

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2020 AT FINSTHWAITE and LAKESIDE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr K Dean (Chair), Cllr Baxter, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Brown, Cllr Henson, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Wharton and J Hendry (Clerk: clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)

In attendance: PCSO Paul Harris and Sara Spicer (LDNPA)

Minute no	Action Point	Person
13/2020	Apologies received from Cllr Brereton	
14/2020	Minutes of the January 2020 meeting of Colton Parish Council The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were signed as such by the Chair	
15/2020	Declarations of interest- none received	
16/2020	Requests for dispensations – none received	
17/2020	<p>Public Participation - resolved to accept the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community participation: No requests received b. District Council update provided by Cllr Wharton: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cllr Wharton advised on the planning concerns related to the height and siting of a double decker bus being used as ancillary accommodation behind the Manor public house at Oxen Park. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the planners to advise them of similar plans being rejected on that basis. ii) Cllr Wharton agreed to write to Sue Sanderson and Cllr Brereton to ensure that the two separate meetings being held relating to the A590 road safety issues would result in a joined-up approach for the resulting actions. c. County Council update: None received d. Police report: PCSO Paul Harris reported on thefts/attempted thefts at Old Hall Farm, Black Beck and Nibthwaite Grange e. LDNPA update: Sara Spicer, Area Ranger (south), described plans to develop the Southern Windermere trail which would be a bridle path cum family friendly cycle route. Key locations <i>en route</i> potentially are the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, Lakeside, Bobbin Mill at Finsthwaite and Black Hill Wood (YMCA). Currently these are only proposals, but views were being sought on how the plans might be received locally 	<p style="text-align: center;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IW</p>
18/2020	<p>Update on issues and actions from the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website development update provided by Cllr Hoyle who advised that the Community News section is being completed. The Clerk requested that the Councillors, who have not yet responded, review and send/update biographies and photographs to ensure that website content is complete and current. Discussion ensued regarding connecting the Colton Link to the website and the website designer is looking to see if this can be done. The future arrangements for the Colton Link were also discussed. b. A discussion took place regarding Colton Parish Community Plan and Cllr Hoyle reported on the key differences between the 2015 and 2020 versions and on the updated policies. Cllr Hoyle agreed to send it to 	<p style="text-align: center;">JT/JM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>

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	<p>each councillor to obtain an update of each section and on Parish priorities.</p> <p>Colton Link was proposed as a means of ascertaining parishioner views will be sought and Cllr Henson agreed to work with Cllr Hoyle to progress this approach.</p> <p>c. The previously circulated Parish Asset Register received final comments and will be published on the website to ensure full transparency to parishioners.</p> <p>d. Councillor and clerk training is being combined and held at Finsthwaite Village Hall to reduce the need for multiple journeys to Kendal and to reduce costs associated with attendance at individual sessions. This will accordingly have cost and environmental benefits for the Parish and South Lakes.</p>	<p>DH/BH</p> <p>JH</p>
19/2020	<p>Resolution proposed by the Parish Council, “The maintenance of land in Bouth by Colton Parish Council in the public interest”</p> <p>This was discussed at length, which was contributed to by a strong showing of Bouth villagers who also proposed that the village pump be incorporated into the proposal.</p> <p>The resolution was voted on and passed unanimously with the following actions to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A notice of intention to be placed on the land in question 2. A notice of intention to be prepared for publication in a local newspaper 3. The adjacent landowner, of the Smithy, to be updated on the actions being taken 	
20/2020	<p>Community Grant applications</p> <p>a. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £600 towards the costs associated with surveying Bouth Village Hall. As a charity they were also advised to reclaim VAT related to undertaking the re-development project.</p> <p>b. The costs of replacing Bouth Village Green noticeboard (£280) were agreed to be met from Parish Council maintenance budget as a Parish asset and not from the Community Grant fund.</p>	
21/2020	<p>Climate change, sustainability and the environment</p> <p>a. Proposals for policies and actions-Cllrs Baxter and Taylor Cllr Baxter has arranged a preliminary meeting of a Sustainability Working Group, being held on 14/2, to cover the west of the Parish. Cllr Taylor agreed to join this up with an “Open Meeting” designed to coordinate, facilitate and signpost an approach to sustainability.</p> <p>b. Cllr Brown reported that the Parish had recently joined the Open Spaces Society and would be reviewing, and advising on, the resources that would be available for the Parish Council to access.</p> <p>c. The Parish Council has agreed to participate in the Great British Spring Clean and Cllr Brown has agreed to review the requirements for litter picking equipment etc and bring a proposal for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting on 23/3.</p> <p>d. The Tree Charter has been signed by the Parish</p>	<p>FB/JT</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
22/2020	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 7/20202/5021, Erect dining room extension to rear of farmhouse, Crosslands Farm, Rusland, Ulverston, LA12 8JU. 	

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	<p>This application was SUPPORTED by the Parish Council.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) 7/2020/5001, Re-roofing of existing building, Finsthwaite House, Finsthwaite, LA12 8BN</p> <p>This application was SUPPORTED by the Parish Council</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) 7/2020/5044, Proposed Smart Metering pole with associated equipment and ground- based cabinets, Land at Nibthwaite Grange Farm, Near Ulverston, LA12 8DB</p> <p>This application was OBJECTED to by the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the LDNPA planning team providing the rationale agreed by the members.</p>	JH
23/2020	<p>Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p>a. No update was provided on the highways priorities as they have not changed</p> <p>b. The planned meetings, relating to A590 safety issues, are being held on 24/2 and 6/3 and an update on the key outcomes will be provided for the next Parish Council meeting being held on 23/3</p>	MB/AB/BH
24/2020	<p>Finance, Audit and Accounts</p> <p>a. The following payments were approved:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) Microsoft 365 license payment £60</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) Ian Howarth, website designer £380</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) Bouth Village Hall £600, Community Grant</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iv) Bouth Village Green, noticeboard replacement, £279.70</p>	
25/2020	<p>Correspondence-previously circulated by email</p> <p>a. Cumbria Police, consultation on Precept for 2020/21, deadline 14/2</p> <p>b. Malcolm Wilson Rally, 14/3/20</p> <p>c. Coniston Road Race, 21/3/20</p> <p>d. NALC Spring Conference, 17/3/20, London</p> <p>e. Customer Connect update</p> <p>f. Draft Marine Plans consultation awareness, deadline 6/4/20</p> <p>g. Buckingham Palace Garden Party invitation, 27/5/20</p>	
26/2020	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting planned for Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7pm at Rusland Reading Room has been cancelled in response to the “social distancing” requirements resulting from the Covid-19 outbreak.</p> <p>Resumption of meetings will take place as and when appropriate and in accordance with government guidelines.</p>	