

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

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

In attendance (members of the public): Mike Postle and Roger

Minute no	Action Point	Person
82/2020	<b>Apologies:</b> None received	
83/2020	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None received	
84/2020	<b>Requests for dispensations:</b> None received	
85/2020	<p><b>Public participation:</b></p> <p>a. Community participation: Mike Postle provided an update on the Broadband Connectivity Partnership work that is taking place across the Parish which supplemented the paper that he had circulated previously.</p> <p>b. District Council update: Cllr Coward (SLDC) updated the meeting on the SLDC Business Additional Grant being made available and advised that further detail is available on the SLDC website. The Councillors were also informed that the survey to ascertain views on the Bay proposals for the unitary authority had now closed with no timescale for next steps available at present. Cllr Wharton (SLDC) provided an update on trail-riders and asked that “misbehaving” riders are reported. He also provided an update on the community-led project to re-open the Farmer’s Arms in Spark Bridge as a multi-purpose community venture. CPC agreed that the scheme was a valuable enterprise and confirmed support for it.</p> <p>c. County Council update: Cllr Brereton (CCC) provided an update on B4RN (broadband for rural north) and agreed to ensure that Mike Postle would be invited to join the discussions and follow up on behalf of CPC. Cllr Brereton also provided an update on the speeding issues and associated safety concerns in Spark Bridge and advised that a virtual meeting was in the process of being arranged. Cllrs Bennett, Brown, and Henson agreed to continue as representatives for the PC in these discussions.</p> <p>d. Police report: Provided by PCSO Paul Harris and was circulated previously and no questions asked in relation to it.</p>	<p>MBre</p> <p>AB/MB/BH</p>
86/2020	<p><b>Proposed changes to Unitary Authority arrangements across South Lakes and Morecambe Bay</b></p> <p>Cllr Henson reported on a meeting that he had joined, the minutes of which had been previously circulated. The PC was advised that the meeting was a discussion rather than action focused meeting and so no specific action or next steps had been advised to those who had joined it.</p>	

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87/2020	<p><b>Highways and Lengthsman: Cllrs Brereton and Hoyle</b></p> <p>a. A590 planning priorities that have been approved include the plans to develop a left-turn only junction leading from The Swan, Newby Bridge. No progress has been made despite early activity in the area and so Cllr Brown has approached Cllr Brereton for an update. Others include the linking up of cycle and walking routes to the A590 given the changes in how people move around the area in response to exercise and transportation during the pandemic</p> <p>b. Parish road safety initiative: Activities have understandably reduced during recent months and Cllr Bennett was very keen to ensure that at Cumbria County Council and local levels that these should be re-launched and re-publicised to keep local people involved and motivated. Cllr Brereton agreed to contact Jonathan Reed (CCC) with a view to following up this request. Cllrs Brown, Bennett and Henson agreed to continue leading the Parish Road Safety Initiative on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>c. Parish priorities for the lengthsman remain in line with the seasonal requirements to clear blocked drains etc plus other issues communicated to him via the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>d. Grit bins: Cllr Baxter agreed to ensure that grit bins local to her would be inspected and advise of any that require topping up.</p>	<p>MBre</p> <p>MB/AB/BH</p> <p>FB</p>
88/2020	<p><b>Broadband update: Cllrs Brereton and Hoyle</b></p> <p>a. Broadband partnerships: Covered previously by Mike Postle</p> <p>b. B4RN in Furness: Cllr Brereton update as advised previously</p>	
89/2020	<p><b>Climate change, sustainability and the environment: Cllr Baxter</b></p> <p>a. The Local Electricity Bill reintroduction report had been previously circulated by Cllr Baxter. The Parish Council resolved to accept the Bill. The proposal was made by Cllr Baxter, seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed by the Council.</p> <p>b. A report on electric vehicle charging in the North of England had previously been sent by Cllr Baxter who asked for members to follow up individually as appropriate to their local area.</p> <p>c. The Greening Campaign update was provided by Cllr Baxter and as it was unclear as to the next steps it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would follow up with the organisers to obtain the “support pack” from the organisers.</p> <p>d. The “Cold to Cosy Homes” training programme has commenced and Cllr Baxter has agreed to circulate the report to members.</p> <p>e. The Greener Houses fund webinar, joined by Cllr Baxter, is being summarised and will be sent to members. The key message is that the scheme is being extended to 2021/22 due to the scarcity of approved installers available currently thereby limiting access to the scheme.</p> <p>f. Rusland Valley Sustainability Group circulars will be sent to a greater number of individuals to enable their work to be more widely publicised.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JH</p> <p>FB</p> <p>FB</p> <p>FB</p>

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90/2020	<p><b>Bouth Village Green/Playground</b></p> <p>a. The Council noted the findings from the latest monthly inspection of the playground from Roger Coates (previously circulated)</p> <p>b. An update was given by the Chair, on the “extraordinary” Parish Council meeting held to discuss the Bouth Village Green/Playground grant application.</p> <p>The following proposals supported at the meeting were noted and accepted by the Parish Council:-</p> <p>i. To permit the Chair to act as signatory for the application</p> <p>ii. For the Parish Council to act as the <i>Contributing Third Party</i> providing £936.43 towards the funding of required repairs</p>	
91/2020	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</p> <p>i) 7/2020/5701 at Broad Hawes, Colton, LA12 8HD. Amendments to conditions 2 and 4 on existing planning application 7/2020/5166. CPC gave a NEUTRAL response to this application.</p> <p>ii) 7/2020/5714 at Bridgefield Farm, Spark Bridge, LA12 8DA. Change of use of former agricultural buildings to base for agricultural contractor's business. CPC gave a NEUTRAL response to this application.</p> <p>iii) 7/2020/5717 at Church Fields, St Pauls Church, Thwaite Moss, Rusland, LA12 8JZ (Notification of Intention) Erection of a small forestry store/shelter. CPC gave a NEUTRAL response to this application with a number of specific caveats. Cllr Hoyle agreed to provide a suitable form of words for the Parish Clerk to submit with the response.</p>	DH
92/2020	<p><b>Finance, Accounts and Audit</b></p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <p>a. Ian Howarth, website accessibility review (£300)</p> <p>b. Clerk salary (September/October/backpay) £359.57/£359.57/£101.78</p> <p>c. Parish Lengthsman pay (September/October) £128/£144</p> <p>d. Clerk expenses (July-Sept inc) £129.32</p> <p>e. HMRC Q2 payment £295.00</p> <p>f. Ian Howarth, website minor changes £20</p>	
93/2020	<p><b>Correspondence and consultations (previously sent via email):</b></p> <p>a. Local Government reorganisation in Cumbria update by Zoom was joined by Cllr Henson and an update provided, in conjunction with Cllr Coward, on the discussion as outlined above (85b and 86/2020)</p> <p>b. An update on the Farmers Arms (Spark Bridge) and community involvement Zoom meeting was provided by Cllr Bennett, in conjunction with Cllr Wharton as detailed above in section 85/2020.</p>	
94/2020	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm, venue and format TBC</p>	<b>ALL</b>