

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021

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

In attendance: S Nicholl, R Smith, C Jackson and G Faulding

Minute no	Action Point	Person
12/2021	Apologies: Cllr T Coward	
13/2021	Minutes of Last Meeting The Chair is authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 th January 2021 as a true record of what was discussed.	
14/2021	Declarations of interest: None received	
15/2021	Requests for dispensations: None received	
16/2021	<p>Public participation:</p> <p>a. Community participation: S Nicholl provided an update for the planning application related to Rookhow, see Planning section below.</p> <p>b. District Council update: Cllr Wharton reported a significant decline in covid-19 infection and a positive uptake in vaccinations locally. LDNPA patrols in place and six camping incidents reported. A significant rise in campervan registrations in 2020 (37000) indicates and increase in potential tourism to the area and consideration is being given to a LDNPA “congestion charge” to offset the impact on the environment. Cllr Wharton advised that he is pulling together a briefing document to enable discussion to commence. One of the members of public (CJ) in attendance asked questions in relation to this and it was agreed that Cllr Wharton would make contact to discuss this further.</p> <p>c. County Council update: Cllr Brereton (CCC) provided an update on the highways’ improvements Currently underway including the “no right turn” at the Swan, Newby Bridge junction and the road safety improvements at Backbarrow. In addition, further virtual meetings are planned to discuss issues along the A590, A595 and A5092 with a study taking place in Grizebeck to reduce the speed limit to 50mph and to 30mph in Spark Bridge. The B4RN (broadband scheme) had good PC representation at a recent meeting with one outcome being a leaflet campaign to increase awareness and involvement in the development of broadband connectivity across rural areas.</p> <p>d. Police report: Provided by PCSO Paul Harris was circulated previously and noted by councillors with no further comments made.</p>	IW
17/2021	<p>Update on issues and actions from the previous meeting</p> <p>a. Update on Farmer’s Arms community development proposal: Cllr Wharton reported that the keys to the premises were being collected imminently with lots of local interest in being involved expressed. The project lead intends to send out leaflets to advise of the plans being made and events for people to get involved with.</p>	

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	<p>b. Vaccination programme update: Cllr Brereton advised on progress and asked for those who think they may have been “missed” to contact their GP to get an appointment.</p> <p>c. Broadband update: Cllr Hoyle reported that he and Mike Postle had been in touch with Openreach and in return have received a very high quote to undertake the necessary work though they are prepared to review it. As the funding scheme changes at the end of March there is an imperative to seek a resolution though B4RN is an alternative solution if Openreach do not provide a solution within timescales.</p>	
18/2021	<p>Proposals to be considered for awarding community grants in 2020/21: Cllr Brown outlined the main points of the email that she had sent previously, suggesting a number of ideas which was supported by Cllr Hoyle who had also suggested “brightening up” key focal points in the villages across the Parish.</p> <p>It was agreed following broad discussion, that a poster would be designed and published to ask for community-based response for applications to achieve this aim.</p> <p>Cllr Brereton also suggested that some money is available from the Community Grants fund from Cumbria County Council. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would draft a poster for comments by Cllr Brown that could then be advertised in each area of the Parish.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH</p>
19/2021	<p>Elections and meeting dates 2021: The Parish Clerk had previously circulated a list of proposed meeting dates together with information related to the local elections planned to take place on May 6th. Councillors accepted the suggested dates and noted the information relating to the election process. Cllr Baxter advised of her intention not to seek re-election and would not be standing as a Councillor beyond May 2021.</p>	
20/2021	<p>Highways and Lengthsman: Cllrs Brereton and Hoyle</p> <p>a. Trial motorcycles update: Cllr Wharton reported no further activity</p> <p>b. A590 update: Cllr Brereton provided an update earlier in the meeting</p> <p>c. Colton PC issues: Mr R Smith reported that the road surface of a recently repaired stretch of road, adjacent to the Snows junction, in Bouth was in very poor condition and that Highways need to be asked to resurface it again as a matter of urgency. It was agreed that Cllr Brown and the Parish Clerk would write to Dave Sankey to seek investigation and resolution to this longstanding issue.</p> <p>d. £1.2m funding for green highways scheme: Cllr Brereton reported that this funding had been made available as part of the £1.2 million “Better Together” initiative. He suggested that a strong proposal would include photographs and grid references of localised flooding issues, overgrowth, damaged verges etc and felt that Archie Workman, Parish Lengthsman, would be a good source of local intelligence on this matter. It was agreed that a small working group would be established comprising Cllrs Bennett, Brown and Henson and that they should seek advice from Archie to pull this proposal together to meet the 2021/22 timescales.</p> <p>e. Public bridleways: Cllr Taylor reported on a proposal to redesignate a public footpath as a bridleway and the concerns of local farmers in the Finsthwaite area. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact Sara Spicer, the local Park Ranger, to obtain publicity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MB/JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AB/MB/BH</p>

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	material/poster etc to inform parishioners of the plans to introduce the South Lakeland Trail.	JH
21/2021	<p>Climate change, sustainability and the environment:</p> <p>a. Carbon footprint workshop feedback: Cllr Hoyle updated the meeting on a Zoom workshop he had attended with Cumbria Action for Sustainability concerning the development of an online tool being developed to assist parish councils in their climate change agenda. The tool will eventually analyse the carbon footprint of each parish to support the development of climate change policies. Cllr Baxter also informed the meeting that she attended a carbon literacy workshop alongside other Parish and District Councillors and also maintains ongoing contact with members of Rusland Valley Action for Sustainability.</p> <p>b. CCC local pilot nature recovery strategy: Cllr Brown reported that CPC is suitable as an area in which this scheme could be piloted. She agreed to circulate her update to Councillors and to keep the PC informed with progress.</p> <p>c. Cllr Baxter advised of the Greening Campaign meeting taking place on 16/2 and suggested that Colton PC should combine with other parishes in the area. She agreed to update all following the meeting.</p> <p>d. Cllr Baxter told the meeting that Sue Nicholls (Rookhow) is a member of Kendal's Citizens Jury and who would be willing to update the PC on her experience. Cllr Baxter agreed to invite her to the next meeting.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>FB</p> <p>FB</p>
22/2021	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</p> <p>i) 7/2021/5074 at Old Hall Farm, Bouth, LA12 8JA. Extension to existing agricultural buildings for storage of plant and machinery. It was agreed that a response would be submitted to the LDNPA planning team to ascertain its current status given that an update on outstanding matters had not been provided to the PC. The Parish Clerk agreed to follow this up with LDNPA planners prior to submitting a formal response to them.</p> <p>ii) 7/2021/5067 & 5068 at Nibthwaite Studio, Bletherbarrow Lane, Nibthwaite, LA12 8DB. Demolition of greenhouse and single storey replacement extension with internal alterations. CPC agreed a NEUTRAL response to this planning application.</p> <p>iii) 7/2021/5050 & 5054 at Rookhow Quaker Meeting House, Rusland, LA12 8LA. Proposed construction of toilet and shower block and outbuilding to house washing up facilities. Proposed construction of composting toilet. CPC agreed to SUPPORT this planning application.</p>	MB/KD/JH

