

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BOUTH VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2024

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

In attendance: Two members of the public were in attendance

Minute no	Action Point	Person
111/2023	Apologies: Cllr Brown and Cllr Jarvis.	
112/2023	Minutes of Last Meeting The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 December 2023 as a true record of what was discussed.	
113/2023	Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda: None received	
114/2023	Requests for dispensations: None received	
115/2023	Public participation: a. Community participation: One member of the public raised the issue of dog walkers, walking dogs without a lead and the potential threat to sheep. In addition the deteriorating condition of the road entering Bouth (Snows Road) was mentioned. The wall leading from Bouth to A590 is also fragile and needs to be repaired to prevent damage to passing vehicles. These will be raised with Cllr Pender as ongoing concerns. b. Unitary Authority update: Email update received	JH/SP
116/2023	Update on action from the previous meeting: a. Update on discussions relating to the Open Space land in Bouth: Cllr Dean updated the meeting on recent actions taken by the solicitor and also regarding the withdrawn planning application to fell two ash trees. A further update is expected following the meeting. In addition the complainant has alleged the theft of a beech hedge planted along the roadside which has been reported to the police. The PC maintains that any offers of mediation, or similar facilitated discussion, would be taken up in order to reach a mutually acceptable solution.	
117/2023	Update from meeting with ENWL: Cllr Bennett reported that the meeting had been postponed and that she and Cllr Dean would attend and possibly Cllr Brown and that this would be on the next agenda. The PC agreed to respond to the key points made in the letter from ENWL by 6 th February in conjunction with the letters from members of the public so that the key points could be fed back to ENWL at the meeting on 12 th February.	JH ALL
118/2023	Colton Parish Community Plan update: a. Business and community questionnaire update: It was agreed that the findings of the business questionnaire would be re-sent to the Councillors. b. Community Plan update (section authors and data analysis): Cllr Bennett confirmed that all of the contributions had been sent in and that the Parish Clerk would collate them and re-circulate to Councillors. It was agreed that Cllr would meet outside the PC meeting to consider next steps and to discuss the Parish Open Meeting scheduled for May. c. End of consultation community celebration event: Cllr Brown to raise at the next PC meeting	JH JH ALL MB

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119/2023	<p>Colton Community matters and the environment:</p> <p>a. Defibrillators in Nibthwaite, Finsthwaite and Rookhow, update: The Parish Clerk provided an update on the status of the defibrillators in Nibthwaite and Rookhow. The PC agreed that once the Nibthwaite defibrillator is installed a plaque would be purchased to acknowledge the contribution from the K2B charity and would hold a formal opening to thank K2B and the Waterpark. It was agreed that the purchase of the Finsthwaite defibrillator would be progressed if the contribution from NWAS plus the contribution from the PC made it feasible.</p> <p>b. Green Sparks update (attached): Cllr Bennett had previously circulated an update and there were no further questions.</p>	ALL
120/2023	<p>Highways and lengthsman:</p> <p>a. Salt heap and grit bin update: The Parish Clerk updated the PC on the online meeting held to discuss winter provision by the Highways Team and advised that a presentation and details of criteria applied by the Highways Team would be circulated so that their approach to decision making would be more transparent.</p> <p>b. 20 mph speed limit, PC approach: It was agreed that the PC would agree a PC-specific process and that Cllr Bennett and the Parish Clerk would re-circulate the documentation to enable this to be finalised at the next meeting.</p> <p>c. New issues for reporting to Highways and Parish Lengthsman: It was agreed that the Parish Lengthsman would be asked to review the cause for flooding on the Bouth road near the Snows junction.</p>	JH AB/JH JH
121/2023	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>i) 7/2023/5748 at Nibthwaite Grange Farm, Nibthwaite, LA12 8DB. To replace existing septic tank with a new sewage treatment plant. CPC NEUTRAL response</p> <p>ii) 7/2023/5834 at 1 Cragg Brow, Bouth, LA12 8JQ. Erection of entrance porch to side elevation of bungalow for disabled access to property. CPC NEUTRAL response.</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>	
122/2023	<p>Colton Parish Council discussion of the budget and of the precept requested for 2024/25:</p> <p>The Councillors agreed to support the budget as proposed and that a precept of £15000 would be requested from W&F.</p>	JH
123/2023	<p>Finance, Accounts, Assets and Audit:</p> <p>a. The PC approved the following payments:</p> <p>i) Clerk salary (December) £457.84</p> <p>ii) Clerk expenses Q3, £112.20</p> <p>iii) Rusland Reading Room, (Community Grant), £449.00</p> <p>iv) Oxen Park Reading Room, (Community Grant), £200.00</p> <p>v) Rookhow, (Community Grant), £188.00</p> <p>vi) Clerk pay award/backpay, £320.37</p> <p>vii) Clerk expenses (Microsoft 365 subscription), £59.99</p> <p>viii) Lengthsman payment (December) £220.00</p>	

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	<p>ix) HMRC Q3, £453.24 x) Clerk salary (January) £500.97 (NB DD is £457.84) xi) IH Media (website/email hosting), £205.23</p> <p>b. PC noted the receipt of the Hawkshead First Responder's donation of £1022.25 and it was added to the budget as earmarked funds for defibrillator and consumable expenditure.</p> <p>c. The donation to RVN and Crake and Coniston newsletters will be revisited at the next meeting due to the receipt of an application for a Community Grant from one of these organisations when it will be discussed.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>ALL</p>
124/2023	<p>Correspondence shown below was noted by the Council (relevant documents were previously circulated):</p> <p>a. Email from CEO of ENWL regarding Colton PC issues experienced during recent adverse weather</p> <p>b. Email from several members of the public regarding the recent adverse weather condition and the effect on power and broadband connections across the Parish.</p> <p>Refer to item 117/2023 discussed above.</p>	
125/2023	<p>Items for the newsletter:</p> <p>The following items were raised by Council for inclusion in the newsletter:-</p> <p>a. Sheep and dog walking (no leads)</p> <p>b. ENWL meeting update</p> <p>c. Winter gritting meeting</p>	
126/2023	<p>Items for the next PC agenda</p> <p>a. Update from ENWL meeting: Cllrs Bennett and Dean</p> <p>b. Community Plan Celebration event: Cllr Brown</p> <p>c. Community Plan grant expenditure update: Cllr Brown</p> <p>d. Community Grant applications to be discussed/approved: ALL</p> <p>e. Community Plan update: ALL</p> <p>f. Update on Highways issues raised with Graham Wheelhouse: Cllr Pender</p> <p>g. Parking on the road near The Swan, Newby Bridge: Cllr Pender</p> <p>h. 20mph speed limit</p>	
127/2023	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7pm on Monday 26th February 2024 at Oxen Park Reading Room.</p>	<p>ALL</p>