

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT OXEN PARK READING ROOM ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2024

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

In attendance: Cllr Suzanne Pender was in attendance

Minute no	Action Point	Person
128/2023	Apologies:	
129/2023	Minutes of Last Meeting The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 January 2024 as a true record of what was discussed.	
130/2023	Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda: Cllr Dean- BVG, BVH and Cllr Brown- BVG, Cllr Bennett- Spark Bridge	
131/2023	Requests for dispensations: None received	
132/2023	Public participation: a. Community participation: b. Unitary Authority update: Cllr Pender reported on W&F Council progress in its first year, Coniston Bathing Water accreditation consultation, the recent ENWL meeting with a follow-up meeting being arranged. An update on the introduction of 20mph zones and on the winter gritting actions being followed up, was provided. She also agreed to raise the poorly located signage at Bandrake Head with Victoria Upton. She advised of a Nibthwaite off-road/TRO meeting taking place on 8 th March and a CPC representative would attend if possible. Cllr Brown asked about the process required to arrange TTROs and it was agreed that the PC would write to Nick Thorne at LDNPA to ask. A list of green lanes to be collated in advance of this meeting taking place.	SP JH ALL
133/2023	Update on action from the previous meeting: NIL	
134/2023	Update from meeting with ENWL: Cllrs Bennett and Cllr Dean provided an update on the attendees and content of the meeting which followed the items raised in the complaint letter sent by CPC. They gave a presentation and provided clarification on the compensation process, welfare and vulnerable persons and tree cutting issues. They have a five-year planning cycle meaning that some issues would not be resolved immediately though links would be made with local resilience networks to ensure that communities would have the support to develop their infrastructure. There is a grant fund still open to applications from community groups which the PC agreed to advertise in local newsletters. Tim Farron, MP agreed to follow up on the issue of mobile masts and mobile connection being considered critical infrastructure. ENWL have requested a further meeting in the autumn to report on progress made against the actions agreed.	MB
135/2023	Colton Parish Community Plan update: a. Community Plan document status:	

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	<p>The collated document was circulated and an approach to revising it was discussed and it was agreed that each Councillor would review their section and edit it such that the documents was succinct and bullet-pointed. A further meeting of Councillors was arranged for 18th March to facilitate this.</p> <p>b. Community Plan grant expenditure update (previously circulated): It was agreed that the proposal made by Cllr Brown would be sent to Carole Barr to enable the remainder of the Esmé Fairbairn Grant to be claimed back.</p> <p>c. End of consultation community celebration event and launch of the Community Plan: date of Open Meeting planned for 18th May following clarification of suitability of the date.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MB</p>
136/2023	<p>Colton Community matters and the environment:</p> <p>a. Update on discussions relating to the Open Space land in Bouth: Cllr Dean updated the meeting on discussions held between the respective solicitors and on subsequent discussions and a meeting held with residents of Bouth Village. The 17 villagers who attended the meeting agreed unanimously to continue to maintain the unregistered land for the benefit of the community under the powers given by the Open Spaces Act 1906. The PC agreed that once the final letter was sent by the PC solicitor the Council would have no further involvement and any subsequent issues would be a matter for Bouth community to address.</p> <p>b. Proposal to accept grant from DHSC for Finsthwaite defibrillator: It was agreed that the PC would attempt to obtain the defibrillator through this route.</p> <p>c. PC noticeboard volunteers: Cllr Bennett ask the Councillors to approach volunteers to be responsible for maintaining each of the nine noticeboards. It was agreed that this request would be made via Colton Link.</p> <p>d. Community grant applications to consider/approve:</p> <p>i) Coniston and Crake Valley News, £500 towards production costs. PC was supportive of the application given the benefit to the PC and agreed to contribute an amount subject to it being proportionate with other Parishes who benefit. The amount being contributed by others to be requested so conclusion can be reached at next meeting.</p> <p>ii) Bouth Village Hall, £500 for tree felling. PC was supportive of the application and agreed to contribute £200 approx. to add to the £300 previously awarded and not yet spent.</p> <p>iii) Rusland and District WI, £180 for Zoom subscription. PC was unable to support the awarding of the grant because there is a free repeatable 40-minute facility available for use by any group or individual.</p> <p>iv) Bouth Village Green, £514.85 towards two gazebos. PC was supportive of the application and agreed to contribute the total requested (JH to add to asset register). Equipment to be made available to other villages in the Parish at no cost.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>
137/2023	<p>Highways and lengthsman:</p> <p>a. 20 mph speed limit in Spark Bridge, proposal to support the ENMO request: PC agreed to support the proposal as submitted via email. Cllr Bennett requested an extension of the 20mph limit to Hunter's Moon.</p> <p>b. New issues for reporting to Highways and Parish Lengthsman: NIL to add</p>	<p>JH</p>
138/2023	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>i) 7/2024/5050 at Lakeside Cottage, Lakeside, LA12 8AU. Replacement dwelling - variation of condition 1 (plans) and condition 2 (finished materials) of planning permission 7/2022/5203 (variation of planning permission</p>	

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	<p>7/2012/5054). PC agreed a NEUTRAL response plus comments added by Cllr Dean.</p> <p>a. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision: The list as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC. The Parish Clerk agreed to follow up on the Old School House application as this has been outstanding with LDNPA planning for a considerable number of months.</p> <p>b. LDNPA decisions: The list as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.</p>	JH
139/2023	<p>Finance, Accounts, Assets and Audit:</p> <p>a. The PC approved the following payments:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) Lengthsman payment (January), £140.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) Clerk salary (February), £500.97 (NB SO is £457.84)</p> <p>b. The donation to RVN and Crake and Coniston newsletters to be discussed at the next meeting</p>	JH
140/2023	<p>Correspondence shown below was noted by the Council (relevant documents were previously circulated):</p> <p>a. Email from Planning Inspectorate advising of consent to proceed with works on Bethacar Moor</p> <p>b. Email from National Highways advising of various works taking place on A590 near Brettargh Holt and the M6 junction</p> <p>c. Email from a member of the public regarding the location of the signage at Bandrake Head</p> <p>d. Email advising of concerns with off-road vehicles at Nibthwaite</p>	
141/2023	<p>Items for the newsletter:</p> <p>The following items were raised by Council for inclusion in the newsletter:-</p> <p>a. Noticeboard volunteers</p>	
142/2023	<p>Items for the next PC agenda</p> <p>a. 2024 Parish Council elections in May</p>	
143/2023	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7pm on Monday 25th March 2024 at Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall.</p>	ALL