

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 4th MAY 2020

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

Minute no	Action Point	Person
27/2020	Apologies received from Cllr Coward, Cllr Milburn and Cllr Wharton	
28/2020	Minutes of the February 2020 meeting of Colton Parish Council The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting	
29/2020	Declarations of interest- none received	
30/2020	Requests for dispensations – none received	
31/2020	<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 via email: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The covid-19 rates in South Lakeland and Furness are amongst the highest infection rates within Cumbria. However, the infrastructure is bearing up ii) There are incidents of people visiting the area from as far away as Dorset and holiday let owners, seen as unnecessary and these properties are being shut down iii) Police are still patrolling and issuing fixed penalty notices for not properly social distancing iv) Green bin collections to resume w/c 4th May v) There has been an increase in dog fouling mainly around Coniston and Hawkshead. Our locality Officer, Sue Warner has been out and about putting up signs and also clearing it up. There has also been increased fly tipping, mainly in and around more urban areas vi) The Council is offering hardship grants for those receiving benefits and struggling to pay Council Tax vii) SLDC has managed to give business grants and business rate relief to over 4,000 businesses, handing out over £50m, with over an 80% success rates. It is estimated that there are still about 2,000 businesses that have not applied. This includes businesses in retail, hospitality and leisure. c. County Council update provided by Cllr Brereton: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Focus on Highways resilience with many repairs to road and bridge damage caused by flooding in January and February ii) Council Tax payments can be adjusted to allow the 2-month "break" to be taken over a different period if required d. Police report: None provided 	
32/2020	<p>Update on issues and actions from the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councillor training feedback update provided by Cllrs Bennett, Henson and Taylor. It was felt to be of value in learning with newly appointed colleagues and building these relationships in addition to providing good value for money. b. Community Plan Survey Monkey update on seeking Parishioner views on the Community Plan will be provided by Cllr Hoyle at a suitable point in the future 	DH

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33/2020	<p>Update on Parish activities related to the coronavirus pandemic</p> <p>a. The distribution of the “Every Mind Matters” mental health and well-being newsletter was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Brown would approach the Ulverston group to understand their approach and also volunteered to drop off leaflets to individuals and/or central points.</p> <p>b. The NALC scheme of delegation was discussed, and the Parish Council agreed to continue with the current approach whereby the Clerk has delegated authority to respond to agreed types of correspondence on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	MB
34/2020	<p>Climate change, sustainability and the environment</p> <p>Cllr Baxter reported that contact had been made with the Rusland Valley Action for Sustainability Group. A meeting will be arranged on behalf of Colton Parish at an appropriate time.</p>	FB/JT
35/2020	<p>Planning</p> <p>Following a number of planning decisions made by LDNPA that did not appear to consider objections made by the Parish Council, and with concerns regarding the opaque decision-making process in place, it was agreed that CPC would discuss this at a future meeting. This will be discussed as a separate agenda item under the heading “Concerns on how planning applications are handled by LDNPA”.</p> <p>In addition, the meeting discussed recent planning applications and decisions made since the last meeting.</p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications: 7/2020/5246, Confirmation of compliance with conditions 7 and 9 attached to planning permission ref 7/2017/5761, Scar View, Oxen Park, Ulverston, LA12 8HG</p> <p>This application was OBJECTED to by the Parish Council, LDNPA was advised of the decision by the Clerk.</p> <p>b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision:</p> <p>i) T/2020/0040 (TPO application), T969 Douglas Fir - Prune to remove dead wood, and to remove broken and damaged branches over car park. 2 The Grange, High Stott Park, Ulverston, LA12 8AY. CPC NEUTRAL</p> <p>ii) 7/2020/5166, Ground floor single storey side extension and detached double garage with associated landscaping at Broad Hawes, Colton, Ulverston, LA12 8HD, CPC SUPPORTED</p> <p>iii) 7/2020/5169, Additional dormer window in rear extension to match existing dormer on other side, Forestfield, Colton, Ulverston, LA12 8HF, CPC NEUTRAL</p> <p>iv) 7/2020/5204, Amendment to design to include photo-voltaic panel in the south facing roof elevation, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2019/5335 for amendment to boathouse, Boathouse, Stott Park, Ulverston, LA12 8AY, CPC NEUTRAL</p> <p>v) 7/2020/5221/5222 , garage, utility boot room and home office extension, Old Hall Farm, Bouth, Ulverston, LA12 8JA, CPC NEUTRAL</p> <p>c. LDNPA decisions- for information only:</p>	JH

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 7/20202/5021, Erect dining room extension to rear of farmhouse, Crosslands Farm, Rusland, Ulverston, LA12 8JU, CPC APPROVED, LDNPA APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS ii) 7/2020/5044, Proposed Smart Metering pole with associated equipment and ground- based cabinets, Land at Nibthwaite Grange Farm, Near Ulverston, LA12 8DB, CPC OBJECTED, LDNPA- prior approval not required. iii) 7/2020/5063, Proposed Smart Metering pole with associated equipment and ground- based cabinets on grassed verge adjacent to Old Hall Farm, Bouth, LA12 8JA, CPC OBJECTED, LDNPA- prior approval not required. 	
36/2020	<p>Highways and Lengthsman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. It was agreed that the recent meetings, held on 24/2 and 6/3, relating to A590 safety issues, would be kept on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting being held on 29/6 b. The Parish Council noted the receipt of a risk assessment submitted by the Parish Lengthsman to reflect the risks associated with working during the covid-19 pandemic 	MB/AB/BH
37/2020	<p>Finance, Audit and Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The following payments were approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Lengthsman salary (Feb) £336 ii) Clerk salary (Feb) £359.57 iii) Clerk website project payment, £320 iv) Ian Howarth website project supplementary payment, £50 v) Councillor/clerk training and room-hire fees, £320 vi) Lengthsman salary (March), £322 vii) Clerk salary (March) £359.57 viii) Clerk expenses, £54 ix) Payroll provider payment, £81 x) HMRC Q4 payment, £269.60 xi) CALC subscription for 2020, £193.13 xii) Clerk salary (April) £359.57 b. The Parish Council noted the receipt of Parish Precept (£13,536.17) and Parish Grant (£294.83) for 2020/21 c. The Parish Council was updated on the amended timescales for the internal audit process and AGAR submission 	
38/2020	<p>Correspondence-previously circulated by email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parish elections to the LDNPA 2020-deadline 2/6/20 b. Local Plan review outputs c. CALC April/May newsletter d. National Village Hall Survey advising of grants available for up to £10,000 off Business Rates. It was agreed that Councillors would follow-up with Village Halls in their wards to ensure maximum benefit to the Village Halls across the Parish e. Toilet tax survey and Public Lavatories Bill was reported as being not applicable to CPC 	All

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	<p>f. Planning in LDNPA during the pandemic (service arrangements attachment)</p> <p>g. Planning application training webinar</p>	
26/2020	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 29th June 2020 at 7pm .</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Bennett and Henson and the Parish Clerk would investigate the feasibility of coordinated face to face meetings, along with the technology required, across the Parish. The agreed format, in line with government guidelines, will be advised in advance in order to facilitate enable public participation.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AB/BH/JH</p>