

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT RUSLAND READING ROOMS ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023

Present: Cllr Bennett (Chair), Cllr Brown, Cllr Dean, Cllr Hodgson, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Taylor and J Hendry (Parish Clerk) clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

In attendance: Four members of the public were in attendance

| Minute no | Action Point | Person |
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| 105/2022 | Apologies: Cllr Wharton | |
| 106/2022 | Minutes of Last Meeting The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 December 2022 as a true record of what was discussed. | |
| 107/2022 | Declarations of interest: None were received in respect of items on this agenda. | |
| 108/2022 | Requests for dispensations: None were received. | |
| 109/2022 | <p>Public participation:</p> <p>a. Community participation:</p> <p>i) A presentation was given by Sharma Jencitis from UU who provided an update on Windermere and the current environmental context and the investment made in improving water quality. Cllr Jarvis asked about the situation regarding Coniston and was advised that this was a consideration should it become a designated bathing water site. Cllr Bennett asked what role PCs can play in engaging with the issues facing the local waterways and lakes and it was suggested that commenting on planning applications regarding methods of disposal of foul/surface water was relevant. The PC was advised of a “drop-in” event being held on 8th February for people to learn more about future plans including the <i>Love Windermere</i> project currently underway.</p> <p>ii) A presentation was provided by a member of the public who described the plans to develop the barn at Nibthwaite into an arts venue and advised that a planning application was likely to be submitted in February and was seeking support from the PC. The venue is expected in the medium term to be self-funding. Cllr Taylor asked about transport routes and likely volume of through traffic and was advised that a transport consultant was involved in developing the submission as a key consideration.</p> <p>b. District Council update: An update was not available for the PC meeting.</p> <p>c. County Council update: An update was not available for the PC meeting.</p> <p>d. Police update: PCSO Paul Harris advised that the suggested locations of SID placement had been investigated. The Swan to Lakeside road was not felt to be a suitable location though an alternative solution would be sought via the CRASH team. Spark Bridge hill was potentially suitable, Tottlebank crossroads was also feasible and Finsthwaite has a telegraph pole that might be feasible. A March timescale was advised and some preparatory work would be required which PCSO Harris would advise the Parish Clerk about.</p> | PH |
| 110/2022 | <p>Update on actions from the previous meeting:</p> <p>a. Defibrillator location update: This was discussed in the presentation above and it was agreed that Mr Knapp would advise the Parish Clerk of a suitable contact to progress the project.</p> | JH |

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| | <p>b. ACV application for the White Hart: Cllr Dean reported that he has drafted an application form but has a couple of items outstanding before it can be submitted. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> | KD/JH |
| 111/2022 | <p>Colton Parish community matters and sustaining our environment:</p> <p>a. Community Plan: The PC discussed the status of the Community Plan and it was agreed that a firm decision about whether or not the PC would update it would be made at the next meeting. Cllrs Brown and Taylor agreed to provide some guidance on likely work and commitment involved by councillors to inform the discussions.</p> <p>b. Green Sparks event update: Cllr Bennett updated the meeting on the latest Green Sparks event in December and advised that there is an appetite for community involved discussion on energy related and environmental matters related to wildlife and water quality. Cllr Bennett asked whether Green Sparks could be classed as a “sub-committee” to benefit from the governance arrangements of the PC and it was advised that it might be more appropriate to hold this as a working group. It was agreed that this would be put onto the agenda of the next meeting for further discussion.</p> | JT/MB JH |
| 112/2022 | <p>Highways and lengthsman</p> <p>a. Access to road sweeper b. Flooding at Nibthwaite and Tottlebank to Bouth junction c. Gritting of minor roads</p> <p>Multiple highways concerns, including those listed above, were reported by the Parish Lengthsman and a lively discussion on priorities ensued. It was felt that it might be appropriate to invite a senior member of the Highways Team to a future PC meeting given the longstanding nature of many of these issues and the apparent failure of the team to take timely action, if at all. The list compiled by Archie was going to be sent to the team by the Parish Clerk.</p> | JH |
| 113/2022 | <p>Planning</p> <p>a. The following planning application was considered: i) 7/2022/5741 at Dunelm Croft, Lakeside, LA12 8AU. Construction of garage with storage space above, photovoltaic panels on roof and reduction in boundary wall height. Resubmission of 7/2022/5195. The PC agreed a NEUTRAL response requesting that it was only for the intended purposes, noting the previous garage for 2 cars had already been approved.</p> <p>b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision: The list of planning applications as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.</p> <p>c. LDNPA decisions: The list of planning decisions as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.</p> <p>d. Councillor Dean reported on recent progress although since the last meeting we had received two emails from the adjacent landowner which seemed to counter our understanding. It was proposed that a further meeting would be arranged to attempt to resolve any issues and continue to move towards an amicable arrangement. An update would be made at the next meeting.</p> | JD/MB/JH |
| 114/2022 | <p>Finance, Assets, Governance and Audit: All</p> <p>a. The following invoices were approved for payment: i) Clerk salary (December backpay/January) £336.54/£457.84 ii) Clerk expenses (Q3 plus Microsoft 365 subscription), £128.48 iii) HMRC Q3, £403.54 iv) Lengthsman payment (December) £100.00</p> | |

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| | <p>v) CALC, Cllr training, £30.00</p> <p>vi) Ian Howarth (website hosting/maintenance), £200.00</p> <p>b. The PC agreed to accept the estimated quote, £210, for the development of Colton Link newsletter using Mail Chimp and amendments to the website (see budget below).</p> <p>c. The PC agreed to receive the recommendations of the Finance Working Group, to accept the budget for 2023/24 (display board and grant/donations) and to request a precept of £14,420 from SLDC.</p> <p>d. The PC agreed the requirement of a 6 monthly report and quarterly bank reconciliation requirement for financial reporting at PC meetings.</p> | <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> |
| 115/2022 | <p>Correspondence, consultations and meetings (relevant documents were previously circulated)</p> <p>The Parish Council noted the receipt of the correspondence received prior to the meeting as listed below.</p> <p>a. Support Cumbria registration request</p> <p>b. Barrow, South Lakeland and Eden Outdoor Sports Needs and Facilities Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy, email from SLDC</p> <p>c. Coniston bathing water status application, email requesting support from Cllr T Coward</p> <p>d. Woodland management plan consultation (x2) for comments by 12th January</p> <p>e. Offer from United Utilities to present plans in relation to Windermere</p> <p>f. Invitation to attend launch of Southern Windermere (Swan to Lakeside) trail on 31/1</p> <p>g. Letter from SLDC advising of the deadline for the submission of precept requirements , 31st January 2023</p> | |
| 116/2022 | <p>Items for PC newsletter</p> <p>Suggested items included the highlights of the United Utilities presentation and promotion of the “3 Ps” when flushing items down the toilet.</p> | MB |
| 117/2022 | <p>Items for the next PC agenda</p> <p>a. Sales Bank blocked footpath update</p> <p>b. Ashes Bridge repair update</p> <p>c. Update on Bandrake Head property internal damage</p> <p>d. Annual Open meeting planning discussion</p> <p>e. Suggestions for Community Grant expenditure</p> <p>f. White Hart, Bouth ACV application</p> <p>g. Gritting roads across the Parish</p> | |
| 118/2022 | <p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 20th February 2023 at 7pm at Rusland Reading Rooms</p> | ALL |