

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT FINSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr K Dean (Chair), Cllr Baxter, Cllr Brown, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Wharton and J Hendry (Clerk).

Members of the public in attendance: V Champion, B Henson, B Jackson, J Taylor and P Winter.

Minute no	Action Point	Person
81/19	<b>Apologies</b> received from Cllr Brereton (post meeting note).	
82/19	<b>Minutes of the July 2019 Meeting of the Colton Parish Council</b> The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were signed as such by the Chair	
83/19	<b>Declarations of interest</b> – none received	
84/19	<b>Requests for dispensations</b> – none received	
85/19	<p><b>Public Participation - resolved to accept the following:</b></p> <p>a. Community participation: Letter received from J Henson referring to highways matters currently being dealt with, not requiring discussion at the meeting. No other requests were made by members of the public.</p> <p>b. District Council update from Cllr I Wharton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land in Bouth, known as the Smithy, might be considered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) and advice is being sought, discussed elsewhere in this meeting.</li> <li>• Ms A Bennett, a resident of Spark Bridge, wishes to become a Councillor and Cllr Dean agreed to contact her to provide more information.</li> <li>• Cllr Wharton attended a Cumbria Connected meeting called by John Woodcock MP relating to the joining up of transport infrastructure across South Cumbria. No specific outcomes reported.</li> </ul> <p>c. County Council update from Cllr Brereton: None received as Cllr Brereton was on holiday. Email update sent after the meeting to councillors.</p> <p>d. Police report - not received this month due to sickness of usual attendee, JH will request a written report in her absence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH</p>
86/19	<p><b>Update on issues and actions from the last meeting</b> (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda)</p> <p>a. Website update: Cllr Hoyle informed the attendees that he and JH would meet to progress the update of the website, with a likely completion date in December.</p> <p>b. Cllr Jarvis advised that there is group forming, holding weekly meetings in Water Yeat, to discuss “off-road” motorcycling and incidents on green lanes. Cllrs Jarvis agreed to keep the Council updated and Cllr Wharton also advised of a Rights of Way Committee meeting in December (8/12) to discuss the way forward</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DH/JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GJ</p>

	particularly in the case of commercial vehicles and access in other areas of the National Park.	
87/19	<p><b>Community Grant Application Process</b></p> <p>Cllr Dean outlined the process for small groups to obtain funding from the Parish Council budget set-aside for community grants. JH will establish a process similar to that followed in 2018, setting a deadline for applications.</p>	JH
88/19	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</p> <p>i) 7/2019/5435 at land adjacent to High Wood, Park Bridge, LA122 8BT. A brief presentation was given by the developer Peter Winter, in attendance with Brett Jackson, who invited questions from attendees.</p> <p><u>Key points of the presentation/discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW advised that the planning application submitted in 2018 was withdrawn, not refused, as LDNPA felt that the land could be better used. The plan was for 4 dwellings and the 2019 application was for up to 6 dwellings.</li> <li>• There is acceptance of the need for affordable and locally occupied properties though the main issue from a development perspective is one of the balance between the different schemes and the associated pricing of homes <i>versus</i> the viability of the scheme depending on the mix of affordable/locally occupied houses agreed on. The mix has not yet been finalised.</li> <li>• Other cost considerations, affecting the final house prices, include traffic calming measures required at the front of the site and drainage across the land, consultation for which is underway with the landowners.</li> <li>• PW advised that affordable housing schemes had evolved to become holiday lets in other areas of the National Park and the planners were keen to ensure that this would not happen in future schemes.</li> <li>• Much of the discussion centred around issues with increased traffic volume, lack of pavement alongside the road, speed of traffic and access on/off the site by contractors and potential future house owners. PW advised that increased expenditure on traffic calming measures would ultimately increase the cost to the purchasers and that the development met the criteria for road visibility set by Cumbria County Council.</li> <li>• PW advised that the planners were committed to providing affordable housing and that outline planning permission would prevent the development plans from being changed to allow fewer, larger houses to be built thus moving away from the spirit of the planning permission sought.</li> <li>• Cllr Dean advised that the Parish Council had outlined, within the Community Plan, the need for future building should not adversely affect the “peace and quiet” of the area and should contribute to the local economy in some way and could not see this reflected in the plans presented.</li> <li>• The councillors then went on to vote on the application.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed that the Council would submit a NEUTRAL response to the LDNPA planning team. JH agreed to reply to the planning team making the same comments that had been made to the previous application.</p> <p>ii) 7/2019/5485 bungalow Karenwood, Finsthwaite, LA12 8BJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local residents advised that they had not been notified about the plans submitted and it was agreed that Cllr Dean would include this as an agenda item at the planned meeting with the LDNPA planning team</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Parish Council agreed to SUPPORT this application.</p> <p>iii) Diversion of footpath 511001, Bridge End, Colton</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Parish Council agreed to SUPPORT this application.</p> <p>b. LDNPA plan Living Lakes update from Cllr Jarvis. He advised that no further news was available until November and it was agreed that this item would be on the agenda for the December meeting.</p> <p>c. Enforcement issues update provided by Cllr Dean:</p> <p>i) A number of CPC concerns were raised with the LDNPA planner, Andrew Smith, and he agreed to attend a working meeting with the councillors at 6.30 on 7/10 to enable specific cases to be discussed in more detail. Cllr Dean asked for additional items to be submitted to him so that an agenda can be drawn up in advance and for JH to check that the proposed venue, Finsthwaite Village Hall, is available and if so to make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>ii) The Smithy at Bouth where a land developer has placed stakes in the ground preventing access into the ground, to “claim” possession. Concern has been expressed by the villagers and requests to remove them has been made. It was agreed that JH would write to the developer and ask for the posts to be removed and to acknowledge that he does not own the land. Cllrs Dean and Brown agreed to determine next steps, seeking legal advice if necessary, following the letter being sent.</p>	<p>JH COMPLETE</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>KD/MB</p>
89/19	<p><b>Highways and Lengthsman</b></p> <p>a. The highways priorities have not changed, and Cllr Brown has asked the Parish Lengthsman to obtain an update from the Highways contact.</p> <p>b. A590 issues: Cllr Brown provided a comprehensive update on the meeting that she and JH held with the Collision Prevention Officer, PC Jackson. Cllr Dean asked which of the actions could be reasonably taken forward by the Parish and was advised that improved signage, seeking volunteers to undergo “speed awareness” training and lobbying for improved traffic calming measures near Spark Bridge. Cllr Brown agreed to seek volunteers to support these schemes.</p> <p>c. Temporary road closure C5026, Lakeside near Finsthwaite, planned for 23/9 for 12 days is no longer happening at this time as it coincides with other road works in the area. The revised date will be published once known.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>

