

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT OXEN PARK READING ROOM ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2023

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

In attendance: No members of the public were in attendance

Minute no	Action Point	Person
64/2023	Apologies: Cllr Brown and PCSO Harris	
65/2023	Minutes of Last Meeting The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 September 2023 as a true record of what was discussed.	
66/2023	Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda: None received	
67/2023	Requests for dispensations: None received	
68/2023	Public participation: a. Community participation: None present b. Unitary Authority update: None provided	
69/2023	Update on action from the previous meeting: There were no matters outstanding that were not already on the meeting agenda.	
70/2023	Colton Parish Community Plan update: a. Consultation with local businesses/organisations-ask businesses whether they went to add anything to the public questionnaire, list of businesses to be used as start point and added to by Councillors. The Parish Clerk agreed to review the data and present to Council virtually or in person before 6/11.	ALL JH
71/2023	Colton Community matters and the environment: a. The Community Grant approach for 2023/24 was discussed and it was agreed that the budget of £2500 was an acceptable total sum to allocate to successful applications. It was agreed that Councillors would bring back suggestions to the next PC meeting and that it would be posted on Colton Link to ascertain interest and generate ideas. The Community Grant Scheme will run throughout the year with interim deadlines set by the PC to give a focus and encourage applications. The first one to be the December meeting. b. Update on discussions relating to the Open Space land in Bouth: Cllr Dean reported that there had been recent activity by the complainant taking place on the unregistered land. The Parish Council agreed to instruct the solicitor to write to the complainant's solicitor in line with recent discussions. c. Councillor recruitment and workload: Cllr Bennett raised the subject of Councillor retirement and Councillors agreed to make a contribution to a gift. The Parish Clerk advised Council of the options to ensure that the PC continues to be quorate. d. Colton approach to supporting food bank appeals: Cllr Bennett raised the issue of PC support for the parish-wide appeals to support the food bank. In the previous years, two local volunteers have run three local appeals at	ALL JH JH

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	<p>different points of the year to encourage people in the CPC area to provide donations of food and toiletries for the Barrow foodbank. As CPC is now running Colton Link the PC was asked to consider taking on the communication about the appeals, collection points and dates with the information being supplied by the volunteers. The next collection is planned to take place on 21st November to support families with food at Christmas.</p> <p>Cllr Bennett agreed to contact the volunteers to confirm the collection points and to check whether any practical help is required e.g. picking up the donations from the collection points and delivering them either to the volunteers or to the foodbank.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor also asked whether access to Barrow foodbank is available to residents of Colton Parish and Cllr Bennett agreed to investigate this.</p> <p>e. Finsthwaite SID data: Cllr Taylor reported that the SID had made a significant impact on the speeds of vehicles driving through the village. There was some local confusion about the temporary nature of the SID placement and it was hoped that a permanent solution could be arrived at. Discussion on funding ensued and the Parish Clerk agreed to obtain some costs and to ask PCSO Paul Harris of the process to follow.</p> <p>f. Green Sparks: Cllr Bennett updated the PC on a project taking place in Crake Valley to raise awareness of the environment and asked for funding (£40) to support a consultation event which was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>g. YMCA North Camp: Cllr Bennett circulated a news item that had been published, advising that the land has been sold to a recently established a luxury lakeside holiday accommodation company. The PC agreed to await a response from the MP, Tim Farron, before deciding how next to proceed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p>
72/2023	<p>Highways and lengthsman:</p> <p>a. No new issues were raised for reporting to Highways and Parish Lengthsman.</p>	
73/2023	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>i) 7/2023/5518 Proposed Base Station telecommunications installation Rusland. Note: The PC is not a statutory consultee for this application. The PC asked whether the old mast at Hulleter is fully functioning and therefore surplus to requirements.</p> <p>ii) 7/2023/5531 at Rock Cottage, Finsthwaite, LA12 8BH. Replace existing 1980s glazed extension with new traditional single storey extension. The PC agreed to support this planning application.</p> <p>iii) 7/2023/E0256 at Bridgefield Cottage, Spark Bridge, LA12 8DA. Installation of three telecommunications poles. The PC noted this planning application.</p> <p>iv) 7/2023/5567 at 10 Landing Close, Lakeside, LA12 8AP, Extensions and raising of roof and floor levels and internal remodelling following withdrawal of 7/2022/5706. Substantial remodelling of the property. The PC agreed a neutral response to the planning application.</p> <p>v) 7/2023/5558 at Colton Farm, Colton, LA12 8HF. Erect general purpose building extension. The PC agreed a neutral response to the planning application.</p>	

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	<p>vi) 7/2023/5559 at Colton Farm, Colton, LA12 8HF. Erect building over existing open manure store. The PC agreed a neutral response to the planning application.</p> <p>b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision: The list as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.</p> <p>c. LDNPA decisions: The list as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.</p>	
74/2023	<p>Finance, Accounts, Assets and Audit:</p> <p>a. The PC approved the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Lengthsman payment (September) £240.00 ii) Clerk Q2 expenses, £123.50 iii) Clerk salary (September) £457.84* (manual adjustment of the payment from the bank is required as standing order is currently £398.74) iv) HMRC Q2 payment, £243.40 <p>b. The Parish Council noted the findings of the monthly Bouth Village Playground inspection.</p>	
75/2023	<p>Correspondence shown below was noted by the Council (relevant documents were previously circulated):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Letter from FLD and a member of the public regarding the proposed telecomms mast at Thwaite Moss. b. Letter from Royal British Legion regarding the Remembrance Sunday service and wreath purchase which was agreed and would be responded to by the Parish Clerk. c. Haverthwaite GP Surgery, letter from patient partnership representative. d. CALC AGM invitation. e. ACT AGM invitation. f. Notification of Coppermines Grizedale Stages Rally 2023. g. Application from the Windermere Motorboat Racing Club for five race day events 2024/5. 	JH
76/2023	<p>Items for the newsletter:</p> <p>The following items were raised by Council for inclusion in the newsletter:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community Grants b. Bus passes for 5–20-year-olds c. Councillor recruitment 	
77/2023	<p>Items for the next PC agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community Plan Celebration event b. Update on grant expenditure c. Defibrillator at Nibthwaite d. Q2 bank reconciliation e. Green Sparks f. Winter gritting in local villages g. Review of grit piles h. Questionnaire feedback 	
78/2023	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 6th November 2023 at Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall.</p> <p>New dates were sought for the December meeting due to diary clashes and it was agreed that this and future dates will be circulated on Colton Link.</p>	ALL JH