

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT BOUTH VILLAGE HALL AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Minute no	Action Point	Person
64/2020	Apologies received from Cllr Coward	
65/2020	Declarations of interest: None received	
66/2020	Requests for Dispensations: None received	
67/2020	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>a. Community participation: Contribution made to the discussion regarding the proposed boundary changes covered later in the meeting. A request was made by a member of the public for Cumbria County Council to remove the “roadworks” sign and to paint the white lines in the affected area in Bouth (adjacent to the Snows junction).</p> <p>b. District Council update: Cllr Wharton provided an update on multi-agency working to reduce wild/fly camping which is reported in the agenda as a separate item.</p> <p>c. County Council update: Cllr Brereton provided an update on similar matters to Cllr Wharton from a Cumbria County Council perspective</p> <p>d. Police report: Provided by PCSO Paul Harris and was circulated previously. CPC expressed an interest in the Farm/Rural Watch scheme mentioned in the report.</p>	JH
68/2020	<p>Bouth Village Green/Playground annual inspection report: Cllr Brown</p> <p>Cllr Brown reported that no major items were raised in the annual inspection report and elements already known about such as the safety surface and swings/chain bridge, already have improvements planned and a £1500 grant has been secured to fund some of these. The Parish Council noted the findings.</p> <p>Cllr Wharton suggested approaching the LIP (SLDC) to try to obtain a grant for playground surface work. Cllr Brown agreed to action this via BVG committee.</p> <p>A member of Bouth Village Green Committee (RC) has volunteered to resume monthly inspections and produce a report accordingly.</p>	MB
69/2020	<p>Wild/fly camping discussion:</p> <p>Cllr Wharton reported on the multi-agency patrols taking place in various National Park “hotspots”. Reports of anti-social behaviour are of concern but due to poorer weather, are reducing in frequency. The strategy is still to educate and contain with the use of “goodwill ambassadors” and was under review as conditions change in coming weeks and months.</p>	
70/2020	<p>IT and broadband update: Cllr Hoyle</p> <p>a. Website accessibility review: A good outcome was reported with only a small number of minor adjustments required and which were all made</p>	

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	<p>immediately. The Council noted the findings and were advised that Colton Parish Council have an accessibility compliant website in place.</p> <p>b. Broadband partnerships:</p> <p>Mike Postle gave an update and recommended Colton residents to take up the offer of two voucher schemes which will provide funds to enable the broadband partnerships across the Parish to start. Individuals can register with Openreach as the network provider for the area.</p> <p>A “gap” in broadband coverage in the Parish remains in the Nibthwaite area. Cllr Hoyle agreed to seek a volunteer to take this work forward on behalf of this area.</p>	DH
71/2020	<p>Climate change, sustainability and the environment: Cllrs Baxter and Taylor</p> <p>a. An update from the electric vehicle charging point webinar was provided by Cllr Baxter who also agreed to circulate her notes more widely.</p> <p>b. Climate Change Community fund and action plan (SLDC) was noted.</p> <p>c. Great British September Clean, 11-27 September was noted and agreed to be followed up by individuals rather than as organised groups given the current guidance on mass gatherings.</p> <p>d. Local Electricity Bill reintroduction is to be put onto the agenda for the next meeting for broader discussion.</p> <p>e. “Cold to cosy homes” training programme has commenced though due to work schedule clashes Cllr Baxter had been unable to attend but would continue attempting to do so.</p>	FB JH FB
72/2020	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) 7/2020/5527 at Lake House, Lakeside, LA12 8AU, Demolition of existing garage, construction of new single storey side extension with roof terrace</p> <p>After discussion and concerns expressed, CPC agreed (majority decision) a NEUTRAL response to this planning application.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) 7/2020/5501 at Swan Hotel Ltd, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NB, treatment plant to dispose of foul drainage (including swimming pool down water) from the Swan Hotel</p> <p>CPC agreed a NEUTRAL response to this planning application.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) Multiple applications to confirm compliance with conditions attached to planning approval (7/2019/5835) at Swan Hotel, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NB CPC OBJECTED, LDNPA APPROVED</p> <p>CPC noted the requirement to approve a number of details reserved by condition relating to the ground investigation, construction method, arboricultural assessment, foul drainage layout and surface water drainage.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iv) 7/2020/5503 at Tarn Potts, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8AW, single storey extension</p> <p>CPC agreed a NEUTRAL response to this planning application.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">v) 7/2020/5428 at Land near the Old Smithy, Oxen Park, LA12 8HG, creation of a new access</p> <p>CPC agreed a NEUTRAL response to this planning application.</p>	

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	<p>d. An update on The Smithy, Bouth was provided by Cllr Brown and noted by the Parish Council</p> <p>e. Discussion on CPC concerns relating to LDNPA handling of planning applications and CPC objections took place and it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) data would be collected to compare CPC <i>versus</i> LDNPA decisions ii) CPC would seek to join with neighbouring Parish Councils to challenge decision-making by seeking the views of District Councillors in those areas <p>f. Air BnB and short-term lettings/caravans in Finsthwaite were raised as an issue by Cllr Taylor in relation to change of purpose from being homes to becoming businesses. The approach used in Scotland was reported on by Cllr Henson. It was agreed that the views of the local MP, Tim Farron would be sought</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>
73/2020	<p>Highways and Lengthsman: Cllr Hoyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Highways priorities would be amended to include the Toll Bar junction gully as a safety issue, particularly during the winter season b. Colton Green Lane flooding was noted as an issue and would remain under watch to see whether recent intervention with the “gully sucker” would improve the situation c. A590 major roadworks were noted following circulation of the plans from the Highways Agency d. The development of a river footpath, Lowick to Greenodd, was given support by members of the Parish Council e. The road leading from The Swan, Newby Bridge, to the A590 has plans in place to develop a left-turn only junction. No progress has been made despite early activity in the area and so Cllr Brown has approached Cllr Brereton for an update. 	<p>DH/JH</p> <p>MB/MBre</p>
74/2020	<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) Clerk salary (August) £359.57 ii) Parish Lengthsman pay (August) £176 iii) Clerk expenses (Apr-June inc) £89.72 b. The increase in hourly rate of pay for the Clerk, from £10.37 to £10.86, following the agreement of the national pay award in August 2020 was noted and approved c. The amendment to the expenditure value on the Certificate of Exemption following a revision of the Parish accounts and accruals was noted and approved 	
75/2020	<p>Correspondence and consultations (previously sent via email):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Local Plan Review (SLDC) was not commented on from a PC as a body but individuals were advised to respond directly b. Local Government reorganisation in Cumbria was discussed at length and contents of CALC position paper noted. An update would be provided following attended at the CALC meeting being held on 17/9/20. c. Planning for the Future, Gov White Paper consultation paper was noted d. Epicman Windermere 20 September-update/donation requested 	<p>KD</p>

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	e. Lakes in a day and the local community “consultation” was discussed and reported that the event had subsequently been cancelled due to local concerns expressed	
76/2020	Next Meeting The next meeting will take place at 7pm on 30 November at Bouth Village Hall and via Zoom for those members of the Council and of the public unable to attend in person. Cllr Hoyle will be chairing the meeting and available for a “surgery” at 6.30 prior to the meeting.	ALL