90/19	<p><b>Finance, Audit and Accounts</b></p> <p>a. The audit conclusions were not shared at the meeting as the clerk was not in possession of them at the time of the meeting. It was agreed that they would be obtained from the previous clerk for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>b. The revised cheque signing methodology was discussed and support by the councillors. The aim is to ensure that cheques can be written, and invoices paid more efficiently.</p> <p>c. The annual RoSPA inspection report for Bouth Village playground will be located and presented at a later committee. Cllr Brown agreed to determine its whereabouts.</p> <p>d. The following payments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Lengthsman £315 (July)</li> <li>• Parish Lengthsman £60 (August)</li> <li>• Finsthwaite Village Hall hire £30</li> </ul>	<p>JH</p> <p>MB</p>
91/19	<p><b>Meetings and Consultations:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> the updates be accepted for information:</p> <p>Meetings upcoming:</p> <p>a. Quarterly CALC meeting to be attended by Cllr Dean at which the election of officers is the main element of the meeting.</p> <p>Meetings attended:</p> <p>a. Cllr Baxter reported on the Finsthwaite Village Hall attended in June at which recycling, composting and a social gathering were planned for local people to exchange ideas.</p> <p>b. Cllr Baxter also agreed to re-send the link to Cumbria Climate Emergency for all councillors to read and included as an agenda item for the meeting in October</p> <p>Consultations received and requiring a response from the Parish:</p> <p>a. 5G coverage in rural areas with a NALC deadline of 11/10/19. In principle Colton Parish Council would like 5G but not at the expense of adverse impact on the environment. In particular the broadening of masts and the increase in height should come through the planning process and mast sharing should be given serious consideration.</p>	<p>FB/ALL</p>
92/19	<p><b>Correspondence-previously circulated by email:</b></p> <p>Correspondence: all circulated by email, including:</p> <p>a. Cllr Hoyle added comments to the report submitted by Mike Postle on broadband. The EE mast at Hulleter is owned by BT and is presently only partly working to support emergency service delivery and a technical visit is being planned to test the signal quality across the Parish, date as yet unknown. In addition, the law is being changed from March 2020 and BT will be obliged to supply broadband to houses where reasonably practicable.</p> <p>b. Japanese knotweed item was not discussed as the correspondent had mistakenly directed his letter to Colton Parish Council, South Lakeland as opposed to Colton Parish in Staffordshire.</p>	

	<p>c. Collapsed bus shelter in Rusland. JH agreed to follow this up with SLDC as the old structure is still standing despite assurances that it had been dealt with.</p> <p>d. Morecambe Bay Health and Care partners strategy had been circulated to parishioners for information and comment as appropriate.</p> <p>e. Lake District Foundation application for grants process previously circulated for all to consider.</p> <p>f. Lakes in a day Ultra run to pass through and use Finsthwaite Village Hall. JH was asked to liaise with VC to agree a form of words to request a donation from the organisers for the Village Hall.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>All</p> <p>JH</p>
93/19	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>One of the meeting attendees expressed an interest in becoming a councillor and JH agreed to determine the process and contact the interested party.</p>	JH
94/19	<p><b>Next Meeting - resolved</b> that the next meeting to be held at Bouth Village Hall on Monday 14th October 19 at 7pm (Chair's Surgery from 6.30pm)</p>	