to act as internal auditor for the Parish.</p>	SP
23/19	<p>Correspondence and Consultation: Resolved the update be accepted for information:</p> <p>Consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland Management plan for Miller's Wood Colton • Lakeland Orienteering Club • Epic Man Response – the Parish would ensure that signs are placed in the area 2 weeks before the event on the 2nd June. <p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirkby Moor Planning Inquiry -circulated 1.1.19 • Tottlebank Methodist Church – circulated 31.1.19 <p>Future Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Meeting in Lancaster on 29.3.19 	SP
<u>24/9</u>	<u>Resolved Clerk to approach Oxenpark Village Hall to see if 2 2019 meetings can be held there in place of ones at Bouth and Rusland Reading rooms</u>	<u>SP</u>
254/19	Next Meeting - resolved that the next Parish meeting be held on Monday 18 th March 2019 at Rusland Reading Room (Chair’s surgery from 6.30pm).	