## **COLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FINSTHWAITE AND LAKESIDE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

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

In attendance: PCSO Paul Harris was in attendance

Minute	Action Point	Person
no		
144/2023	Apologies: Cllr Bennett	
145/2023	Minutes of Last Meeting	
	The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on	
	26 February 2024 as a true record of what was discussed.	
146/2023	Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda: None received	
147/2023	Requests for dispensations: None received	
148/2023	<ul> <li>Public participation: <ul> <li>a. Community participation:</li> <li>i) Co-option of Ian Wharton as a Parish Councillor: Ian Wharton was unanimously agreed to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. The Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interests papers will be posted for signing as required.</li> <li>ii) Parking and the road condition of the Newby Bridge/Finsthwaite Road. A member of the public raised the matter of the condition of the road and the issue of poor parking leading to a narrowing and obstruction for vehicles travelling in either direction. Cllr Taylor provided an update on recent discussions and advised that this issue is on the PC priority list.</li> <li>b. Unitary Authority update: None provided as Cllr Pender was not present at the meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
149/2023	Update on action from the previous meeting: NIL	
150/2023	Agreement of 2024/25 PC meeting dates (previously circulated): The PC agreed with the meeting dates as proposed and previously circulated.	
151/2023	<ul> <li>Colton Parish Community Plan update:</li> <li>a. Community Plan document status: Cllr Brown reported that the topics would be condensed to reduce the duplication and to produce a shorter, more succinct plan by the end of April. All Councillors would be involved in completing this work.</li> <li>b. End of consultation community celebration event and launch of the Community Plan: Cllr Brown advised that the celebratory event would be held at Rusland Reading Room on 18<sup>th</sup> May (10-12) with tea and cake provided. Invitees include Cllr Pender, Carole Barr (ACT) and Mike Postlethwaite who have been invited by Cllr Bennett.</li> <li>c. Esmee Fairbairn meeting: Cllr Brown reported on a successful meeting held with ACT which had previously been circulated. Council thanked Cllr Brown for all her</li> </ul>	ALL
	efforts in pulling the work together and on achievement of grant funding in support of this.	

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152/2023	Colton Community matters and the environment:	
132,2023	a. 2024 Parish Council elections: The Council raised the matter of Parish Council	
	elections, the current shortage of councillors in Colton PC and the issue of the	
	functioning of the PC in future if it was not quorate. No further solutions for	
	encouraging local participation were raised.	
	b. Defibrillator update in Finsthwaite: Cllr Taylor updated the meeting on the status	
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	of the defibrillator, its delivery and installation. Discussions on training and	
	guardianship was raised so that the conditions of the grant award can be met and	
	a meeting is planned for members of the village hall committee.	
	c. Update on recent activity on the Open Space land in Bouth: Cllr Dean updated	
	the meeting on recent activity and PCSO Harris was appraised of the situation so	
	that he was aware of what had taken place in recent weeks.	
	d. Request for sites for placement of mobile SID: Cllr Brown advised of a location in	
	Bouth. The Newby Bridge to Lakeside road has been suggested before but siting	
	of the SID was problematic. Opening of the new path may help with this. PCSO	PH
	Harris agreed to determine whether there were any suitable locations to affix the	
	SID at both locations.	
	e. Westmorland and Furness Authority consultation on a nature strategy: Cllr	
	Bennett has agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the PC.	AB
	f. Rusland Show preparation: The PC agreed to book a table to reserve a space at	7.5
	the Show subject sufficient councillors available	
	g. 20mph application in Spark Bridge (previously circulated): The PC and ENMO	
	application has been moved to the "reserve" list for future consideration.	
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153/2023	Highways and lengthsman:	
	a. Meeting with John Ingle to discuss Nibthwaite track/TROs (26 <sup>th</sup> March): None of	
	the Councillors was able to attend so the PC will send apologies.	
	b. Road sweeping near Crooks Farm, Bouth: Cllr Brown updated the meeting and	
	was advised that the issue had been reported on HIAMS.	
	c. New issues for reporting to Highways and Parish Lengthsman: NIL to report	
154/2023	Planning:	
	a. The Parish Council considered the following planning applications: Nil to discuss.	
	b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision: The list as posted	
	on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.	
	c. LDNPA decisions: The list as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.	
155/2023	Finance, Accounts, Assets and Audit:	
133, 2023	a. The PC approved the following payments:	
	i) London Hearts, donation for defibrillator, £750.00 (to note, payment agreed	
	on 26/2)	
	ii) Lengthsman payment (February) £180.00	
	iii) Temple Heelis, legal advice, £420.00	
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	iv) Oxen Park Reading Room, room hire, £20.00	
	v) Bouth Village Hall, room hire, £60.00	
	vi) Dave Higgs, defib pads, Oxen Park, £56.34	
	vii)Clerk salary (March) £500.97 (NB SO is £457.84)	
	viii) Clerk Q4 expenses, £143.10	
	ix) HMRC Q4 payment, £375.60	
	b. The PC agreed to appoint Charlene Iredale as the internal auditor for the period	
	2023/4	

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156/2023	Correspondence shown below was noted by the Council (relevant documents were	
	previously circulated):	
	a. Email from CALC seeking nominations for CALC Board member for South Lakeland	
	b. Notification of Windermere Marathon on 18 <sup>th</sup> May	
	c. Emails from a member of the public in relation to Open Space land in Bouth	
	d. Email from a member of the public sharing a response from National Highways in	
	relation to litter collection at Greenodd roundabout. It was agreed that the MoP	
	would be written to advising of the safety (and cost) issues.	JH
	e. Email from a member of the public in relation to pesticide spraying and the	
	condition of specific drystone walls in Bouth. Agreed that this is a civil matter and	
1==/222	clerk would respond to MoP accordingly.	
157/2023	Items for the newsletter:	
	The following items were raised by Council for inclusion in the newsletter:-	
	a. Parish Open meeting	
	b. Noticeboard volunteers	
	c. PC elections and co-options	
158/2023	Items for the next PC agenda	
	a. 2024 Parish Council elections in May PC election update	
	b. AGAR preparation	
159/2023	Date and time of next meeting	
	The next meeting of the Parish Council, the Annual PC meeting, will take place at	
	7pm on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Bouth Village Hall (TBC).	ALL
	Please note that the Annual Meeting of the Parish takes place on Saturday 18th May	
	at Rusland Reading Rooms, (10-12), more information to follow via Colton Link and	
	the website.	